

Washington Says Pilot Not Involved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Washington sources said today that a Warren Commission investigation of a dead New Orleans pilot showed he had no connection with the Kennedy assassination.

Both the Justice Department and the FBI had a firm no comment when asked about the death of David W. Ferrie or the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison who had questioned Ferrie.

But sources who asked not to be identified told UPI: "There's no need for any investigation. The allegations of Ferrie's connection with an assassination plot were washed out by the investigations done for the Warren Commission."

The post-assassination investigation for the commission showed that Ferrie and his plane were in New Orleans at the time Kennedy was fatally shot, the sources said. Furthermore the inquiry established that the pilot had no associations with assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, they said.

The results of the investigation were sent to the Warren Commission which rejected hints that Ferrie had been lined up to be a getaway pilot for Oswald, UPI was told.

In an allied development, the Washington Post reported that Ferrie had said in an interview (Please See Page 10, Column 8) that he believed Oswald had acted alone in the assassination.

In a copyrighted story, the Post's George Lardner Jr., wrote that Ferrie had stressed in an interview just before he was found dead that Oswald was a "loner."