

Pistol Killed Kennedy, Garrison Says

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DALLAS — New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison said last night that it was not a rifle shot that killed President John Kennedy, but a bullet from a .45 caliber pistol fired from a sewer opening.

Garrison made his statement in a copyrighted television interview by Murphy Martin of WFAA-TV.

Garrison said medical reports of Kennedy's death showed a gunshot wound of the left temple and, Garrison added, "the President was shot in the right side also and at least two times in the front."

The Warren Commission report concluded Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, firing from the rear of the Kennedy motorcade in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The commission report said the fatal shots were fired from the Texas School Book Depository building.

SHOWS PICTURE

Garrison produced a picture he said was taken 10 minutes after the assassination. He said it showed a federal agent picking up a bullet found on the ground surrounded by pieces of flesh.

"The bullet was fired from a small-arms," Garrison said. "It could not possibly have fit in a rifle — much less Lee Oswald's."

Garrison said the man who fired the fatal bullet stood in

a manhole opening and escaped through a drainage system under the streets of Dealey Plaza.

The federal government, he said, "had to know 10 minutes after the assassination that Lee Oswald could not have done it. Lyndon Johnson had to know it."

Asked by Martin of the identity of the man with the .45 pistol, Garrison said.

"We now have a number of names of individuals who operated at the top level in the alleged assassination plot.

"I'd say four," he added. "But I'd rather not speculate who was standing where."

A 'FRAUD'

Garrison reiterated earlier accusations that the Warren Commission was a "fraud" and the federal government concealed evidence "at every opportunity."

He accused President Johnson of deliberately concealing pertinent evidence and called him "the man who had the most to gain from the assassination."

Garrison said he had had six files made of the evidence he had gathered so that somebody else can carry on the investigation "if I am unable to." He said the five copies had been sent to various persons he did not name.

"I want every man, woman and child to know that they have been lied to by their government," he said.