

Garrison Says Assassin Killed Kennedy From Sewer Manhole

DALLAS, Dec. 10 (AP)—Jim Garrison, District Attorney of New Orleans, said on a television show last night that President Kennedy was killed with a .45-caliber bullet fired by a man standing in a sewer manhole.

Mr. Garrison spoke on a copyrighted production by WFAA-TV in Dallas.

The district attorney showed an interviewer, Murphy Martin, and the television audience pictures that he said were of a "Federal agent" picking up a .45-caliber bullet that Mr. Garrison said was the "bullet that killed Kennedy."

The Warren Commission that investigated the assassination said the shots involved 6.5-mm bullets from a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle owned and used by Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin.

Standing beside and watching the man picking up the bullet were two men the district attorney identified as a Dallas policeman and a Dallas County sheriff's deputy.

Mr. Garrison said he could not identify by name any of the three men but said the picture was taken less than 10 minutes after President Kennedy was shot.

He said the man whose bullet killed the President had stood in a manhole that connects with a drainage system under Dealey Plaza. He said the assassin, after shooting Mr. Kennedy in the right temple, escaped by going through 18-inch and 30-inch sewer pipes under the plaza.

Mr. Garrison said the man picking up the bullet in the picture "had to be a Federal agent" because the deputy sheriff and the policeman other-

wise would not have allowed him to touch it.

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," he said.

Saying he was "tired of hearing people talk of there being no new evidence in the assassination," Mr. Garrison showed pictures of manhole covers leading into the drainage system.

"The man who killed President Kennedy fired a .45-caliber pistol" and then fled through the drainage system to another part of the city, he said.

"We went into the sewer one morning in Dallas," he added, "and we found that a man can fit into it very easily."

A man standing in a manhole behind the picket fence on the north side of the plaza can easily see the occupants of a car on Elm Street, Mr. Garrison reported, displaying a photograph he said was taken from that point.

Asked by Mr. Martin about the identity of the man with the pistol, he 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, but I'd rather not speculate who was standing where."

Mr. Garrison reiterated earlier accusations that the Warren Commission was a "fraud" and that the Federal Government had 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."