

17 July 1967

EB43

GARRISON-NBC 290

NEW YORK (AP)-NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON HAS TOLD A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT "IN THE MONTHS TO COME YOU WILL LEARN TO YOUR OWN SATISFACTION THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS NOT KILLED BY A LONE ASSASSIN," BUT RATHER "BY MEN WHO SOUGHT TO OBTAIN A RADICAL CHANGE FOR OUR FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO CUBA."

HE ADDED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION'S LONE ASSASSIN THEORY "IS A FAIRY TALE."

GARRISON COMMENTED SATURDAY NIGHT ON A HALF-HOUR NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. PROGRAM IN REPLYING TO A JUNE 19 NBC SHOW CRITICAL OF METHODS USED IN HIS PROBE OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS, NOV. 22, 1963. THE NETWORK HAD OFFERED HIM AIR TIME TO REPLY.

AFTER HIS TV APPEARANCE, NBC COMMENTED: "DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON SAID NOTHING IN HIS PROGRAM TONIGHT THAT ALTERS THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY NBC NEWS ABOUT THE METHODS HE USED . . ."

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS CHARGED CLAY SHAW, A NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN, WITH CONSPIRING WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND DAVID FERRIE, BOTH NOW DEAD, TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED OSWALD AS THE SOLE ASSASSIN AND SAID IT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY.

GARRISON SAID ON HIS TAPED PROGRAM, "IN MY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT, THERE HAS BEEN AN EFFORT TO PREJUDICE IN ADVANCE THE POTENTIAL JURORS IN THE TRIAL OF THIS SHOW 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 CLAIMED THAT NBC PRESENTED INACCURACIES ON ITS JUNE 19 SHOW.

NBC REPORTED IT LOCATED THE TRUE CLAY BERTRAND (GARRISON CONTENDS BERTRAND WAS AN ALIAS FOR SHAW) AND GAVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. GARRISON REPLIED THAT THE MAN TO WHOM NBC REFERRED DENIED HE IS BERTRAND.

"NBC NEWS STANDS BY THE STATEMENT MADE ON ITS PROGRAM," THE NETWORK SAID IN REBUTTAL.

NNJW909ACD JULY 17