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Sahl: 'I Know Who Killed JFK'

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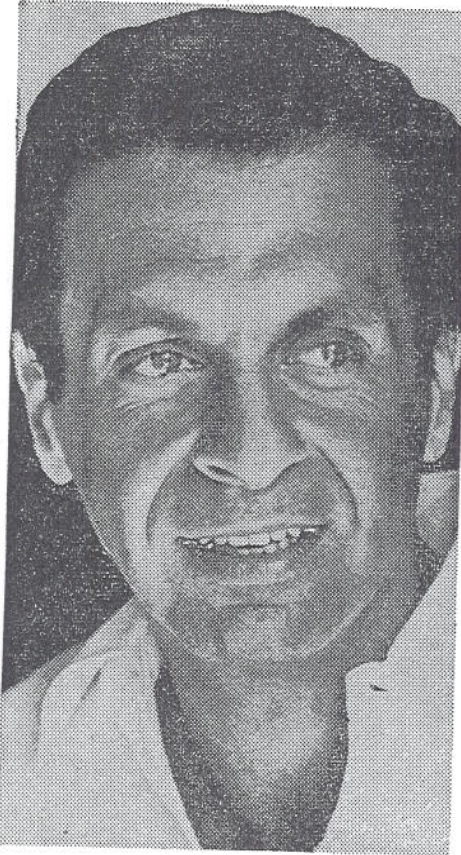
WASHINGTON — Mort Sahl says he knows who murdered President Kennedy in Dallas, and that the story is so sensational it will shock America into making major reforms.

"The crime has been solved by Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans," Sahl said over several cups of strong coffee. "He has a completely structured case. He knows who pulled the trigger, and it was not Oswald.

"All I can tell you at the moment is that a powerful domestic force was responsible, and that when Garrison tells his story, the implications will shake the country to its foundations. America will be forced to clean house."

It seems like only yesterday that Sahl, still a brilliant, astringent satirist, was on the verge of joining the American Liberal establishment. He was on the cover of Time Magazine, earning \$400,000 a year, and propping up President Kennedy's reputation as a wit by writing jokes for him.

All that has changed. Sahl is now a fearless outsider, castigating his former Liberal admirers for leading America down the primrose path to greed, complacency and a clumsy parody of 19th century British imperialism, which is "like the office boy taking over the books."



MORT SAHL

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So controversial that two TV networks and last week one radio program have abruptly dropped him, Sahl has fastened on to the assassination as the prime example of willing public ignorance in the face of unpleasant truths.

"I've spent days in New Orleans, talking to Garrison," Sahl said. "I know he has a case. But nobody wants to hear it. The latest opinion poll says that 58 percent of the American people don't accept the Warren Report, but at the same time 57 percent don't want the case reopened. What a weird time to be alive."