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TELEGRAPH EDITORS: THE FOLLOWING SUB INTRO IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO EXPLAIN THAT THE MAN REPORTED BY THE STATES ITEM AS BEING PICKED UP BY POLICE WITH OSWALD WAS NOT DAVID FERRIE.

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PROBE LEAD SUB INTRO (A138NU)

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 28-(AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON HAS BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND A MAN WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION WERE PICKED UP TOGETHER BY POLICE HERE IN 1963, THE STATES-ITEM REPORTED TODAY.

THE STATES-ITEM

~~REPORTED~~ THAT OSWALD'S COMPANION WAS DAVID W. FERRIE, IDENTIFIED BY GARRISON AS A CENTRAL FIGURE IN HIS INVESTIGATION. BUT THE NEWSPAPER SAID LATER THE SECOND MAN WAS NOT FERRIE.

BEFORE HE WAS FOUND DEAD LAST WEDNESDAY, FERRIE HAD INSISTED HE DID NOT KNOW OSWALD, NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE MAN WHO KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

THE STATES-ITEM REPORTED THAT GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS WERE TOLD BY A NEW ORLEANS LAW OFFICER THAT HE FOUND THE TWO MEN SITTING IN A PARKED CAR NEAR LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN EARLY ONE MORNING IN THE FALL OF 1963.

ONE OF THE MEN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS OSWALD, THE OFFICER SAID. THE STATES-ITEM REPORTED IN ITS FIRST EDITION THAT THE OFFICER-- AFTER SEEING FERRIE'S BODY--SAID FERRIE POSITIVELY WAS THE SECOND MAN. LATER THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE SECOND MAN WAS NOT FERRIE, BUT APPARENTLY WAS CONNECTED WITH ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE GARRISON PROBE.

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FIRST LEAD PROBE

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 28 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON HAS BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND DAVID W. FERRIE WERE PICKED UP TOGETHER BY POLICE IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1963, THE STATES-ITEM REPORTED TODAY.

BEFORE HE WAS FOUND DEAD LAST WEDNESDAY, FERRIE HAD INSISTED HE DID NOT KNOW OSWALD, NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE MAN WHO KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOV. 22, 1963, IN DALLAS.

FERRIE, A FORMER AIRLINES PILOT, HAS BEEN CALLED "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEN IN HISTORY" BY GARRISON, WHO LAUNCHED HIS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION LAST OCTOBER.

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THE STATES-ITEM REPORTED THAT GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS WERE TOLD BY A NEW ORLEANS LAW OFFICER THAT HE WAS MAKING A ROUTINE CHECK NEAR LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN EARLY ONE MORNING IN THE FALL OF 1963 WHEN HE FOUND TWO MEN SITTING IN A PARKED CAR.

ONE OF THE MEN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS OSWALD, THE OFFICER SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE OFFICER WAS NOT CLEAR ABOUT HOW THE OTHER MAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, BUT HE HAS SINCE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED FERRIE AS THE MAN HE SAW IN THE CAR.

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THE OFFICER TOOK THE PAIR TO HEADQUARTERS, THE NEWSPAPER SAID, WHERE HIS SUPERIOR DECLINED TO ARREST THEM ON THE GROUNDS THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THEY WERE GUILTY OF ANY WRONGDOING.

AFTER THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, THE OFFICER SAID, HE RECOGNIZED OSWALD'S FACE AND NAME FROM PICTURES. HE SAID HE TOOK NO ACTION BECAUSE IT WAS WIDELY KNOWN THAT OSWALD HAD LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS.

LAST WEEK, WHEN FERRIE'S NAME WAS PROMINENTLY LINKED TO THE GARRISON ASSASSINATION PROBE, THE OFFICER GAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HIS INFORMATION, THE STATES-ITEM SAID.

A TYPEWRITTEN NOTE FOUND IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT AFTER HIS DEATH CONTAINED A BITTER INDICTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, COURTS AND AMERICAN JUSTICE IN GENERAL.

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THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE NOTE, RELEASED ON THE DAY FERRIE DIED, REFERRED TO DEATH AS A "SWEET PROSPECT." GARRISON MAINTAINS THAT FERRIE COMMITTED SUICIDE, ALTHOUGH CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA HAS RULED DEATH RESULTED FROM NATURAL CAUSES--A RUPTURED ARTERY IN THE BRAIN.

TESTS REVEALED THE NOTE WAS TYPED ON A TYPEWRITER FOUND IN FERRIE'S CLUTTERED APARTMENT.

IT CONTAINS NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO THE WRITER'S IRRITATION AT POLICE METHODS. "DAILY WE ARE PROPAGANDIZED MORE AND MORE ABOUT A RISING CRIME RATE. BUT HOW DO WE KNOW IT IS TRUE? WE DON'T, FOR WE AMERICANS HAVE LITTLE OR NO ACCESS TO THE TRUTH. . . . TODAY I WENT TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO SEE THESE 'PUBLIC RECORDS' OF THIS RISING CRIME RATE AND NEARLY WOUND UP IN JAIL FOR MY TROUBLE. I WAS SEARCHED, INTERROGATED, VERBALLY ABUSED, HAD MY RECORD CHECKED, AND FINALLY THREATENED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I DID NOT SEE THE 'PUBLIC RECORDS.'

". . . THESE JUDGES OF TODAY DENY DEFENDANTS DUE PROCESS OF LAW . . . WHEN I WAS A BOY MY FATHER PREACHED THAT IN THE 'AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE' YOU ARE INNOCENT TILL PROVEN GUILTY. NO GREATER LIE HAS BEEN TOLD."

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FERRIE APPARENTLY HAD NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME. HE LOST HIS JOB AS AN AIRLINE PILOT IN 1961 AFTER BEING ARRESTED ON A MORALS CHARGE IN SUBURBAN JEFFERSON PARISH (COUNTY), BUT THE CASE NEVER WENT TO TRIAL. NO CHARGES WERE KNOWN TO BE PENDING AGAINST HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

FERRIE WAS INTERROGATED BY BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION. HE HAD LEFT FOR TEXAS ON THE DAY OF THE SLAYING, AND SAID LATER HE AND TWO FRIENDS VISITED HOUSTON AND GALVESTON BEFORE RETURNING TO LOUISIANA.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHEN THE NOTE WAS WRITTEN, OR WHEN THE WRITER VISITED POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

GARRISON WAS REPORTED READY TODAY TO ISSUE A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRESS HE HAS MADE THUS FAR IN PROBING THE ASSASSINATION.

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THE CORONER GAVE NEWSMEN TODAY A LIST OF THE OBJECTS TAKEN FROM FERRIE'S APARTMENT AFTER HIS DEATH. THEY INCLUDED A BLUE 100 POUND PRACTICE AERIAL BOMB, A SPRINGFIELD MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE, A .22 CALIBRE REMINGTON RIFLE, A S

NGLE SHOT .22 CALIBRE RIFLE WITH AN ALTERED STOCK, 20 GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELLS, TWO ARMY SIGNAL CORPS FIELD TELEPHONES, A BAYONET, A FLARE GUN, A RADIO TRANSMITTING TUNER UNIT, A RADIO RECEIVER TUNER UNIT, 32 CALIBRE EMPTY BRASS CASINGS, 22 CALIBRE BLANKS, SEVERAL CAMERAS AND THREE ROLLS OF UNDEVELOPED FILM.

DR. CHETTA REVEALED THAT ANOTHER NOTE WAS FOUND IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT. ADDRESSED TO "AL," IT SAID IN PART: "WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS I WILL BE QUITE DEAD; SO NO ANSWER WILL BE POSSIBLE." THE REMAINDER OF THE NOTE WAS PHRASED IN A SIMILAR TONE OF DEPRESSION, AND IT CONCLUDED: "HENCE, I DIE ALONE AND UNLOVED. AS YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP. GOODBYE. DAVE."

A THIRD TYPEWRITTEN NOTE, ADDRESSED TO "DEAR PERRY," DEALT WITH MEDICAL SUBJECTS RELATING TO FERRIE'S AILMENTS, WHICH INCLUDED HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

A FOURTH NOTE, WHICH BORE THE NAME "TOM CLARK," SAID: I WANT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS TOM CLARK. DAVE HAS BEEN VERY SICK FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS AND I AM NURSING HIM AT HOME. HE HAS A FORM OF ENCEPHALITIS."

DR. CHETTA TOLD NEWSMEN, HOWEVER, THAT FERRIE WAS NOT SUFFERING FROM ENCEPHALITIS AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

THE CORONER TERMED FERRIE "DEFINITELY A PSYCHOPATH."

AT DALLAS ETC THIRD GRAF A73.

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PROBE (240)

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 23 (AP)--DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON WAS REPORTED READY TO ISSUE A SUMMARY TODAY OF THE PROGRESS MADE TO PROVE HIS BELIEF THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS PLOTTED IN NEW ORLEANS.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE PARISH CORONER, DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA SCHEDULED A NEWS CONFERENCE TO GIVE THE FINAL VERDICT IN THE DEATH OF DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, 48, FORMER AIRLINE PILOT DESCRIBED BY GARRISON AS A KEY FIGURE IN THE PLOT. CHETTA WAS TO RELEASE A FINAL REPORT BY TOXICOLOGIST ON FERRIE, WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT LAST WEDNESDAY.

AT DALLAS, TEX., SERGIO ARCACHA, NAMED BY NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATORS AS A POTENTIAL WITNESS IN THE PROBE, SAID HE IS WILLING TO TALK TO THEM. HE SAID GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS DECLINED TO TALK WITH HIM LAST WEEKEND IN DALLAS BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON OTHERS BEING PRESENT.

ARCACHA, 44, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXPORT DEPARTMENT OF A DALLAS AIRCONDITIONING MANUFACTURING COMPANY, TOLD REPORTERS HE KNOWS "OF NOTHING PERTINENT I COULD TELL THE NEW ORLEANS PEOPLE..."

ARCACHA SAID HE "INSISTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AN ATTORNEY BE PRESENT" DURING ANY INTERVIEW WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS.

"THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES REFUSED TO TALK IN THE PRESENCE OF DALLAS POLICE AT DALLAS CITY HALL LAST SATURDAY NIGHT," ARCACHA TOLD NEWSMEN.

HE SAID HE HEADED THE NEW ORLEANS EXILE OFFICE DURING THE ABORTIVE BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA. HE SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANY OF HIS CUBAN ASSOCIATES BLAMED KENNEDY FOR THE INVASION'S FAILURE.

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