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Meanwhile, David W. Ferrie, a pilot and sometime investigator, called the Garrison investigation "a big joke." Ferrie said he has been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy.

No official source has pegged Ferrie as "the get-away pilot." But Ferrie said an acquaintance of his has. He did not wish to identify the acquaintance.

Sitting in his uptown apartment, Ferrie told of how he came to be linked with the investigation currently being undertaken by Garrison's forces.

Ferrie said he was working in November, 1963, as an investigator for attorney G. Wray Gill, who was trying a federal court case involving Carlos Marcello.

About 3:20 p.m. Nov. 22, 1963 - the day of the assassination of President Kennedy - Ferrie said he and two friends on the spur-of-the-moment decided to go to Texas.

"We drove by car to Vinton, La., then to Houston and Galveston, where we hunted geese," explained Ferrie. "Our route brought us back by Alexandria on the Sunday after; and it was there I learned that 13 law officers, including Garrison and former assistant district attorney Frank Klein, had broken into my home and carted off books, photographs and some other personal belongings."

Ferrie said the district attorney's office "took a substantial amount of my property to Tulane and Broad (location of the DA's office)."

When he returned, Klein questioned him and his companions, said Ferrie. "We were all thrown in jail and booked with being fugitives from Texas," said Ferrie bitterly.

Ferrie said he asked Gill to call the FBI and Secret Service. He said that he had interviews with both organizations after being released by Klein.

Recently, Ferrie said he received a subpoena to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. But as he arrived at the Criminal Courts Bldg., he was intercepted and asked to come to first Assistant District Attorney Charles R. Ward's office.

Ferrie was asked to go to Ward's office by chief investigator Louis Ivon. Ivon led him to an office where John Volz, a trial assistant, was waiting. Volz told him they wanted to ask him some questions about 1963.

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According to Ferrie, he was asked to recount all of his activities on the week that President Kennedy was killed. Because he couldn't remember, he asked if he could go to the FBI and get a copy of the statement he made immediately after the slaying.

Ferrie said he heard nothing more until friends and acquaintances began calling him and telling him that they had been questioned about Ferrie.