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NEW ORLEANS AP - Private detective William Gurvich said Tuesday Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison "early this year had labeled for arrest" a number of prominent New Orleanians "as accessories after the fact" in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Gurvich, who goes before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Wednesday to tell "everything I know" about the district attorney's controversial investigation, also said Garrison once planned a midnight raid on the local FBI office.

Gurvich, 42, resigned Monday as Garrison's chief investigator and publicly called for a grand jury probe into the tactics used by the district attorney's staff.

He has said the investigation should be stopped.

It has become "such an obsession with Mr. Garrison that rationality and ethics are unheard of and are never employed in the investigation," said Gurvich.

A subpoena for Gurvich's appearance before the grand jury was issued at the request of for667czzclbyl

Labiche later told newsmen the jury would hear Gurvich "with an open mind" but also said;

"I see nothing anyone has said to change the picture of what we did. We knew what we were doing and we did it."

Gurvich said among those Garrison had planned to arrest as accessories in the assassination were a prominent coffee importer, a FBI agen

two Cuban refugee leude s and a hotel owner.

"They were actually going to be arrested," said Gurvich.

The raid on the FBI office was planned at midnight, Gurvich said, because only one man would be on duty. The detective said Garrison wanted to confiscate tape recordings he believed the FBI had made of all telephone calls he and his staff made.

"No comment" along with a rear of laughter was the reaction to this from an FBI spokesman.

Grand jury subpoenas were also issued for Gurvich's two brothers, Louis and Leonard; Ed Planer, news director of WDSU-TV, and John Campbell, an artist. The Gurvich brothers operate a private detective agency.

Garrison contends his investigation has uncovered a plot here that led to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. He promised in February that arrests would be made and convictions obtained.

To date, there has been one arrest. Clay L. Shaw, 54, retired New Orleans businessman, was indicted March 22 on a charge of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and onetime airline pilot David W. Shaw protested that he never knew Oswald or Ferrie—both now dead—and knew nothing of any plot.

Gurvich said Garrison had Shaw's name but no evidence until Perry Russo provided information about overhearing Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie plot to kill the President. Russo testified at a preliminary hearing he heard the three talk at a party.

Garrison had once told several people, Gurvich said, "forget Shaw, he has absolutely nothing to do with it."

Gurvich also said there was no justification for Garrison's

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"I unequivocally blame Dist. Atty. Garrison" for Ferrie's death, said Gurvich. "Mr. Ferrie died of a brain hemorrhage from extreme anticipation of arrest. Garrison built up so much fear in him the man died."

"Garrison caused it," continued Gurvich, "and he could have done it to Clay Shaw."

"He has no case, there was no conspiracy. Jim Garrison isn't capable of finding one."

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Coroner Nicholas Chetta said an autopsy showed Ferrie, who was found dead in his apartment here, died of natural causes. Garrison insisted it was suicide and called Ferrie "one of history's most important people."

Before his death Ferrie told newsmen Garrison had him pegged as the get-away pilot in the plot. Ferrie said he was not involved in any conspiracy.

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NEW YORK CBS-Warren Report A107 sub intro to clarify:
 NEW YORK AP - William H. Gurvich, former investigator
 for New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, charged
 Tuesday in a Columbia Broadcasting System interview,
 that "illegal and unethical methods" were used to develop
 Garrison's theory of a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.
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CBS-Warren Report NL 240

NEW YORK AP - The Columbia Broadcasting System
 reported Tuesday that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim
 Garrison used "illegal and unethical methods" to develop
 his theory of a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.
 CBS said its own intensive investigation of the assassination
 had brought out no evidence to contradict the Warren Commission's
 report that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.
 The network said in the third of its series, entitled "The
 Warren Report," that "the Garrison investigation has
 shown nothing to link the events he alleges to have taken place
 in New Orleans to the events CBS News knows to have taken
 place in Dallas."
 A former investigator for Garrison, William H. Gurvich,
 said on the broadcast that "there was no truth to Garrison's
 charges of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."
 He added the charge about illegal methods but did not specify
 how they were applied.
 Gurvich also said that Garrison brought the Central
 Intelligence Agency into his probe because "they can't
 afford to answer."
 The broadcasting system also said it found that Jack Ruby's
 killing of Oswald was "meaningless violence born of meaningless
 violence." The network also supported the Warren Report's
 view that it was Oswald who shot Dallas police officer J.D.
 Tippett.
 CBS said its conclusion was, after its own investigation,
 that "Lee Harvey Oswald, and for reasons all his own, shot
 and killed President Kennedy. The report of the Warren
 Commission is as close as we shall ever come to the truth."
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TELEGRAPH EDITORS-Newspapers which published A107 at 1113PED
 in the Tuesday night report are requested to publish the following
 story

NEW YORK AP - William H. Gurvich has claimed that New
 Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison used "illegal and
 unethical" methods to develop the theory of a conspiracy
 to kill President John F. Kennedy.
 Gurvich has described himself as former chief investigator for
 Garrison in the New Orleans investigation.
 In Tuesday night's third of a Columbia Broadcasting System
 series entitled "The Warren Report," Gurvich was
 asked of methods employed in the investigation:
 Q. Would you say these methods were illegal?
 A. I would say very illegal, and unethical.
 Q. Can you give us any specifics?
 A. I would rather save that for the grand juries.
 Q. Do you believe Mr. Garrison had knowledge of these
 activities?
 A. Yeah-of course he did. He ordered it.
 The Associated Press incorrectly attributed the charge of
 "illegal and unethical" methods to the reporting of CBS.
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 assassination had brought out no evidence to contradict the
 Warren Commission's report that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.
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