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New JFK Probe Gets Sen. Long's Backing

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) said today that New Orleans district attorney "has something" that Warren Commission investigators failed to uncover about the assassination of President Kennedy.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has promised that — after a secret investigation — he will arrest persons connected with Lee Harvey Oswald in an alleged conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

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Long — a member of the Warren Commission — told newsmen that Garrison has kept him informed about the

general situation of the New Orleans investigation.

"I think he has something that the Kennedy report does not have," the senator said.

Long said that Garrison had arrested a person he thought to be involved in an assassination plot shortly after Kennedy was killed in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

"But when the press media came out and said there was no one connected with Oswald, Garrison let the person go," Long said.

Last October, shortly after a series of articles casting doubt on the Warren Commission findings, Long said

he met Garrison aboard a plane.

"I told him I had some doubts about the Warren report and Garrison told me about the fellow he had arrested and let go. He said he would start looking into the matter again."

Long said Garrison, who estimates arrests are months away, had asked him not to tell the FBI about information he had uncovered. Long said he hadn't.

The official report by the Warren Commission said Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald — a former New Orleans resident — and it found no credible evidence



JIM GARRISON
Pondering a point

anyone else was involved. In Washington yesterday, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) urged the Warren Commission to reopen its investigation. Garrison has said he has no intention now of turning over his information to state or federal officials.

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A Senator's View

'Assassination Conspiracy'

Washington

Senator Russell B. Long (Dem-La.) said yesterday he is convinced District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans has "some information the Warren Commission didn't have" about a possible conspiracy to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

Long, the assistant Democratic leader in the Senate, told an informal news conference he had discussed the possibility of a conspiracy with Garrison at length on a

plane trip last October.

The Louisiana Senator has expressed the opinion that the report of the Federal commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren into the late President's death "was not conclusive in some respects."

Garrison has been carrying on an independent investigation of the assassination and has said he expects arrests within months.

Long said "He asked me not to tell the FBI what he was doing and I didn't."

Long said Garrison had had one suspected conspirator under arrest when the Warren Commission made its report, but released him because the Commission reported it found no credible evidence that anyone acted with Lee Harvey Oswald

Garrison's investigation, Long said, is centering around Oswald's former associates in New Orleans and Garrison was keeping him informed of developments "only in a general way."

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