

GARRISON CHIDED BY RAMSEY CLARK

New Orleans Inquiry Called Disturbing and Saddening

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WASHINGTON, March 12—Attorney General Ramsey Clark said today that he was disturbed that District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans had persisted in his investigation of the Kennedy assassination without turning over new evidence to the Federal Government.

"I find it curious and I find it disturbing and I find it saddening," Mr. Clark said.

The new Attorney General, who was sworn into office Friday, was interviewed on the Columbia Broadcasting System television program "Face the Nation."

He reiterated his earlier skepticism about the value of the Garrison investigation, in which the Louisianaian is pursuing a theory of conspiracy in the assassination.

Mr. Clark said he knew of no new evidence turned up by Mr. Garrison and, he added, "I will be very much surprised if any exists."

Asked if he had asked Mr. Garrison for his evidence, he said he had not been in "direct communication" with the District Attorney "in view of the attitude that he has taken."

Mr. Garrison has told reporters that he was not inclined to share his information with the Federal Government.

Found No Conspiracy

Asked about speculative reports that Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba had sent a team to kill President Kennedy, Mr. Clark said:

"There have been studies of these matters. We have nothing that indicates any evidence of a conspiracy, and we stand on that on the basis of our investigation."

He described the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination as "the most

comprehensive and definitive investigation of a series of facts ever undertaken."

The commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the murder of John F. Kennedy.

"I am disturbed and saddened that so much publicity, so much agitation, so much doubt is created," Mr. Clark said. "I think that is unfortunate for this country because this is a matter that affects us all, so that the assassination of President Kennedy has left a deep mark on the lives of all of us and is something we should be highly sensitive about, and we should seek the truth in the most circumspect and cautious methods."

Asked About Powell

Mr. Clark was asked if he had thought what his position would be if the Supreme Court should rule that Adam Clayton Powell should be seated by the House of Representatives and the executive branch should be called on to enforce the decision in the Harlem Democrat's case.

"I don't think there is going to be such a serious conflict between the judiciary and the legislative branches," Mr. Clark said. "I think we will support the law as it developed at the time."

He renewed his opposition to wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping except in national security cases. He said the Justice Department had tightened its control over the use of such devices by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that a new procedure included a regular inventory.

At the moment, he disclosed, the Bureau is using 38 wiretaps and no electronic surveillance. All the wiretaps are in national security cases, he said.

Charles L. Weltner, the former Georgia Representative who is now deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said on another television program, the National Broadcasting Company's "Meet the Press," that he thought President Johnson had more support from young people than was generally thought.

Mr. Weltner said that on the Vietnam issue Mr. Johnson "enjoys a far wider, though not quite so vocal a range of support on the campuses, far wider than most people seem to indicate."