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A Startling Accusation in 'Plot' Probe

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District Attorney Jim Garrison said last night that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President Kennedy and the CIA "knows the name of every man involved and the name of the individuals who pulled the triggers from the grassy knoll and the stone wall area."

He also charged that the CIA "through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the completion" of his investigation of the presidential assassination."

Garrison said his investigation has been successful.

"We have learned what happened. We have even located photographs in which we have found the men behind the grassy knoll and stone wall before they dropped completely out of sight.

"There were five of them," he said, "three behind the stone wall and two behind the grassy knoll."

EVIDENCE

The Warren Commission said it could find no evidence of any persons behind a grassy knoll or stone wall in Dallas although several witnesses made such claims.

"The point is," Garrison said, "the Warren Commission said nobody was back there and they had to say nobody was back there because not enough evidence was presented for them to make any other conclusion."

Garrison, who began his own inquiry last fall, said of the CIA:

"What it's doing, it's a criminal act. And if the director of the CIA and the top

officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation."

Garrison was interviewed on a New Orleans television station.

"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgment," Garrison said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its activities were in New Orleans when Lee Oswald was working for it and it's compounded them since by essentially criminal activities

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by making every possible effort to block our investigation."

Asked if Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:

"No. Lee Harvey Oswald did not, did not even shoot President Kennedy. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building . . . he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim."

This is how Garrison answered the next question about who did kill the President:

"Oh, I can say who did without any question, except, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked.

"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through any government a gency where they are located now...and we have a stone wall there as far as the identification of the other individuals.

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans."