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NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 27 (AP)-BITS OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE CONTINUE TO POP TO THE SURFACE BUT THE OVER-ALL PICTURE REMAINS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET.

THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE, 43, WHOSE DEATH LAST WEDNESDAY REMAINS OFFICIALLY UNCLASSIFIED, FIGURES IN MOST SCRAPS OF INFORMATION COMING TO LIGHT.

CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA SAID FINAL TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER DRUGS OR CHEMICALS WERE INVOLVED IN FERRIE'S DEATH WOULD BE COMPLETED TOMORROW.

MEANWHILE, HE SAID, IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN FERRIE DIED OF A NATURAL BRAIN HEMORRHAGE, POSSIBLY BROUGHT ON BY STRESS. GARRISON CONTINUED TO REGARD IT AS A SUICIDE.

THE 6-FOOT-5 NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTENDS FERRIE, A FREE-LANCE PILOT AMONG OTHER THINGS, WAS "INVOLVED IN EVENTS CULMINATING IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY" IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

GARRISON SAYS HE WILL PROVE AN ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY WAS BORN HERE--AND THAT HE WILL CONVICT THOSE INVOLVED. BUT HE HAS EMPHASIZED THAT ARRESTS ARE "MONTHS AWAY."

A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE, JACK S. MARTIN, A NEW ORLEANS PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WAS HEARD FROM AGAIN.

MARTIN POINTED TO FERRIE BACK IN 1963 AS BEING INVOLVED IN AN ASSASSINATION "PLOT." HE TELEPHONED VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA HERE YESTERDAY TO DENY HE EVER RETRACTED HIS ACCUSATIONS.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT, ON FILE IN WASHINGTON, QUOTED AGENTS AS SAYING MARTIN TOLD THEM "HE SUFFERS FROM TELEPHONITIS WHEN DRINKING AND THAT IT WAS DURING ONE OF HIS DRINKING SPREES THAT HE TELEPHONED ASST. DIST. ATTY. H. S. KOHLMAN AND TOLD HIM THIS FANTASTIC STORY ABOUT FERRIE BEING INVOLVED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD."

OSWALD, A FORMER NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT, WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN.

THE REPORT SAID THERE WAS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE ELSE WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION--A CONCLUSION DISPUTED BY CRITICS OF THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION.

MARTIN'S ACCUSATIONS IN 1963 RESULTED IN FERRIE BEING EXTENSIVELY INTERROGATED BY THE FBI AND THE SECRET SERVICE. MARTIN ALSO WAS QUESTIONED.

FERRIE'S FIRST LOVE WAS FLYING. HE ALSO LISTED HIMSELF AS A PSYCHOLOGIST. AS A YOUTH HE ATTENDED A ROMAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY, YET HE LOST A JOB AS AN AIRLINE PILOT BECAUSE OF A MORALS ARRESTS IN 1931. HE WAS BALD AND WORE A WIG AND MASCARA EYEBROWS.

FERRIE DENIED THAT HE EVER KNEW OSWALD OR THAT HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE "GETAWAY PILOT" FOR THE ASSASSIN.

IN DALLAS, THE TIMES HERALD SAID GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS CHECKED AIRPORTS IN AND AROUND DALLAS LAST MONTH TO SEE IF FERRIE WAS THERE AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION.

THE INVESTIGATOR CARRIED THREE PHOTOGRAPHS, ONE OF THEM OF FERRIE. THE NEWSPAPER SAID TWO PERSONS INDICATED THEY RECOGNIZED FERRIE BUT COULDN'T SAY WHEN THEY SAW HIM.

IN WASHINGTON, THE WASHINGTON POST SAID TODAY, IN A STORY FILED FROM NEW ORLEANS, THAT POLICE STOPPED TWO YOUNG MEN IN A CAR ON AUG. 30, 1961--AND FOUND IN THE AUTO A PISTOL AND MAKEUP KIT WITH A WIG.

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BOTH BELONGED TO FERRIE, THE POST SAID. WHEN POLICE VOICED SUSPICION, THE YOUTHS TOOK THEM TO THE HOME OF SERGIO ARACHIA, FORMER LEADER OF A CUBAN LIBERATION GROUP, SO HE COULD VOUCH FOR THEM.

THE POST SAID ARACHIA'S WIFE TOLD POLICE FERRIE HAD BEEN AT THE HOUSE A SHORT TIME EARLIER. THE YOUTHS WERE RELEASED.

ARACHIA, WHO NOW LIVES IN DALLAS, WAS PICKED UP BY GARRISON AGENTS OVER THE WEEKEND, IT WAS REPORTED. NEW ORLEANS TELEVISION STATION WWL SAID ARACHIA INSISTED THAT DALLAS DETECTIVES SIT IN ON THE INTERROGATION--AND THE AGENTS THEREUPON DELAYED QUESTIONING.

MEANWHILE, IN A SIDELINE INVESTIGATION IN PENSACOLA, FLA., ESCAMBIA COUNTY SOLICITOR CARL HARPER SAID HE HAD QUESTIONED 10 PERSONS IN AN EFFORT TO PINPOINT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THOMAS HENRY KILLAM'S DEATH.

KILLAM WAS FOUND DEAD MARCH 17, 1964, BESIDE A SHATTERED STORE WINDOW, HIS THROAT SLASHED. HIS RELATIVES SAID HE KNEW PERSONS WHO WERE ACQUAINTED WITH OSWALD AND JACK RUBY--AND HAD TOLD THEM HE WAS BEING HOUNDED BY "AGENTS."

THE RELATIVES ASKED FOR A REINVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH.

RUBY, THE DALLAS STRIP JOINT OWNER WHO KILLED OSWALD, DIED RECENTLY OF CANCER.

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