

# 'JFK Plot' A Fraud-- Witness

## Missing Man Found, Talks

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McLEAN (Va.) — The missing witness in the New Orleans "Kennedy Plot" was located yesterday and told of a secret meeting with District Attorney Jim Garrison that proved the case was a "fraud."

Gordon Norvel, 29, was found by telephone and flown here for a lie detector test by Lloyd Furr, a licensed investigator and graduate of the Army's Provost Marshal's School in Camp Gordon, Ga.

Norvel was called "a most important and material witness" in Garrison's investigation in papers filed by the district attorney's office when it sought his arrest.

### PASSES TEST

Norvel, target of a nation-wide search by New Orleans police under a \$50,000 bail order, passed the test "satisfactorily" on these points, according to an affidavit sworn by Furr.

- Norvel said he met with Garrison at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans "on or about Feb. 21" — the day before David Ferrie, 49, identified by Garrison as a co-conspirator, died in bed.

- At this "highly secret" meeting, Garrison told Norvel that Ferrie had passed a lie detector test — and was "not involved in the conspiracy to kill the President." Garrison has charged New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw, 54, with conspiring with Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald. Outside the test, Norvel said he had met both Shaw and Ferrie but had never talked to them about assassinating Mr. Kennedy.

- Norvel said a "bizarre plan to obtain a confession

—Turn to Page 2, Col. 4 from Ferrie" was mounted. However, Ferrie, a New Orleans eccentric and homosexual, died before any such plans went into effect.

- Norvel said he did not know Oswald, called the conspiracy Garrison claims existed a "fraud" and said he did not know of a conspiracy.

- To make him co-operate with the investigation, Norvel said, he was threatened. He added that at one time Garrison agreed to indorse Norvel's plan for anti-surveillance equipment and security in the district attorney's office.

- Norvel detailed the "bizarre plan" against Ferrie but it was too complicated to go through the lie detector process easily. Norvel said after the lie detector test that he had tapes to substantiate some of his statements.

- The Roosevelt Hotel meeting was at the request of a Garrison "financial backer," Norvel said. He also said that a second witness, Layton Martens, 24, had been cleared by a lie detector test, according to Garrison's own statements.

Martens also has been summoned before the grand jury — he formerly roomed with Ferrie.

Garrison could not be reached for questions.

Norvel suggested that if Garrison denies his charges, then Garrison should "take a lie detector test himself."

Norvel, owner of an electronics equipment firm and a former night club operator, was summoned before a grand jury in New Orleans ten days ago. He appeared but did not testify, left New Orleans and was then called again in absentia.

Norvel was reached by Hearst Headline Service Friday night and volunteered to take a test to help substantiate his story.