

Oswald Told FBI of Plot To Kill JFK, Says DA

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District Attorney Jim Garrison said here today that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting as a federal informant, told the FBI five days before the assassination of John F. Kennedy that an attempt would be made on the President's life.

Garrison speaking at a press conference at the Monteleone Hotel, said he has evidence that those involved in a conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy had a final meeting Sunday Nov. 17, 1963.

"That day, the FBI sent out a TWX (interbureau telegram) announcing that on Nov. 22, an attempt will be made to assassinate John F. Kennedy in Dallas."

OSWALD, WHO WAS SHOT IN DALLAS by Jack Ruby two days after Kennedy's death, was identified by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin involved in the shooting of the President.

Garrison, who has been conducting his own investigation of the president's death for more than a year, said today that Oswald was employed as an FBI informant, that those involved in the conspiracy knew Oswald was an informant and intended all along to "make him the goat."

He said the telegram containing the alleged plot information "went to J. Edgar Hoover. What came down to the President, you can judge for yourself in that he was allowed to ride without a bubbletop (on his car) in that parade in Dallas."

Hoover is director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Garrison said that Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, Calif., whom he charged last week with conspiring to assassinate the President, tried in 1964 to work up support in California for Hoover as a presidential candidate.

He was unsuccessful, Garrison said, because "the assassination team just wasn't that large."

THE DA SAID THAT, while he does not believe that President Johnson was involved in the assassination, he considers him an active accessory after the fact.

He called the President the "most active person in the country in protecting the assassins of President Kennedy."

Garrison said he has "mixed emotions" about accelerating his probe as an issue in the upcoming presidential campaign.

He said he thinks he is a Democrat, "but if you elect a man who knowingly concealed evidence of the death of his predecessor, you might as well let him hold office indefinitely."

THE PRESIDENT had to know, the DA said, that "Oswald did not pull that trigger and he had to know it before sunset Nov. 22, 1963."

He referred to George Orwell's novel, "1984" and quoted a passage which says, "He who controls the past controls the future." Garrison said, "That is the Johnson philosophy."

"He (Johnson) can't be allowed to get away with it," Garrison said in his attack on evidence concealed by the government.

GARRISON DECLINED to discuss his case against Bradley, the latest man charged. He said the Bradley case will

not delay the trial of Clay L. Shaw, who was charged with conspiracy in the assassination, last March 1 and is scheduled to go to trial in February.

He indicated that he does not expect any trouble getting Bradley arrested on a fugitive warrant.

Asked if he expects any trouble in getting Bradley extradited from California, Garrison said he does not know. He said he does know he has not been able to extradite anyone from "states with Democratic governors." California Gov. Ronald Reagan is a Republican.

Garrison emphasized repeatedly during the conference that when he speaks of "right-wing, militant individuals" he is not speaking about "conservatives" as such.

* Paris Flammonde (The Kennedy Conspiracy, p. 200) points out that in addition to Reagan, Gov. Rhodes of Ohio (Gordon Novel) and Gov. Ticmann of Nebraska (Sandra Moffett) are also Republicans.