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NEW YORK (AP)-WILLIAM H. GURVICH, WHO HAS WORKED AS NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S CHIEF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, SAYS HE HAS "GRAVE MISGIVINGS" ABOUT THE INQUIRY.

GURVICH TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES IN AN INTERVIEW BEFORE LEAVING NEW YORK CITY FOR NEW ORLEANS SATURDAY NIGHT THAT HE WOULD ASK GARRISON TO TAKE "AN ENTIRELY NEW LOOK AT THE WHOLE MATTER."

A MEMBER OF GARRISON'S STAFF SAID FRIDAY THAT GURVICH "HAS NOT BEEN PART OF THE KENNEDY INVESTIGATION FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS."

GURVICH DENIED THIS STATEMENT IN THE INTERVIEW.

GURVICH SAID HIS MISGIVINGS CONCERNED "THE BEHAVIOR OF CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURES EMPLOYED IN THIS CASE."

"WHEN I RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS," HE SAID, "I EXPECT TO CONFRONT MR. GARRISON AS A GENTLEMAN, AS A FRIEND AND AS HIS CHIEF AIDE."

"I WILL THOROUGHLY EXPLAIN MY FEELINGS TO HIM AND ASK HIM TO TAKE AN ENTIRELY NEW LOOK AT THE WHOLE MATTER. THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WILL DETERMINE MY STATUS AS A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF."

GURVICH, 41, SAID HE HAD "NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DIST. ATTY. GARRISON DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY HATCHED IN NEW ORLEANS."

"HE IS SINCERE IN THAT BELIEF," GURVICH SAID.

GURVICH, DECLINING TO LIST HIS SPECIFIC MISGIVINGS, SAID HE "WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EXTENSIVE AND THOROUGH SEARCHES MADE IN THE GATHERING OF EVIDENCE TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS THAT DEVELOP."

"UP TO NOW," HE SAID, "THIS STANDARD AND PROFESSIONAL METHOD OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION WAS NOT ALWAYS USED IN ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION."

GURVICH HAD BEEN VISITING IN NEW YORK FOR A WEEK.

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