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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS VITAL TO DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE HAVE BEEN KEPT SECRET BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AN INVESTIGATOR SAID TODAY.

TOM BETHELL SAID A LISTING OF TITLES OF THE CONCEALED INFORMATION MADE IT PLAIN THE CIA KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT LEE HEAVEY OSWALD BEFORE THE PRESIDENT WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS IN 1963.

BETHELL, A FORMER LONDON SCHOOL TEACHER ASSIGNED BY GARRISON TO RESEARCH THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON, SAID AT LEAST 29 SECRET WA

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INTEREST TO GARRISON.

GARRISON CONTENTS THAT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS SLAIN BY MEN THE CIA TRAINED FOR USE IN CUBA.

BETHELL SAID THE TITLES OF THE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS INDICATE THE CIA HAD EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON OSWALD BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, THAT OSWALD MAY HAVE HAD ACCESS TO SECRET U2 AIRCRAFT FILES, AND THAT THE CIA FAILED TO TURN OVER SOME INFORMATION TO THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THERE WERE 51 CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE GARRISON PROBE, SAID BETHELL.

THE WARREN REPORT SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS SLAIN BY OSWALD, ACTING ALONE, AND THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY.

BETHELL CAME TO NEW ORLEANS A FEW MONTHS AGO TO STUDY TRADITIONAL DIXIELAND JAZZ, BECAME INTRIGUED BY THE KENNEDY PROBE AND ASKED IF HE COULD HELP. HE WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON TO RESEARCH THE COMMISSION FILES.

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