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NEW YORK AP - Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans said Saturday an investigation by his office has convinced him that "the conclusion of the Warren Report that President Kennedy was killed by a lone assassin is a fairy tale."

Garrison made the comment on a half-hour National Broadcasting Co. television program in reply to a June 19 NBC show in which the network accused the district attorney of using improper methods in his probe of the Kennedy assassination.

"In the months to come you will learn to your own satisfaction that President Kennedy was not killed by a lone assassin," Garrison said, adding:

"You will learn that there has been and continues to be a concerted effort to keep you from learning the facts, and you will learn, I assure you, that what I have been trying to tell you and what I am telling you tonight is true."

"President Kennedy was assassinated by men who sought to obtain a radical change for our foreign policy, particularly with regard to Cuba," he contended.

In his talk, Garrison was critical of NBC for what he termed inaccuracies it presented in the June 19 show.

The network, which donated the time to Garrison to answer its claims that his probe was improper, issued a statement following the showing of the taped Garrison talk.

"Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said nothing in his program tonight that alters the information developed by NBC news about the methods

he used in pressing his theory of the Kennedy assassination,"

the network said.

The network said Garrison made only two specific mentions of the NBC program and added:

"NBC News had reported that it had located the true Clay Bertrand and that his name had been given to the United States Department of Justice."

Garrison claimed the man denied he is Bertrand.

"NBC News stands by the statement made on its program," the network said.

Clay Shaw, a New Orleans businessman and retired military officer, has been charged by Garrison with conspiring in 1963 to slay the President.

Garrison said John Cancler, who had appeared on the NBC program, had been called before the grand jury and was asked the truth about his statements on the program. Mr. Cancler refused to answer, invoking the Fifth Amendment.

The network said that "the fact that he availed himself of his constitutional rights does not affect the truth of his statements."

In both cases, Garrison said, NBC fell silent when he pointed up his criticism of people and things said on the June 19 program.

"In my considered judgment," Garrison said, "There has been an effort to prejudice in advance the potential jurors in the trial of this Shaw case. ↓

“As a matter of fact, the National Broadcasting Co. has already had the trial. The defendant was found innocent and the district attorney was convicted.”

Garrison also criticized Newsweek magazine on the grounds that it had carried an article saying his office had attempted to bribe a man in the case.

“It later turned out that his story and their article was totally untrue.”

“The police investigators in my office were found innocent of any wrongdoing in a serious investigation conducted by the police department,” he said. “However, Newsweek has made virtually no mention of that.”

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