

MAN IN JFK CASE FOUND, DENIES ROLE

Dallas (AP) - Lee Odom, mentioned in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, is a real person living in a Dallas suburb, the Dallas Times Herald said today.

Further, Odom says the "code" which Garrison claims tied Clay Shaw with Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby may not be mysterious or a code.

Odom, 31, said yesterday that "Lee Odom, P.O. Box 19196^{o?}, Dallas, Tex." in Shaw's address book had no unusual meaning. Shaw is the New Orleans businessman Garrison has accused of conspiring with Oswald and others.

Odom said he was trying to promote a bull fight and Shaw was suggested as a "good man to see about finding a place for my bull fight." Odom said that was the reason his box number /was/ in Shaw's address book.

Using what he called a complex decoding system, Garrison said the number 19196^{o?} actually was part of a code for Ruby's unlisted Dallas phone number. The same number also was found in Oswald's notebook, without Odom's name.

Odom said he rented the post office box in the summer of 1966. Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

Left unanswered by Odom's story is the appearance of the number in both Oswald's and Shaw's possession.

The Times Herald said it believed Box 19106 did not come into existence here until the middle of 1965, when the substation was remodeled.

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