

State Police Aid in DA Probe Is Confirmed

Gov. John J. McKeithen has confirmed that the State Police loaned an investigator to District Attorney Jim Garrison in his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

However, the governor said he did not know whether it was Lt. Francis Fruge, who was named yesterday by Legislative Auditor J. B. Lancaster as one of two persons who collected \$17,431 in expense money from the state.

LANCASTER yesterday called for recovery of the money he said was paid to Fruge and Mrs. Anne Dischler, who allegedly worked together on a mysterious investigation.

Later, Public Safety Director Thomas D. Burbank told newsmen that Fruge had been on loan to Garrison and made "several trips" to Fort Worth and performed other duties for the DA.

Asked about this, McKeithen said:

"I DID NOT know we had a Lt. Fruge on the state police. My recollection is that we did lend a person to Mr. Garrison."

Lancaster said he has been unable to relate the expenses paid to Lt. Fruge and Mrs. Dischler, who worked for the State Revenue Department and the State Sovereignty Commission "with official duties assigned to them.

"Unless these expenses can be justified as necessary . . . (the departments involved) should take any action necessary to recover the amounts in question."