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# Dallas Law Officers Say Oswald Did Fire at JFK

## Discount Guerrilla Team Theory of Garrison

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DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Three Dallas officers active in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963 say that Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is wrong when he says that Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a shot.

These key investigators also discount the New Orleans prosecutor's theory that a team of guerrillas fanned out on the crest of a park to kill Kennedy and escape undetected.

"I don't think there's any question but that Oswald did some shooting, and indications are all of the shooting," said Dist. Atty. Henry Wade.

Retired Police Chief Jesse Curry, who drove the car preceding the President's in the motorcade, said there was no ruckus on the Dealey Plaza lawn preceding the shooting, as Garrison claims.

### COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN

He said if guerrilla gunmen had crouched behind a three-foot stone wall in the plaza as Garrison says, Curry and Sheriff Bill Decker and Secret Service men could have seen them from the street as they drove by. He said his policemen atop the railroad overpass overlooking Dealey Plaza likewise could have spotted any persons behind the stone wall or even behind the 5-foot-tall picket fence which is 26 feet in back of the stone wall.

"There were people in the park and by the stone wall but they sure weren't squatted down shooting, I'll tell you that," Curry said. "We just didn't see anything that would indicate that at all."

For eight months, Garrison has independently been scrutinizing the assassination, vowing to prove the Warren Commission wrong in its finding that Oswald alone killed Kennedy and that Jack Ruby also was in-

dependently when he gunned down Oswald during a jail transfer two days later.

### CONSPIRACY CLAIMED

Garrison says he has uncovered a conspiracy to kill Kennedy between Oswald; a now-dead pilot, David Ferrie; a New Orleans businessman, Clay Shaw, and others.

He says the Central Intelligence Agency is concealing the whereabouts of the assassins because they had been CIA employees.

"I never did rule out some encouragement of Oswald," said Wade, "but whether there was a conspiracy or an accomplice before or after the assassination is a matter of speculation. I don't know."

"It was his gun, there were three empty shells by the window, he was seen in the window, his prints were found there, and everybody else was down watching the motorcade and he was upstairs," Wade said.

Wade and Curry said they looked but found no proof that Oswald and Ruby knew each other.

### FAILED LIE DETECTOR

Wade said 8 or 10 persons volunteered information that Ruby and Oswald were together on occasions but he said he could not vouch for the credibility of any of them. A local lawyer failed a lie detector test about such beliefs and some of the other informants were alleged homosexuals or police characters.

Garrison said the assassins apparently used "frangible bullets," forbidden by the Geneva Treaty, that explode into little pieces and leave nothing behind to be traced to the gun. He said these bullets would be favored by forces working for an intelligence agency.

A firearms expert here said a frangible bullet does indeed fragment into tiny pieces—but the shattering is upon impact, before any penetration. The soft, compressed graphite bullets are used for target practice and might barely pierce a tin can at 50 yards. The firearms expert said he knew of no bullet which combines the characteristics Garrison named, since soft-nose bullets which cause a gaping wound and much internal damage leave traceable elements.

The FBI identified a whole bullet found, after the assassination on a stretcher as coming from Oswald's rifle and said fragments of a second bullet came from the same rifle.

Curry said Garrison's probe hasn't refuted any Warren Commission findings, as far as he is concerned.

### No Special Treatment for Novel Governor

Gordon Novel, wanted as a material witness by District Attorney Jim Garrison, will be treated "just like any other citizen" if he returns to Louisiana, Gov. John J. McKeithen said Friday.

McKeithen has refused to agree to a request by Novel that he be granted police protection and immunity from arrest should he be invited to speak before the Legislature.

The 29-year-old fugitive witness, wanted by Garrison for questioning in connection with his probe of the death of President John F. Kennedy, has been freed on \$10,000 bond in Columbus, Ohio, and is fighting extradition to Louisiana on a charge of conspiring to commit burglary of a Houma munitions bunker.

Novel said he believed a resolution would be introduced before the Legislature in Baton Rouge Friday inviting him to appear before the body. However, the lawmakers adjourned for the weekend Thursday and there was no indication he would be asked to show

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### COPIES SOUGHT

Meanwhile, Garrison asked Friday for copies of a letter allegedly directed to the Central Intelligence Agency by Novel's New Orleans attorney, Steven Plotkin, claims his client did write the letter which was reportedly found beneath linoleum in Novel's former French Quarter apartment.

Earlier this week, Plotkin said Novel had worked for the CIA here during 1961. The attorney received a copy and transcript of the correspondence earlier this week.

Although Plotkin said Novel wrote the draft and added that "everything . . . as far as Novel is concerned, is actually the truth," his client seemed to contradict the attorney by claiming that the letter was a "last trap" for Garrison.

"Mr. Garrison has finally fallen into the last trap. I thought his fine Cajun gumshoes were going to miss it. Under the rug, ha, ha," Novel said. But actually, it was not investigators who found it.

The letter was received by the New Orleans States-Item through a college professor who got it from a student. A girl friend of the student who is now renting Novel's former apartment located the letter beneath linoleum on the kitchen sink drainboard.

The DA has charged that the CIA is engaging in a "monstrous coverup" of Kennedy's murder, and has duped the Warren Commission into reaching a false conclusion. The commission found that the President was shot by New Orleans native Lee Harvey Oswald who acted alone.

Plotkin, who said Novel was a CIA "intermediary" with anti-Castro Cubans, also claimed that Novel had "little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

In the letter found in Novel's apartment, the former local bar owner asks a "Mr. Weiss" to get him out of "this mess" by an unspecified date in March. Judging by the time sequences the letter describes, it was probably written in late January or early February of this year. The Mr. Weiss referred to is presumably connected with the CIA.

In Detroit, Mich., an attorney for the late Jack Ruby Friday asked the American and Louisiana Bar Associations to consider

disbarring Garrison for "unwarranted and reckless attacks on the Warren Commission Report and its members."

Attorney Sol Dann sent letters to both groups urging them to intervene in all proceedings concerning the assassination of Kennedy, specially Garrison's investigation.

"This request is made to put an end to any further exploitation of this horrible tragedy and prevent a repetition of the carnival proceedings that prevailed before Judge (Joe B.) Brown in Dallas," said Dann.

In reply, Garrison told newsmen here that Dann is "well aware of the total involvement of Jack Ruby with regard to the assassination."

"He is doing his best to block any successful inquiry," Garrison said. "This is very understandable because my objective inquiry into the murder of President Kennedy will necessarily reveal the involvement, not only of individuals associated with the Central Intelligence Agency, but of Jack Ruby himself." Ruby's brother, Earl Ruby of Detroit, has vigorously challenged Garrison's claims that Jack Ruby was linked to any plot to kill Kennedy.

A further development in the case came Friday in Nashville, Tenn., where a police investigator said he has yet to produce evidence that Novel was wounded there Sunday.

The investigation into a reported shooting stemmed from

a statement by Charles Walker, president of a Nashville radio station, that he, Novel, and the station's news director were sitting in a vehicle in front of the station when the car was riddled with gunfire.

Nashville police said they had been unable to discuss the incident with Novel since then.