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Spurn Kennedy 'Death Theory Of De Gaulle'

PARIS (AP)—Silence and skepticism were the main reactions today to a French journalist's book reporting that President Charles de Gaulle believes police were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald.

De Gaulle's office refused to comment on the report by Raymond Tournoux that the French president said of the assassination: "The police did the job, or else they pulled the strings or else they let it happen. In any case they were involved."

Police Chief Charles Batchelor of Dallas said: "We are standing on the reports of the investigation by the Warren Commission and will have no comment on the statements attributed to General de Gaulle."

The White House also refused to comment. Asked if De Gaulle had ever told the U.S. government he had such a view of the assassination, White House press secretary George Christian replied: "I never heard of it at all until this moment."

Excerpts from the 700-page book, "The General's Tragedy" (La Tragedie du General), were published by the magazine Paris Match.

The Warren Commission said Oswald killed the President and there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

Tournoux, who has access to persons close to De Gaulle, did not present the passage as an interview with De Gaulle

Crime Probe Witness Cited Before Judge

A witness before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which is investigating organized crime here has been cited before Judge Matthew H. Braniff for failure to answer a question.

He is George Stokes, a printer, who was asked in open court if he had ever printed cards commonly called football cards.

ON THE ADVICE of his attorney, Milton Brener, Stokes took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer the question on the grounds that it tended to incriminate him.

Judge Braniff gave Brener until Monday to file a memorandum with the court on why Stokes should not be made to answer that question.

The judge gave the district attorney's office until Wednesday to file its answer to the

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THE JUDGE ALSO ordered that Stokes appear before the Grand Jury again next Thursday at its next regular session.

Stokes was taken before the judge late yesterday