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NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 21 (AP) -- DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE WAS VEILED IN SECRECY TODAY, WITH BOTH SKEPTICS AND BELIEVERS AWAITING THE OUTCOME. IT MAY BE A LONG WAIT.

IN WASHINGTON, SEN. RUSSELL B. LONG, D-LA., TOLD AN INFORMAL NEWS CONFERENCE HE IS CONVINCED THAT GARRISON "HAS SOME INFORMATION THE WARREN COMMISSION DIDN'T HAVE..."

GARRISON CONTENDS A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WHO WAS KILLED IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1933, WAS CONCEIVED IN NEW ORLEANS.

THERE WILL BE CONVICTIONS, HE SAID, BUT ARRESTS ARE "MONTHS AWAY."

THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE WARREN COMMISSION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD--A FORMER NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT--AND THAT THERE WAS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE ANYONE ELSE WAS INVOLVED.

SEN. LONG SAID HE DISCUSSED THE INVESTIGATION WITH GARRISON LAST OCTOBER.

"HE ASKED ME NOT TO TELL THE FBI WHAT HE WAS DOING AND I DIDN'T, "LONG ADDED.

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