

CIA'S WARREN PANEL TESTIMONY IS DISPUTED BY DA

Panel Testimony

DA

'Fake Photo' Attacked by Garrison

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Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today took issue with U.S. Central Intelligence Agency testimony before the Warren Commission and charged the CIA gave the commission a "fake photograph" of Lee Harvey Oswald.

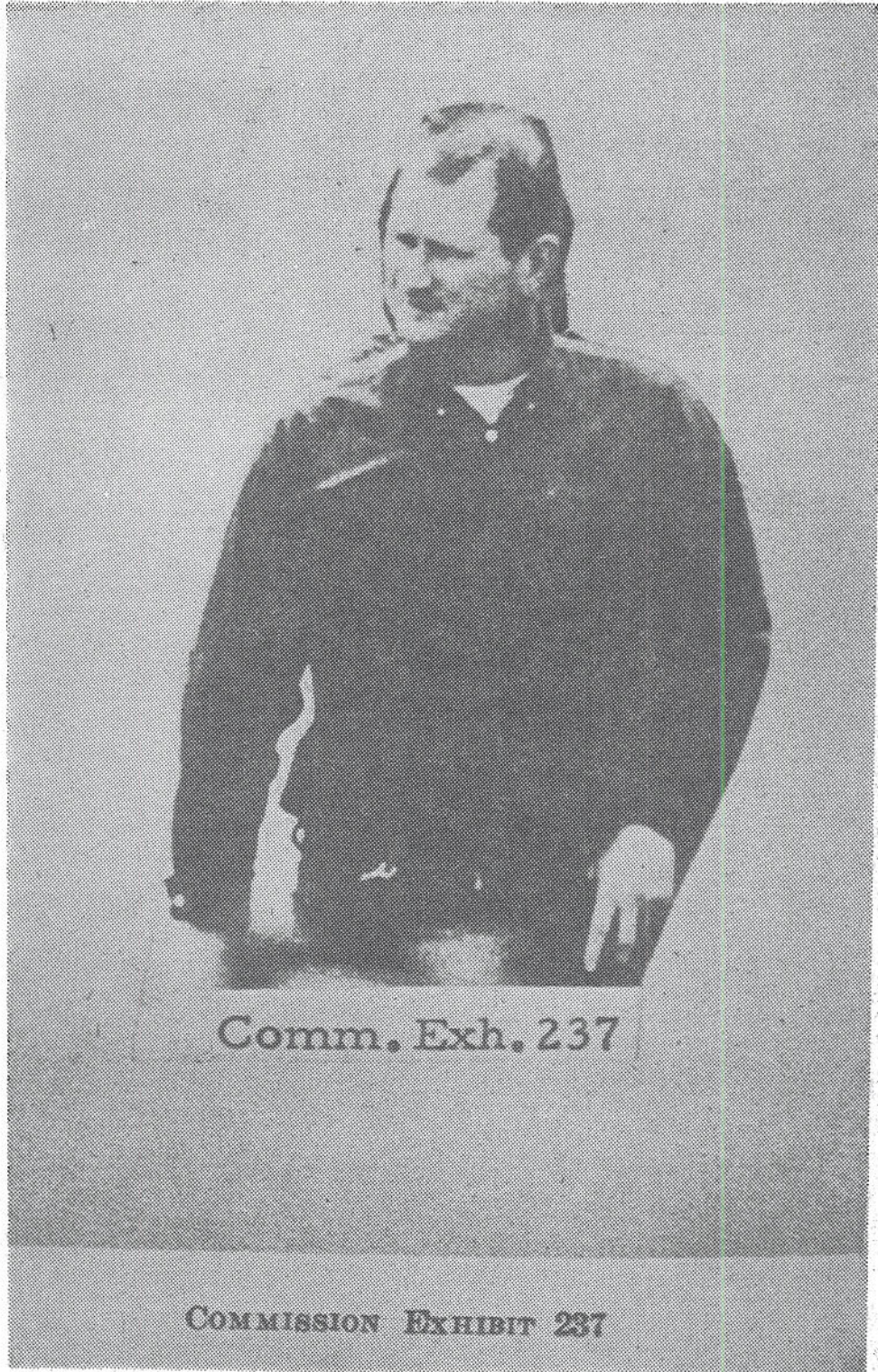
The DA's sharp reply was made after the CIA, in effect, denied published reports here that Oswald may have been acting as an undercover agent for the super-secret espionage organization.

A CIA spokesman refused to comment directly on a copyrighted story carried yesterday in the States-Item. Instead, he pointed to Warren Commission testimony in which CIA officials denied any connection with the accused slayer of President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison, who is pressing an investigation of what he charges was a plot hatched here to kill Kennedy, asserted today:

"The testimony which CIA authorities gave the Warren Commission necessarily must be taken with a grain of salt."

In its story, the States-Item reported that Garrison will seek to prove that Oswald was not a Communist. Instead, he intends to show the New Orleans-born ex-Marine was an agent aiding CIA-sponsored anti-Castro Cubans here the summer before Kennedy was shot to death at Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.



WARREN COMMISSION'S "UNIDENTIFIED MAN" PHOTO
... DA Charges CIA "Faked" This Picture

—States-Item photo.

The report quoted informed sources as saying the Garrison investigation has taken a definite trend toward what are believed to be indications that persons employed by the CIA were responsible for Kennedy's murder.

GARRISON SAID he wanted to "reserve comment" on the States-Item story "for the
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time being." But he challenged the CIA to produce what he indicated was an important photograph of Oswald which has been suppressed "for more than three years."



He accused the CIA of producing a "fake photograph" when the Warren Commission asked for a picture of Oswald and a "Cuban companion" leaving the Cuban Embassy at Mexico City.

He said the picture of Oswald and a burly Cuban was taken by a concealed camera operated by CIA agents.

"WHEN THE WARREN Commission asked for photographs of Oswald and his companion, the CIA presented the picture of a balding, stocky, middle-aged gentleman who obviously was neither Lee Oswald nor his companion," the DA declared.

"During the Warren Commission testimony," he added, "the director and deputy director of the CIA were very careful never to mention that they had produced the wrong picture."

Garrison said the photograph "is now immortalized in the Warren Report as photograph of an Unidentified Man."

VOLUME XVI, Exhibit No. 237 of the commission report is a picture of a husky man in an open-collared shirt. The index lists the picture as "photograph of an Unidentified Man." There is no further comment and no apparent relationship between the picture and other evidence in the report.

Garrison said Oswald and the Cuban with whom he was photographed in Mexico a few days before Kennedy's assassination were "seen frequently together in New Orleans and Dallas in November of 1963."

"It is perfectly obvious," he charged, "that the reason the true picture of Oswald and his companion was withheld, and a fake picture substituted, was because one or both of these men were working for agencies of the United States government here in the summer of 1963."

HE CHALLENGED the CIA to produce the "true picture."

The Warren Commission report named Oswald as the lone slayer of Kennedy.

IT SAID IT COULD find no evidence that Oswald, whom it described as a confused, communist-oriented child of misfortune, acted in concert with others.

Garrison's investigation of Oswald is said to center around an office building at 544 Camp st. here, an address used both by Oswald and several avowedly anti-communist organizations.

The DA is believed to have questioned witnesses who said they saw Oswald in the building with the late David W. Ferrie, anti-Castro leader Sergio Arcacha Smith, and the late Guy Banister, a stormy onetime FBI agent whom associates have called a key government intelligence liaison man.

Ferrie, termed "one of history's most important men" by Garrison, was found dead in his Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment Feb. 22—five days after the Garrison inquiry became public.

ARCACHA IS a fugitive from Garrison's investigation. The DA also has charged the former New Orleans resident with complicity in the mysterious disappearance of explosives from a Houma munitions dump in 1961. Arcacha

is free at Dallas on \$1,500 bond.

Banister, who died of a heart attack in 1964, was operating a detective agency in the weathered granite building, which stands at the corner of Camp and Lafayette.

Oswald, who appeared to be active in pro-Castro activities here during the summer of 1963, used the building's address on pamphlets he handed out for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, a left wing organization. Later, he overprinted the leaflets and changed the address.

Meanwhile, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and a former agent who inquired into New Orleans phases of the Kennedy assassination in 1963 were subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury next week.

A subpoena was served yesterday afternoon on FBI man Regis Kennedy, who interrogated Ferrie when the onetime airline pilot was picked up by Garrison's office here three days after the President's murder.

THE AGENT, WHO was served at the FBI field office here, refused to comment on whether he will honor the subpoena.

A second subpoena was issued for Warren DeBrueys of 4827 Michoud blvd., whose name appears frequently on assassination investigation records in the National Archives.

DeBrueys was reported out of town until later this month.

Presumably, the grand jury wants to question both men about their investigations of the President's death.

At Baton Rouge yesterday, Gov. John J. McKeithen charged that his office is not receiving full cooperation from the governor of Ohio in its efforts to return fugitive witness Gordon Novel.

NOVEL, CHARGED with four criminal counts in Louisiana, is fighting extradition at Columbus, Ohio. He was arrested April 1 in a Columbus suburb on a warrant from Garrison's office.

Garrison has accused the 29-year-old former New Orleans bar owner of conspiring with Ferrie and Arcacha to burglarize an oil service company's explosives dump at Houma in 1961.

The DA has called Novel a "very important witness" in the Kennedy investigation. Novel, also charged by Terrebonne Parish authorities with burglarizing the munitions dump, is free on \$10,000 bond.

OHIO GOV. JAMES A. Rhodes returned Novel's extradition papers to McKeithen recently because of what were described as technical errors.