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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 1 (AP)-A FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART HERE WAS SUBPOENAED FOR QUESTIONING TODAY IN DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S FIVE-MONTH-OLD INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

CLAY SHAW, NOW RETIRED, WAS SUMMONED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATORS WHILE THE FIRST MAN TO BE SUBPOENAED, JAMES LEWALLEN, WAS UNDERGOING QUESTIONING.

LEWALLEN, A PILOT, BRUSHED PAST NEWSMEN WITHOUT COMMENT AND WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY INTO GARRISON'S PRIVATE OFFICE. HIS LAWYER, GEORGE PIAZZA II, STEPPED OUTSIDE AND TOLD NEWSMEN THAT LEWALLEN AND DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE ROOMED TOGETHER IN SUBURBAN KENNER SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

FERRIE, 48, WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN BED A WEEK AGO TODAY, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY GARRISON AS A PARTICIPANT IN AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY HERE THAT RESULTED IN THE ASSASSINATION AT DALLAS NOV.22, 1963.

"LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE IN NEW ORLEANS, JAMES LEWALLEN KNEW DAVID FERRIE," PIAZZA SAID.

THE LAWYER SAID LEWALLEN HAD VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT GARRISON'S OFFICE EARLIER IN THE INVESTIGATION AND HAD ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED.

PIAZZA DESCRIBED THAT INTERVIEW AS PLEASANT AND SAID THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA CAME "AS A GREAT SURPRISE TO US."

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HE SAID THAT LEWALLEN WAS QUESTIONED ONLY ABOUT HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH FERRIE. HE SAID LEWALLEN HAS "NO SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, NO MORE SO THAN ANY OTHER PERSON WHO KNEW FERRIE."

ASKED IF LEWALLEN HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION, THE LAWYER REPLIED, "NOT THAT I KNOW OF."

HE SAID LEWALLEN IS A PILOT, AS WAS FERRIE.

FERRIE WAS BURIED TODAY IN A SLATE GREY, UNADORNED COFFIN, CARRIED BY HIRED PALLBEARERS. FUNERAL SERVICES HAD BEEN HELD AT ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH HERE. IT WAS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR TWO MOURNERS WHO DECLINED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES. BURIAL WAS IN SUBURBAN ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

THE SUBPOENAS FOR LEWALLEN AND SHAW WERE THE FIRST PUBLIC MOVES BY GARRISON THUS FAR.

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NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 29 (AP)-A MAN WANTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR QUESTIONING TODAY IN THE PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE STAYED AWAY FROM HIS HOME DURING THE NIGHT, APPARENTLY MISSING OFFICERS WHO TRIED TO SERVE HIM WITH A SUBPOENA.

"HE PROBABLY WENT TO STAY WITH FRIENDS," SAID HIS MOTHER.

A "JAMES LEWALLEN" WAS NAMED YESTERDAY IN A SOBPOENA ISSUED BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON IN HIS FIRST OVERT LEGAL MANEUVER SINCE ~~STARTING THE CONTROVERSIAL INVESTIGATION LAST OCTOBER.~~

GARRISON'S OFFICE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT LEWALLEN IN ITS BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT. BUT DISTRICT JUDGE BERNARD BAGGERT, WHO SIGNED THE SUBPOENA, SAID LEWALLEN HAD REFUSED TO TAKE A LIE DETECTOR TEST AND THAT THE SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED TO REQUIRE HIM TO REPORT TO GARRISON'S OFFICE TODAY TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

THE CITY DIRECTORY IDENTIFIED THE ONLY JAMES LEWALLEN LISTED AS AN INSPECTOR AT THE BOEING COMPANY AND GAVE HIS RESIDENCE AS 4406D PARIS AVE.

AT THAT ADDRESS, A WOMAN WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS LEWALLEN'S MOTHER REFUSED TO GIVE HER SON'S WHEREABOUTS OR TO SAY WHETHER HE WOULD APPEAR BEFORE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD KNOWN DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, 48, FOUND DEAD IN BED LAST WEDNESDAY AND WHO GARRISON CLAIMS COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION IN THE ASSASSINATION PROBE.

DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA, THE ORLEANS PARISH CORONER, GAVE AN OFFICIAL RULING YESTERDAY THAT FERRIE DIED OF "NATURAL CAUSES," KILLED BY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE WHICH BURST A WEAK VEIN AT THE BASE OF HIS BRAIN. CHETTA ADDED, "THERE IS NO INDICATION OF VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND, CERTAINLY NOT MURDER OR SUICIDE."

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MRS. LEWALLEN REFUSED TO ANSWER MOST QUESTIONS ABOUT HER SON. SHE SAID SHE WAS SURE HER SON DID NOT KNOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

FERRIE, SHORTLY BEFORE HE DIED, DENIED EVER KNOWING OSWALD, THE FORMER NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE SNIPER WHO KILLED KENNEDY IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

AN INFORMANT LINKED FERRIE TO OSWALD IN 1963. THIS RESULTED IN FERRIE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ACCUSATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED A CLAIM THAT HE WAS TO BE THE "GETAWAY PILOT" FOR THE ASSASSIN. THE FBI AND THE SECRET SERVICE CLEARED FERRIE.

GARRISON, WHO BEGAN QUESTIONING FERRIE AGAIN LAST NOVEMBER,
SAID FERRIE'S DEATH CAME JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE WAS TO HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED. ✓

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