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DA's JFK Probe Is Still Shrouded

Bits and pieces of Dist. Atty Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy continued to pop to the surface over the weekend, but the "big picture" remained out of focus.

Meanwhile, the death of David W. Ferrie, a key figure in the investigation, remains officially unclassified and his body was unclaimed at the coroner's office.

THE DA continued to push an investigation based on the theory that a conspiracy was involved in the death of the President.

In Dallas, The Times-Herald said Garrison's investigators checked airports in and around Dallas last month to see if Ferrie was there at about the time of the assassination.

A possible connection between Ferrie and Sergio Arcachia, former leader of a Cuban liberation group, also popped up.

New Orleans police said they stopped two young men in a car on Aug. 30, 1961 and found in the auto a pistol and make-up kit with a wig.

WHEN POLICE voiced suspicion, the youths took them to the home of Sergio Arcachia, so he could vouch for them.

Arcachia's wife told police Ferrie had been at the house a short time earlier, and the pistol and kit belonged to him. The youths were released.

Agents from Garrison's office sought to question Arcachia over the weekend in Dallas. Arcachia insisted that Dallas detectives sit in on the interrogation and the questioning was delayed.

THE NEW assassination probe, which has focused international attention on New Orleans, brought little new comment from Garrison over the weekend.

He failed to show up at his downtown New Orleans office yesterday, although newsmen were waiting for him.

Garrison contends that assassination plotters are known to him and that arrests and convictions will be forthcoming.

ANOTHER in the series of events in the investigation was the reappearance of David F. Lewis Jr. and Jack S. Martin

Lewis, who claims to know four assassins involved in the conspiracy, showed up at his New Orleans home again yesterday after dropping out of sight Saturday.

He has been questioned recently by the district attorney concerning his knowledge of a plot against Kennedy.

MARTIN also was back in circulation. He contacted news media to say that an FBI report concerning him was incorrect.

Martin provided information to Garrison's office in November of 1963 which led to Garrison's arrest of Ferrie in connection with the assassination.

Warren Commission documents in the National Archives quote the FBI as saying Martin told them any connection between Ferrie and Oswald was a figment of his imagination.

Martin said yesterday he had never told either the FBI or the Secret Service that he made up the story about Ferrie's association with Oswald.

Before his death, Ferrie contended he did not know Oswald.

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