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PILOT IN 'JFK PLOT' DEAD

**Questioned
Saturday
By D. A.**

*Pills Found
Near Body*

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—David W. Ferrie, a central figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's current probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was found dead in his apartment today.

A policeman said "it may be a case of suicide."

Asked last Saturday why the Orleans Parish (county) District Attorney became interested in him, Ferrie said:

"Supposedly, I have been pegged as the getaway pilot, in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy."

PILLS FOUND

Police said a quantity of pills was found near Ferrie's body. Homicide officers were called.

Ferrie was arrested shortly after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of Kennedy and questioned. He was released after the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

Ferrie operated a flying service here and was a private investigator.

He said Saturday he and two friends drove to Texas the day of the assassination.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria La.," Ferrie was quoted as saying.

QUESTIONED

When he returned to New Orleans, he said, he was questioned at length by the district attorney's office.

Ferrie said he was called into the district attorney's office last November and asked about his activities the week Kennedy was shot.

Garrison began his investigation into the assassination last October. He said Saturday he expects to prove a conspiracy was hatched here and that it led to the assassination in Dallas.