

**Rabin, Carl H., Dr.**

Named by Gov. McKeithen as Orleans Parish coroner, succeeding Dr. Chetta. Was Mayor Schiro's choice. District Attorney had wanted Dr. Frank E. Minyard, a gynecologist who said he would run for the office if not appointed. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/16/68

Says he will accept the decision of four assistants, including acting coroner Medina, to resign because they charged his appointment was politically motivated. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/23/68

Names four new assistants, Drs. Thomas Conklin, Alvin M. Cotlar, James E. Brown and Waldo Bernard. See clipping for details on them. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/28/68

Sworn in as coroner. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/30/68

Files for election to the post he holds by appointment. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/5/69

Tells press club of plans for coroner's office. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/21/69

Endorsed for coroner by *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/23/69

Dr. Minyard charges Rabin never visits Parish Prison. *New Orleans States-Item*, 11/4/69

Minyard backs Dr. Medina in 12/13 runoff with Rabin. *New Orleans States-Item*, 11/25/69

Defeats Medina for coroner, narrowly. *New Orleans States-Item*, 12/15/69

Sworn in for first elected term. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/4/70

**Rada, Noel J.**

Chairman, jury commission, Orleans Parish. Subpoenaed by Shaw defense for pre-trial hearing set for 9/11/67. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/6/67

Questioned extensively, along with several judges, on method of selecting grand juries by Shaw defense attorneys. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/11/67

**Radai (? - illegible), Noel**

Chairman, Orleans Parish Jury Commission. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/21/67

**Radelot**

See Bradley, Edgar Eugene. Supposed to be the name of a woman with whom Mark Lane says Bradley corresponded after the assassination, revealing he was in Dallas 11/22/63 and sought to get her to alibi for him. She

refused because she had seen him on the 20<sup>th</sup>, not the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her name is not mentioned in this reference. *LA Free Press*, 5/3/68

[Steve Burton (via Hal Verb) says Bradley's letter was to a woman named Radelot. CD75 "Ferrie File" mentions this name.]

**Radio and Television Stations in New Orleans** List compiled from daily schedules, and ads. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/13/69

**Raggio, William** District attorney, Washoe County, Reno, NV.

When Raggio and the board of the *National District Attorneys Association* sought to prevent Garrison from speaking on the assassination at the *Association's* national convention banquet, Garrison had the 600 delegates locked out of the banquet and said the banquet would be turned over to three orphanages. Garrison said he would not submit to censorship. Raggio quoted Garrison as saying LBJ should be hanged. Raggio version apparently only one that the press carried. *San Francisco Examiner*, 3/17/68 AP A008nu 1035pcs 16mar68

*New York Times* version says Raggio cancelled Garrison's speech after Garrison refused to refrain from speaking on the assassination, and Garrison then cancelled the dinner. Raggio claims he had prior assurances from District Attorney's office that Garrison would not speak on the assassination. Later Garrison said he had given no such assurances, and that the matter was simply one of censorship, to which he would not submit. *New York Times*, 3/18/68

Mark Lane's account of "Garrison and the Case of the Cancelled Banquet." Charges 90 per cent of the delegates had come to hear District Attorney and were "mad as hell" when his speech didn't come off." *LA Free Press*, 4/5/68

**Ramparts Magazine** Carries double page ad for Farewell America, to be ordered from firm in Montreal. Those who try find their letters returned marked addressee unknown. *Ramparts*, [file misc.-books], 10/26/68

**Raleston, Seedrick [Cedric?] von Raleston, Oneida von** District Attorney interview with Art Kevin, *KHJ* radio, LA. Kevin says *UPI* has said three witnesses, including Fred Leemans, Jr. and the von Ralestons, described as itinerant artists from Orlando, FL, have changed their testimony after telling District Attorney initially of links between Shaw and Oswald. District Attorney says this means nothing, that all three were spotted quickly as phonies and their testimony never was used. *San Francisco Express-Times*, 7/3/68

**Ramsey, Jim** Roger Craig says Ramsey was a deputy sheriff in Dallas 11/22/63 who said while waiting for the motorcade to come by "Well, maybe somebody'll shoot the son of a bitch." *LA Free Press*, 3/1/68

(Meagher index lists a James Ramsey as police officer CE2002, p. 156 and CE2028)

**Rankin, J.Lee**

Chief counsel, Warren Commission.

Harold Weisberg says in *Oswald in New Orleans* that after the Shaw arrest an *AP* story carried in the *Washington Star* 3/2/67 stated: "...the former chief counsel to the Warren Commission, J. Lee Rankin, said earlier [prior to a statement by Ramsey Clark that the FBI had investigated Shaw but found no connection] that 'as far as I know, we've never heard of this person (Shaw).' [statement presumably made in New York]

Weisberg says little change was made in the *AP* story as carried by other morning [?] papers, "but the one change that was made was deletion of the quote from Rankin." Harold Weisberg: *Oswald in New Orleans*, p. 213. [11/67]  
[Excerpt filed gar,3/2/56}

At press conference, Weisberg tells in detail how Liebeler rewrote part of report on basis of late evidence which commission never saw, after Rankin told him it was his [Liebeler's] problem. Handout, 11/13/67

**Rarick, John**

U.S. Representative. Attacked McKeithen as a poor crime fighter, criticized him for running off to New York to confer with *LIFE*. Says Gov. "never as signed a death warrant in the entire four years he s been in office." *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/26/67

Accuses McKeithen of closing his eyes to crime in the state and whitewashing his part by ordering the rackets probe. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/4/67

Commenting on RFK assassination, says "there is nothing wrong with society," the trouble is with the leaders "beginning with the 'resident and the Supreme Court." *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/5/68

**Rault, Joseph, Jr.**

New Orleans oil man, who, with Willard Robertson and Cecil Shilstone, organized the *Truth and Consequences Club* to support financially Jim Garrison's investigation. *AP* A85nu 552pcs 24feb67

President of *Rault Petroleum Corp*, New Orleans. *Oakland Tribune AP*, 2/24/67

Says money coming in so fast they can't through all the mail. Money unsolicited. Of hundreds of letters, none critical. *Sacramento Bee AP*, 3/7/67

Says several members have received threatening phone calls, could have come from cranks. Money and checks still coming in. *AP* A142 919pcs 14mar67

Told Mexico City news conference that the FBI has new evidence on the assassination. Said Ramsey Clark had hampered the Garrison investigation. Said the FBI could solve the case and refute the Warren Commission official myth that Oswald acted alone. Rault was attending the 7<sup>th</sup> World Oil Congress. *AP B141 332pcs 4apr67*

Address: 516 Audobon.

Subpoenaed by Shaw defense for pretrial hearing set for 9/11/67. (Along with Shilstone and Robertson) 9/6/67

Testified at Shaw hearing that he, Robertson and Shilstone are *T&C's* only members. Said he did not recognize names of and jury members as contributors. *New Orleans States-Item, 9/12/67*

Epstein says Rault was aboard the plane in 1966 when Russell Long reportedly got Garrison interested in the Kennedy assassination plot theory. *The New Yorker*, p. 38 col. 1, 7/13/68

### **Ray, Girod**

Harbor Police patrolman who, according to District Attorney source, arrested Oswald in 1963 while distributing leaflets on New Orleans waterfront.

Subpoenaed as witness in Shaw trial. *New Orleans States-Item, 1/15/69*

Testified 2/7/69 for state. Confirmed he arrested Oswald for passing out leaflets on the Dumaine St. wharf where the USS Wasp was berthed, in 6/63. *New Orleans States-Item, 2/7/69*

### **Ray, James Earl**

Alleged killer of Dr. Martin Luther King; traced by Louis Lomax to New Orleans where allegedly met with a major industrialist, name unknown but supposed to be Italian, a contractor and builder said to be the economic and political killer of the community. Garrison says he's interested now that the case is getting specific, but says he has no data; none from the feds -- they haven't been asked. *New Orleans States-Item, 4/24/68* [excerpt; original filed King]

Possible connection with New Orleans.

Story quotes Arthur Hanes, his former attorney, as saying that when Ray went to Memphis 4/3/68 it was to try to sell rifles to Cuban exiles and that he did not know Martin Luther King was to be shot the following day.

Hanes says: "The only show of emotion, apprehension or concern which Ray showed was when we went over the list of the state's witnesses from Louisiana. He was terrified."

Names of witnesses Tennessee had planned to call if Ray came to trial was never made public. Ray is known to have been in Louisiana at least three times before King was killed – 10/67 and 12/67 and 3/68.

William Bradford Huie and Hanes both say Ray's visits to New Orleans could bear more investigation. *New York Times*, Martin Waldron, 4/1/69

**Ray, Manuel**

Cuban refugee, head of *JURE* in 1963, when had branches in Dallas, Miami, New Orleans and Puerto Rico. Made numerous trips to Washington to confer with RFK, Katzenbach and CIA officials after Bay of Pigs fiasco. *Oakland Tribune*, Allen-Scott column., 2/24/67

Was to have been minister of sabotage and internal affairs if the Castro regime had fallen in 1961, lost face and influence in 1964 when he botched a new invasion scheme. *Cubans in a Lost Cause*, by Richard Harwood, *Times-Post Service*. *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle*, 9/24/67

**Rayer, Tom**

Attorney, with Claude W. Duke, for *Truth and Consequences*. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/12/67

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Cuban Representation of Exiles, headed by Jorge Mas. *Cubans in a Lost Cause*, by Richard Harwood, *Times-Post Service*, *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle*, 9/24/67

**Redbird Airport, Dallas**

"Just south of ... Oak Cliff area."

Checked by Bill Gervitch and another Garrison investigator, presumably tracing Ferrie's movements. AP52 1037pcs 26 Feb. 1967

Inquiry into assassination by *Ramparts* magazine "has determined that two witnesses observed a twin engine private plane, engines idling, in a field next to the highway bounding *Red Bird Airport*, a field ... just south of Dallas' Oak Cliff area." No date or time given. *Sunday Ramparts*, Turner, 2/26 -3/12/67

Footnote 2 to *The Second Oswald* by Richard Popkin in the *New York Review of Books* for 7/28/66 recounts Jones Harris' account of his interview with a Mr. January who was managed of the airport in 1963 who said a man and woman talked to him 11/20/63 about renting a plane for Yucatan while a third man sat in car. January later saw Oswald on TV and was sure he was the man who sat in the car. (p. 92, *The Second Oswald*, Avon Books.

*Reed, William*

News director, *WWL-TV*, New Orleans. With 19 others subpoenaed by Shaw defense for change of venue hearing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/29/68

Testifies he personally has formed a fixed opinion as to Shaw's guilt or innocence. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/6/68

*WWL-TV* withdraws a scheduled hour-long program on the Shaw case after defense seeks an injunction. Reed grumbles it breaches freedom of the press, *SDX* joins in. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/17/69

- Reese, W. Ford** New Orleans attorney, 5830 Pitt, not previously associated with the case, subpoenaed with 19 others by Shaw defense for change of venue hearing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/29/68
- Reeves, Kenneth A.** Testified in Judge Haggerty's trial he was the man for whom the stag party was given to celebrate 12/17/69 his marriage, which took place 12/27/69. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/27/70
- Reggie, Edmund** Crowley City judge who suggested McKeithen as a good running mate for Bobby Kennedy. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/22/68
- Reid, Barbara** French Quarter resident who Kerry Thornley said told him in 1963 she had seen him in the *Bourbon House* with Oswald. Thornley denies he saw Oswald any time after 1959. Extensive quotes from grand jury testimony. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/21/68
- Arrested 4/10/66 on possession of marijuana charges. Hartman suggests in letter 2/25/69 that lack of prosecution in this case may have converted her into a willing witness against Thornley. 2/21/58
- Reid, John** Of *John Reid & Associates*, Chicago, polygraph specialist who administered lie detector test to William Gurvich. AP 11jly67 B1-9
- Reilly, John F.** 1143 St. Mary, New Orleans. Identified as a policeman in the Bureau of Identification. Subpoenaed by state in Shaw trial. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/13/69
- Rhoads, James B., Dr.** National Archivist, succeeding Dr. Bahmer. District Attorney's subpoena for Bahmer to produce JFK autopsy X-rays and photos is amended to name Rhoads, who just happens to be scheduled to address a symposium in New Orleans this day. Unfortunately he is detained in Washington by budget hearings and his prepared speech is read by GSA regional archivist Ivan D. Eylar of Ft. Worth. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/24/68
- Alcock says U.S. Marshal Luke C. Moore of DC has written that he "respectively declines" to serve subpoena on Rhoads for autopsy photos and X-rays. Says court order will be necessary, and Alcock says he will seek such. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/11/68
- National Archivist, Washington Dc. Ordered by Court of general Sessions Judge Charles W. Halleck to show cause why he should not produce JFK autopsy photos and X-rays as requested by Garrison. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/10/69

Ordered by Judge Halleck to turn over to District Attorney the autopsy X-rays and photos, rifle, a spent bullet, two bullet fragments, and Connally's X-rays. Text of Ruling filed Misc.-Study Groups/CIA, 7/69  
[Order later declared moot when Shaw acquitted in New Orleans.]

**Rhodes, Furrell (Wolf)** Said by District Attorney's office to have lived on Eagle street but that it has been unable to locate him. "Wolf" was named by Donnell Carroll as the man with whom he staged a robbery which John Cancler had been convicted. District Attorney's office indicated general skepticism about Carroll's story, particularly since Dr. Morris Klorr had said he saw Cancler and a Negro woman enter and leave the house with a bag and a suitcase. *New York Times*, 6/12/67

**Rhodes, James A.** Governor of Ohio. Confirmed today (probably 4/18, that he had received extradition papers from Louisiana for the return of Gordon Novel. *New York Times*, 4/19/67 *UPI*

...Louisiana Gov, John McKeithen officially requested extradition of Novel about two weeks ago, but Gov. James A. Rhodes' office sent the documents back because of technical errors. Rhodes' office reported Tuesday (5/2/67) no new extradition request had been received. *Arizona Daily Star*, Tucson, *AP*, 5/4/67

Rhodes' chief assistant, John McElroy, takes position "we have no request from Louisiana for the extradition of anyone." Denies he talked with *New Orleans States-Item* that reported him as saying Rhodes' office not trying to keep Novel from testifying. -- exchange of *AP* messages between NU and CO 612pcd and 916pedm9may67

Asks assurances that extradition of Novel will not include plans for questions in the Kennedy assassination probe. Garrison called the request "one of the most incredible things I've ever seen. ... the obstacles they pave put in front of us are amazing."

Rhodes' aide's letter to Garrison suggests Garrison could avail himself of Ohio's Uniform out-of-state Witness Act, which Louisiana also has (and which provides for witness to enter state to testify with immunity from arrest). *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/4/67

Another set of extradition papers sent 5/22/67 to Columbus after McKeithen received them from Garrison. First set rejected by Rhodes, technical errors.

Rhodes also wanted to know if a federal crime was involved in the charge of burglary conspiracy.

Then in a follow-up letter 4/24, Rhodes asked for assurances that Garrison did not plan to question Novel about the assassination. Garrison said such a demand was incredible. *AP* 24may67 B5o 835acd

Holds second set of extradition papers faulty. Aide John McElroy said he would ask Louisiana authorities for more information. *New York Times AP*, 5/29/67

McKeithen says Rhodes asking on what authority an assistant District Attorney can file a complaint (in the second set of extradition papers. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/9/67

Sues *Time, Inc.* for \$10.3 million charging defamation in Mafia article (see McKeithen) *New Orleans States-Item*, 4/16/70

**Rice, John W.**

Secret Service agent.

With Anthony E. Garrets, questioned Jack S. Martin "at length" 11/29/63, on information he had given Garrison shortly after assassination linking Ferrie and Oswald. Their report said Martin was an alcoholic and that his story was "a figment of his imagination." Martin admitted this soon afterward in separate statements to FBI and Secret Service. Garrets and Rice report included in 16 pages of material on Ferrie declassified 9/65; 40 additional pages still classified in Archives. *New York Times*, Nan Robertson, 2/24/67

**Riddle, Frank**

Terre Haute Retired/police chief, Putnamville, IN, who said rifle of same model as Oswald's was left in hotel 11/25/63 by young salesman from San Antonio. Said no fingerprints. Man had no criminal record but member of *Young Communist League* and expert rifleman. Said gave info to Secret Service at the time, along with the rifle. No contact with Garrison, no plans to. "I think Garrison may have something." *AP* A107na 803pes 3april67

**Riddle, Lindsey**

*WDSU-TV* newsman, subpoenaed by Shaw defense with two others for change of venue hearing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/1/68

**Rifle**

-- see Riddle.

**Rightmyer, Robert E.**

FBI SAC in New Orleans since 1965, retires. Succeeded by Roland C. Halstead, SAC in Richmond, VA. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/27/70

Dies after brief illness in *Algiers General Hospital* (aged 52). *New Orleans States-Item*, 12/14/70

**Ritchey, Charles**

Metaire attorney indicted with Gremillion and three others in the *LL&T* fraud case. *San Francisco Examiner*, 2/14/69

**Rivero, Felipe**

Cuban exile leader, jailed in Miami on charges of plotting "violent acts against Cuba". *Cubans in a Lost Cause*, by Richard Harwood, *Times Post Service*. *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle*, 9/24/67



**Rizzo, Vincent**

Manager, *Fontainebleau Motor Hotel*, supposed to be Carlos Marcello headquarters. Asked to appear before Orleans Parish Grand Jury in order to counter *LIFE's* charges that illegal bookies were using the *Fontainebleau's* public phones to make their calls. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/29/67

After 15 minutes with the jury, he told newsmen he was foolish to have tried to protect the name of his hotel. "Our hotel wasn't smeared by the article. If they were trying to hurt us, they are a liar." *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/30/67

**Robert, Warren, Jr., Sgt.**

Described as New Orleans policeman.  
Subpoenaed by state as witness in Shaw trial. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/15/69

**Roberts, A. Harry**

Former FBI man, chief investigator for the *Louisiana State Labor-Management Commission*. Quits because job coming under civil service and the pay will be too low. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/11/68

**Roberts, Gene**

*New York Times* correspondent, New Orleans. Broke story 6/12/67 charging Garrison had attempted to bribe Miguel Torres and John (the Baptist) Cancler. Said Torres had been offered his freedom, an ounce of heroin and a vacation in Florida if he would cooperate in the investigation. *New Orleans States-Item*, says its reporters had talked to Torres much earlier when he was extremely nervous and refused to talk. Roberts said Cancler had been offered the dropping of the burglary charge against him he would put something into Shaw's apartment ... *New Orleans States-Item*, said he earlier had told a different story with indecisive details. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/12/67 *New York Times* same date.

**Robertson, Willard E.**

Robertson, New Orleans auto dealer, Joseph Rault, Jr. and Cecil Shilstone, organized the *Truth and Consequences Club* to raise financial support for the Garrison investigation. *AP* A85nu 552pcs 24feb67

Donated \$2,500 of his own money to Garrison's work and helped raise \$7,000 more. Chairman of the club. Says Garrison told him not even he was immune from indictment. *LA Herald-Examiner*, Whitten, 3/29/67

Fuller version of same story in *San Francisco Examiner* same day says Novel had called him complaining about Garrison harassment. Robertson then had spoken to Garrison about it, whereupon Garrison said he was calling the shots, that only that day he had received in the mail a notice to investigate Robertson, and "how would you like to go before the grand jury." Robertson said it wouldn't bother him one bit, he still friendly with Garrison.

After *T&C* members sued by Novel, Robertson says the group remains solidly behind Garrison, no one has any idea of dropping cut, and monetary support has been recently renewed with additional donations. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/27/67

Address: 576 Lakeshore Parkway.

With Rault and Shilstone, subpoenaed by Shaw defense for pre-trial hearing set for 9/11/67. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/6/67

Described as prominent Democrat, accepts chairmanship of local Democrats for Nixon in Louisiana. Says still supports Hale Boggs against GOP challenger David Treen, and thinks vote for Wallace would be a negative vote. Has been close ally of Mayor Schiro, who active for Hubert H Humphrey. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/8/68

**Robertson, W. O.** Name under which Garrison registered, *Sands Hotel*, Las Vegas, NV, where he stayed 3/4-11/67. *AP* B162 154pps 14mar67 *AP* CW 129acs 15mar67

**Robinson, Marvin C.** Confirms Roger Craig's story of a man getting into a light colored Nash station wagon after the assassination. *Ramparts*, 1/68, p. 66. William W. Turner.

**Rogers, Warren, Jr.** Author of "The Persecution of Clay Shaw. How One Man Ruined Another and Subverted Our Legal System." Now chief of *Look's* Washington bureau, once worked for *AP* and grew up in New Orleans. *LOOK*, 8/26/69

*POTPOURRI* -- Did you catch that item in "Suzy Says" column about Warren Rogers, Jr. being seen around restaurants and clubs with Ethel Kennedy? That's the same handsome Warren Rogers, formerly of the old *Item* and a native Orleanian; he's currently *Look* magazine, Washington Bureau chief; Warren, a widower, was a friend of the late Bobby Kennedy. ... *New Orleans States-Item*, Tom Griffin, Lagniappe. 5/25/70

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Tom Griffin gossips that Rogers pursuing Ethel Kennedy. Rogers denies it. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/29/70

**Rolland, Chuck** Manager, *Winterland Skating Rink*, Houston. Interviewed by FBI in 1963 (CD301) whom he told that Ferrie had called him 11/22/63 asking for skating schedule, saying he was coming in from out of town and wanted to do some skating; arrived next day with two others, saying they'd be in and out all weekend. When Garrison's men interviewed Rolland he said none had done any skating and that Ferrie had spent the entire two hours he was at the rink waiting for a telephone call which finally came. *Ramparts*, 1/68. William W. Turner.

R.C. Roland testified in Shaw trial that Ferrie was at his place and identified himself 11/23/63. *AP* A282 nl 2/12/69 *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/13/69

- Rouga, Maurice I.**                    **Louisiana News. Inc.**, 9930 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans. With 19 others, subpoenaed by Shaw defense for change of venue hearing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/29/68.
- Rountowner Moto Inn**            Jefferson Parish. Sues Aaron Kohn and MCC for \$500,000 slander damages for saying it is "in the Marcello fold." *New Orleans States-Item*, 4/4/70
- Roussel, Edward J.**                Investigator, *Louisiana Labor-Management Commission* on Inquiry. Met with Gov. and state police officers as crime probe gets under way. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/28/67
- Named chief counsel, replacing Thomas McFerrin. *New Orleans States-Item*, 12/19/68
- Roussell, Leslie J., Jr.**            Juror in Andrews trial. Sales rep. for *New Orleans Public Service*. 8239 Forshey, New Orleans.
- Rowan, Carl**                         Columnist. writes that CIA being made a scapegoat as Garrison runs into difficulties proving his case. Says CIA sources swear the photo of Oswald Garrison demands is non-existent. *LA Times*, 5/17/67
- Rowe, Tommy**                        Identified by Penn Jones Jr. (in long interview with Roger Craig, as an employee of the shoe store manager who reported Oswald in the theater, and who moved into Ruby's apartment after Ruby was arrested and lived there a year. Jones said he was never able to talk to the man. *LA Free Press*, 3/1/68
- Roy, J. Folse**                        Described as a partner of Carlos Marcello and a co-owner of *Churchill Farms*. Says thousands of the influential have passes to this land for hunting and fishing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/3/70
- Rubin, Judge Alvin B.**            Federal judge, New Orleans, assigned suit filed by Walter Sheridan asking for injunction to stop District Attorney from forcing Sheridan to testify before grand jury. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/10/67
- Takes arguments under advisement after hearing Sheridan's attorney, Milton Brener, arguing that Sheridan would be without legal counsel and might harm himself in testifying before grand jury. Rubin make it clear that the main question is whether Sheridan has exhausted recourse to state courts. Asked Brener whether the desired injunction would not set a precedent for all other defendants in the case. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/21/67
- Ruby, Earl**                            Brother of Jack Ruby. Detroit dry cleaning businessman.
- Said he had never been contacted by New Orleans authorities. *AP S38aes* 18 Feb 67
- Expressed disbelief when Garrison charges Jack's unlisted number appears in both Oswald's and Shaw's notebooks. Says knew of no such number, doesn't believe it. *AP 052nu* (089dt add) 12may67 526pcd

Dallas -- *Bell Telephone* authorities confirm Ruby's unlisted number in Dallas in 1963 was Whitehall 1-5601. *San Francisco Chronicle UPI*, 5/16/67

Earl's business attorney Alan Adelson says Garrison all wrong in linking Jack with Oswald and Shaw. Says he's writing a book that will be a complete defense of the Warren Commission. Adelson, a corporation lawyer, not a criminal attorney. *AP* 1042 pes 21may67

## **Ruby, Jack**

Sol Dann, Ruby family attorney, said of Garrison probe, "If they have any evidence, or if any indictments are to be issued, they will not indict a dead man. So that leaves Jack Ruby out. I wish them all the success in the world." *AP* 838aes 18 Feb 67

Melvin Belli said he did not believe Garrison investigation was going to show that Ruby knew Oswald. *AP* C27G0 556pps 19 Feb 67

Sol Dann telegraphed Garrison urging him to arrange a federal or state grand jury probe of Garrison's charges. Sent similar wire to Louisiana Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion, also requesting him to investigate "Jim Garrison's information or evidence." *AP* A51 414aes 21 Feb 67

For detailed account of Ruby's phone calls to Breck Wall and Joe Peterson 11/23/63. See *WIN Magazine* for 2/1/69, pp. 20-27.

See also *Oswald in New Orleans*, Harold Weisberg.

Garrison charges Jack Ruby's unlisted phone number appears in both Shaw's and Oswald's notebooks, in code, which he explains. Charge made in pleadings answering special motions of 5/5/67. *AP* 12may67 526pcd

Garrison charges Shaw met with Ruby and Oswald in fall of 1963 at *Capitol House Hotel* in Baton Rouge and there delivered to them a sum of money. Charge answered defense demand for bill of particulars, including the naming of "others". *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/5/67

*Dallas Times-Herald* breaks story about an unnamed building contractor who found Ruby's notebook in a false ceiling of a building worth \$10,000 which a tall, well spoken man tried to buy for \$50,000, apparently knowing it was there. Book contained a notation "opening for Shaw." Story appears phony and diversionary. *AP* 12/31/69

*Partly used in San Francisco Chronicle*, 1/1/69

- Ruedolo Gongora, Pascual Enrique** Cuban who allegedly told authorities in *Creedmore State Hospital* in New York three days before the assassination that JFK would be killed. New York Spanish language paper *El Tiempo* said he told FBI on 11/19/63 Castro had sent six or eight teams of assassins to U.S. to do away with JFK before JFK did away with him.  
Deported to Spain, back in U.S. in 1964, now assumed to be in-Cuba. *San Francisco Examiner UPI*, 3/2/67
- Rufort, Maurice L.** Official of *Louisiana News Co.*, distributors of magazines and other periodicals in and around New Orleans. Testifies at Shaw change of venue hearing that sales of *Ramparts* went up 10 times in New Orleans area when it carried stories on Garrison probe. *Playboy* sales up 5 to 10 % higher than normal. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/6/68
- Ruiz, Arturo Alcocer** Mexico City attorney who says he was in San Antonio, Tex., 11/21/63 when saw very stout woman standing on motorcade route, was gone after it passed. Later saw Mrs. Eva Grant on TV 11/24/63. Same woman. *San Francisco Chronicle*, Thayer Waldo, 3/9/7
- Russell, Richard B. (D-GA)** Member, Warren Commission.  
  
Could not be reached in Washington for comment on Garrison investigation, but aide indicated Russell had previously said he would not comment on any stories which might develop since Commission issued its report.  
*AP1198NU 833pes 18 Feb 67*  
  
*AP-Washington* (Jack Bell) says LBJ and Sen. Russell had falling out over three months ago over something Russell refuses to discuss even with intimates. Close ties existing since 1949 broken.  
[Speculation: When Shaw lawyers said they would take his case to Supreme Court, did LBJ and Fortas realize that it would have to be sent back to the state and that the Warren Report would be discredited with automatic effects on commission members ?] *New York Times*, [Filed WC-wret], 10/11/68  
  
Says he never believed Oswald alone planned killing JFK. *San Francisco Examiner (UPI)*(filed WC), 1/19/70, *Washington Post* [filed misc.study groups/cia], 1/19/70
- Russo, Edwin** 28 Older brother of Perry Russo. APA58 503aes, 3/15/67
- Russo, Francis** Father of Perry Russo, APA58 503aes, 3/15/67
- Russo, Perry Raymond** 25 Questioned by Garrison investigators in Baton Rouge 2/25/67. Had earlier [2/24 (See 3/14, AP A79 NU)] told newsmen Ferrie told him about a month before assassination "We will get him (Kennedy) and it won't be long."  
*AP52dn 1037pcs 26 Feb.1967*

Testifies he heard Shaw plotting with Ferrie and Leon Oswald. Said Shaw was known to him as Clem Bertrand. *San Francisco Examiner* 3-star, *AP* and *UPI*, 3/14/67

Russo not mentioned in Warren Report. FBI no comment when asked if Russo had turned up in its investigation. *San Francisco Examiner* 4-star *AP* and *UPI*, 3/14/67

Says plot involved the triangulation of crossfire, diversionary shooting, possible flight to Cuba and possible scapegoat. *AP* A77NTJ NL 452pcs 14mar67

*WDSU-TV* uses interview with Russo made just after Ferrie's death where Russo says never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald until the assassination. Says Ferrie obsessed with JFK and what he doing to Cubans. Easy to kill him. *AP* A162 14mar67

Said that during plot discussion Ferrie suggested those involved should establish alibis by being "in the public eye" at time of assassination; Bertrand said he would be on the west coast. Russo said he saw Oswald twice more, once cleaning a rifle ["Exhibit S-14"] (different from the one produced in court by Garrison), and the third time in Ferrie's apartment. Said he first met Ferrie when he broke off Ferrie's friendship with another boy. Introduced to him by Al Landry. *APA* 5, 38 413aes to 110 pcs 15mar67

Ferrie said that at the time of the assassination he would make a speech at *Southeastern Louisiana State College* in Hammond. *Oakland Tribune*, 3/15/67

Personality, background. *APA*58 503aes 15mar67

In cross-examination by Dymond, was asked if a man named Leyton Martens was Ferrie's roommate mid-9/63, answered no. Asked name of Ferrie roommate, said Leon Oswald.

Said last time he had seen Oswald was "middle of October or late September." Dymond said it was "a documented fact" that Oswald left New Orleans 9/25/63. *APA*78NU 456pcs 15mar67

Insurance salesman, *Equitable Life Assurance Society*. *New York Times*, 3/15/67

Had undergone psychiatric treatment, mid-1959 to late 1960. *Oakland Tribune*, 3/15/67

Did not get in touch with Garrison until two days after Ferrie's death, when he saw newspaper picture of him. {Same date Garrison announced had "solved" case.] *San Francisco Examiner* 2-star, 3/15/67

Shaw's lawyers objected to Russo's testimony on all hearsay; objections turned down. *San Francisco Chronicle* 3/15/67

Said to have told Garrison date of conspiracy "party" 9/16/63. *San Francisco Chronicle* 4-star, 3/15/67, *Times-Post Service*

First met Ferrie about 1960 at Civil Air Patrol meeting. *San Francisco Chronicle* 4-star, 3/15/67

Had seen Shaw once before, in 1962 when JFK in New Orleans, took him to be Secret Service man. Had also seen him, 4 to 6 months after assassination, with Ferrie at gas station Ferrie had started. *San Francisco Chronicle* 4-star, 3/15/67

Cross-examined at Shaw hearing. Explains discrepancies between his *WDSU* interview 2/24/67 and testimony 3/14/67. Says saw Oswald in New Orleans at late as 10/63, was Ferrie's roommate. Recognized pictures only after beard-sketched on. Names Lefty Peterson and Sandra Moffett at party. *New York Times*, 3/16/67

Said he kept quiet for more than 3 years because he confused whether Leon Oswald was Lee Harvey Oswald. *San Francisco Chronicle UPI*, 3/16/67

Justice Department and FBI not buying Russo's story of a plot. Federal officials suggest his identification of Oswald through photographs might be a mistake. Warren Commission records show FBI did not question Russo and his name is not mentioned in reports filed in U.S. Archives. *San Francisco Examiner* CDN Service, 3/16/67

Thought Shaw recognized him when he tried to sell Shaw insurance, using the name Addon Williams. *San Francisco Chronicle UPI*, 3/17/67

Russo had testified two Spanish-speaking men were at the Ferrie party the night of the plot ... he thought their names were Manuel and Julio.

C.W. Johnson, New Orleans immigration director, produced at defense two subpoenaed files on Manuel Garcia Gonzales, one as a refugee and another as a temporary visitor, but not clear whether pertained to the same man, and said he had no records for Julio Buznedo or Buxnedo, also requested by defense. *San Francisco Examiner UPI & AP* 3/17/67

Hint Russo not the only confidential informant, since Garrison apparently did not know about Russo when he announced 2/18 that arrests would be made, etc. *AP* A49 226pcs John Lang 3/18/67

Shaw lawyer William Wegmann argued that Russo "wants you to believe that less than 60 days before the assassination the plotters sat down before a man who was a total stranger to two of them and discussed the assassination of President Kennedy." APA107NU 308acs 20mar67

Made a surprise two-hour appearance 3/22/67 before grand jury just before it returned indictment against Shaw. Save Garrison from having to disclose details in a bill of information he had spoken of filing. *Sacramento Bee AP*, 3/23/67

Grand jury foreman Albert V. Labiche said Russo the only witness that day. *San Francisco Chronicle AP*, 3/23/67

Nice quiet kid, not a show-off, down to earth, etc. *Sunday Ramparts* quoting a girl from New Orleans. 3/29/67

According to James Phelan, author of article in 5/6/67 *Saturday Evening Post*, Russo in his first interview with Anthony Sciambra, assistant District Attorney, said nothing about the meeting at Ferrie's apartment, then later testified about the meeting after being hypnotized, drugged and prodded and prompted. Phelan agree to testify to this effect at Shaw's trial. Sciambra denied Phelan's charges 5/24/67. *San Francisco Examiner UPI*, 4/26/67

Leonard Gurvich disputes *NBC* claim that Russo failed lie test. Says he never took one because in two tries he was too nervous. *AP* B121 301pcd 6/30/67

Russo says he played along when Walter Sheridan offered to set him up in California if he would cooperate in wrecking the Garrison probe, when Richard Townley of *WDSU-TV* threatened to ruin his reputation if he and Garrison would leave him high and dry after using him. Said CIA repeatedly mentioned. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/20/67 [Text filed]

Showed up 7/9/67 (just after both Sheridan and Townley accused of bribing him) and said Sciambra had asked him to come in, he didn't know why. Remained over an hour. Complained to reporter that probe affecting his personal life. "I even got thrown out of a baseball league because of it." *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/9/67

Subpoenaed as defense witness in Andrews trial. In baton Rouge yesterday, Russo claimed Ferrie also discussed the assassination of former President Eisenhower and Mexican president Adolpho Lopez Mateos. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/8/67

Subpoenaed by Shaw defense for pretrial hearing set for 9/11/67.

Address given in new subpoena given as 4122 Prytania, *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/8/67



At Shaw hearing, Garrison was asked whether Russo failed several times during his polygraph tests. Certainly he did not," replied Garrison. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/12/67

Attends Mark Lane speech to *Tulane* students. Tries to ask questions. Lane appears not to notice him. *New Orleans States-Item*, 12/8/67

Writes letter to *Playboy* editor in response to October issue article on Garrison, congratulates *Playboy* and notes few media been willing to be neutral. Says Walter Sheridan said he came to New Orleans "to destroy Garrison" and does not know what truth or objective reporting is. *Playboy*, 1/68, p. 12

With 19 others, subpoenaed by defense for Shaw change of venue hearing. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/ 29/68

At Shaw change of venue hearing, says he has no copies of speeches and interviews about the case, an explanation accepted by the defense. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/5/68

Tom Griffin column reports Russo driving a taxi. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/13/68

Subpoenaed by state as witness 1/21/69. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/13/69

As Shaw trial opens, in on hand with companion, John Bloemer, who Russo says may be a witness. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/21/69

Dymond says Russo was interviewed 2/24/67 by Bill Bankston of the *Baton Rouge State-Times* and later in a 45-minute interview said he wanted to get down all he knew about the case but did not mention Shaw nor Clem Bertrand. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/6/69

Testifies in Shaw trial, same as in preliminary hearing except omits saying Sandra Moffett was along. Says came with some friends from *Tulane* – Lefty Peterson, et al.

Identifies pix of Arcacha Smith and Emilio Santana as among those present. Says he didn't tell Sciambra full story when Moo went to see him 2/25/69 after Russo wrote to District Attorney 2/21/67, the day before Ferrie died. Waited two days to mail letter. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/10/69

Under cross-questioning says the plotting had all the characteristics of a bull session. *AP A253 2nd NL*, 2/10/69

On stand next day, Russo says never heard Shaw or Oswald actually agree to kill JFK. Says Sciambra's memo was wrong on many points. Now says he went to party alone, and that he wrote to District Attorney the day Ferrie died, not the day before. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/11/69

Testified he did tell police officer in 1967 he could not be absolutely sure Shaw was the man he saw in Ferrie's apartment, but shouted as he left the stand that he knew Shaw as Bertrand who did plot the killing.

Says District Attorney bugged his apartment for the interview with Phelan to see how far Phelan would go. *AP A283 3rd NL*, 2/11/69

Phelan testifies in Shaw defense on discrepancies in the Sciambra memo.

Lt. Edward O Donnell testifies for Shaw that Russo feared prosecution in 1967 if he changed testimony that Shaw had plotted against JFK. *AP A300*, 2/2669

Lagniappe says Russo has opened a mod clothing store for men and women at Lakeview. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/27/69

District Attorney's office accepts a charge of possession of stolen property against Russo (a safety deposit box key belonging to Alvin E. Fontcuberta) but refuses to accept a charge of simple burglary. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/1/70

Tried and convicted. Sentencing set for 10/5. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/24/70

Gets three months suspended sentence and three months on probation. Defense counsel (unnamed) says he'll appeal. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/5/70