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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON EXPECTS TO PROVE LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS NOT A COMMUNIST BUT AN AMERICAN UNDERCOVER AGENT, THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM SAID TODAY.

QUOTING SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GARRISON-KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE, THE STATES-ITEM SAID IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY THAT THE EVIDENCE POINTS "INCREASINGLY TOWARD A DEEP INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACTIVITIES AMONG PRINCIPALS IN THE DA'S CONTINUING INQUIRY."

THE STATES-ITEM STORY SAID:

THE GARRISON PROBE WILL PAINT A PICTURE OF OSWALD DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE TO THE ONE SKETCHED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED OSWALD AS THE LONE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963. THE COMMISSION SAID IT HAD NO EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD ACTED AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY. IT DESCRIBED HIM AS A CONFUSED, COMMUNIST-ORIENTED YOUNG MAN WHO WAS DRIVEN TO KILL KENNEDY BY A DEEP NEED FOR PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

OSWALD, A NEW ORLEANS NATIVE, RETURNED HERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1963 AND WAS ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF A PRO-CASTRO FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE. GARRISON'S OFFICE REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THIS WAS A COVER AND THAT HIS REAL JOB WAS AS AN OPERATIVE WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH MILITANT ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBAN GROUPS, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORTED OSWALD DEFECTED TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1959 LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER GETTING A HARDSHIP DISCHARGE FROM THE U.S. MARINES IN JAPAN. HE WAS DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED BECAUSE OF HIS DEFECTION.

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SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION SAY OSWALD MAY HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT AT JAPAN'S ATSUGI AIR FORCE BASE, REPORTABLY AN INSTRUCTION CAMP, THE STATES-ITEM SAID.

THE INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD'S OPERATIONS HERE ARE BELIEVED TO CENTER ON HIS USE OF A CAMP STREET BUILDING WHICH HOUSED THE OFFICES OF TWO AVOWEDLY ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUPS. ONE WAS THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT HEADED BY SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, NOW OF DALLAS AND A FUGITIVE FROM GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION. THE OTHER WAS GUY BANNISTER ASSOCIATES, HEADED BY BANNISTER, A ONE-TIME FBI AGENT.

GARRISON'S OFFICE IS SAID TO HAVE QUESTIONED WITNESSES WHO REPORTED SEEING OSWALD, BANNISTER, ARCACHA AND THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE TOGETHER IN THE BUILDING. GARRISON HAS CHARGED THAT FERRIE, WHO DIED LAST FEB. 22, CONSPIRED WITH OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW TO KILL KENNEDY. SHAW CURRENTLY IS WAITING TRIAL ON THE CHARGE. OSWALD WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY JACK RUBY TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

THE STATES-ITEM QUOTED A CLOSE FRIEND OF BANNISTER'S AS SAYING THE EX-FBI AGENT WAS "A KEY LIAISON MAN FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA."

BANNISTER, WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN 1964, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE WORKED WITH THE U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICE HERE, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

"GARRISON'S CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN A DEFINITE TREND TOWARD WHAT ARE BELIEVED TO BE INDICATIONS THAT PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE CIA WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH," THE STATES-ITEM STORY SAID.

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