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KENNEDY PROBE FACTS PROMISED

Garrison, Coroner Will Give Statements

After a cooling off during the weekend, developments in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy almost ground to a halt Monday.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner, said he will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday to make known final results of tests on the body of David W. Ferrie, a key figure in the probe.

Ferrie's body remained unclaimed Monday night. An attorney representing Ferrie's family has contacted the Orleans Parish Coroner's office, but Dr. Chetta said that he was still waiting for sufficient authorization before releasing the body.

Ferrie was found dead in his apartment last Wednesday. The death remained unclassified Monday.

What some called a "suicide note" was found near the body. Dr. Chetta revealed some of the note last week, including a passage that life was "loathsome." The note was unsigned.

Dr. Chetta said he will reveal the remainder of the note's contents Tuesday.

A knowledgeable New Orleans source told The Times-Picayune Monday night that Ferrie had been associated with a Cuban man whom Garrison investigators attempted to question in Dallas over the weekend.

The Cuban, Sergio Arcacha Smith, organized the New Orleans branch of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front in December, 1960. In Dallas, Garrison's men declined to question Arcacha Smith when he insisted that Dallas police officers be present. The Associated Press reported.

According to The Times-Picayune's source, Ferrie attended meetings of the anti-Castro group "four or five times a week." Arcacha Smith refused to say whether or not he had known Ferrie.

Meanwhile, word came from Garrison's office that he will release a summary statement of the investigation sometime Tuesday.

The district attorney was quiet during the weekend about his probe, which focused international attention on New Orleans.

Jack S. Martin, a private investigator, said Monday that he had no part in initiating the investigation. Martin allegedly provided information to Garrison's office in November, 1963, which led to Garrison's arrest of Ferrie in connection with the assassination.

He said he first conferred with Garrison on the matter early last December, well after the district attorney had begun his probe.

Martin said he discussed nothing with Garrison that the district attorney did not already know.

Martin also said he was misquoted in the Warren Commission report. 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 he 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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