

Garrison Says He Knows and Will Tell

Who Killed Kennedy?

(Last in a Series.)

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NEW ORLEANS (NEA) — If you like James Bond, you'll love the Garrison Case, except that if you accept its main thesis, it is much more compelling and frightening.

To file the conspiracy according to Jim Garrison in its alphabetical perspective, you need only three initials: "CIA."

At the crux of the Garrison answer to who killed John F. Kennedy at Dallas in 1963, there are three principal ingredients.

1. Elements of the Central Intelligence Agency.
2. Right-wing extremists who hated Kennedy for what they considered his coddling of international communism.
3. A handful of anti-Castro Cuban activists who loathed Kennedy because they blamed him for bungling the Bay of Pigs and came to distrust him further after the Cuban Missile Crisis of late 1962.

Garrison, himself a states righter and moderate conservative, blames the assassination of Kennedy, not on a Communist as the Warren Commission did, but on a growing band of right-wing radicals inside and

on the fringes of a government framework.

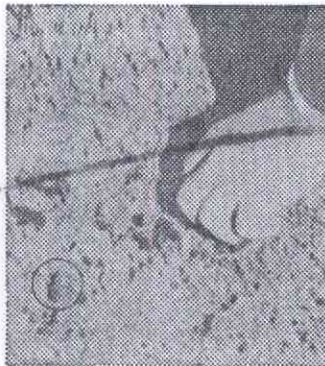
He believes and has said publicly that the government is in danger of sliding into the hands of military-minded radicals who believe they can solve the nation's problems and effectively combat communism with a

freer — or if you like, a tighter — hand.

A few months ago, the New Orleans district attorney told a national magazine: "Huey Long once said, 'Fascism will come to America in the name of anti-fascism.' I'm afraid, based on my own experience, that fascism will come to America in the

name of national security."

To this general thesis, Garrison added in an interview with Newspaper Enterprise Association that his office has been able to "establish without contradiction" that Lee Harvey Oswald was never a Communist or a confused left-leaning youth, as the Warren Commission said.



Man, left, allegedly is picking up "something" near Texas Book Depository. Circled item in closeup is said to be a ".45-caliber armor-piercing bullet." Garrison says blond man in first and third photos is a "government agent."



JIM GARRISON'S PHOTOS: WHAT DO THEY PROVE?



THESE PICTURES allegedly show suspects being arrested shortly after Kennedy's assassination. Garrison says these men were accomplices.

"He was, when he went to Russia and when he was in New Orleans during the summer of 1963, a paid employe of the United States government."

More specifically, Garrison said he will show that Oswald worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and that his "Communist pose was nothing but a front for other activities."

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In fact, said Garrison, Oswald was helping anti-Castro militants by "playing the role of a hired Communist and presenting a tangible, clear and present danger upon which the anti-Castro sympathizers could base their appeals for money and arms."

When the shots were fired in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963, he said, Oswald "probably did not shoot anyone."

"Ultimately, he was the fall guy who took the rap and was eliminated by Jack Ruby, who was serving the same cause in Dallas."

Then if Oswald was not the assassin, who was? And why were they not detected?

To this question, Garrison produced a set of photographs.

The first, a series of three, shows a man with blond hair and white socks, leaning down to pick up something on the South side of Elm Street. Behind him is the Texas School Book Depository, the electric clock on its roof showing the time as 12:40 — 20 minutes after the assassination.

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There is a blowup of that photograph, made by Garrison's office from the negative, depicting the reaching hand of the man with blond hair. Garrison identified several dark smudges on the grass below the reaching hand as the brain tissue and blood of John Kennedy. In front of those smudges is a square-based object with an elliptical head.

"That is a .45 caliber armor-piercing bullet," the District Attorney said. "It may be the bullet which blew off John Kennedy's head."

"You'll notice in the third picture," he said, "that the blond man is turning away with his fist clenched as if he is holding something."

According to the Warren Commission report, both Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally were struck by 6.5 millimeter slugs from a Mannlicher Carcano rifle fired from the school book depository. There is no mention of 45s.

Garrison said the blond man

in the photograph is a government agent whose identity his office has established.

"Since there was never any mention of finding that slug," Garrison said, "we can only conclude the man in the picture was part of a cleanup squad assigned to suppress evidence."

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If there were shots other than those from the School Book Depository, who fired them and from what vantage points?

"The preponderant majority of witnesses questioned in Dealey Plaza after the assassination," Garrison said, "concluded that the shots came from the north side of the Dealey Plaza in the vicinity of the grassy knoll."

"There is the stockade fence there which offers a perfect vantage point. And there is a storm sewer, which is almost like a pillbox. A man can stand up in it and have a perfect view of a passenger in a passing convertible."

But, if there were other assassins, what happened to them? Here, Garrison produced two more photographs.

One showed two men in the company of police officers, who apparently were placing them inside a squad car. The other depicted two men being led into what Garrison said was the sheriff's office of Dallas County.

"There were 10 men arrested in a freight car behind the arcade near the grassy knoll," he said. "Those are four of them. Why don't you ask the Dallas police what happened to them."

Inquiries at Dallas produced little result. A spokesman for the Dallas police and the Dallas County sheriff's office said there was no record of the men arrested that day. Neither is there a record of the men being questioned. The Warren Commission did not mention them.

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"We have established that they were all released as soon as Officer Tippett was killed and Oswald was arrested," Garrison said. "Yet, now we know who some of them are, and we know they were involved."

The final question, then, is what was the motive for Kennedy's murder, especially if elements of the CIA were involved?

"This is difficult for Ameri-

cans to grasp," the towering DA said, "because we didn't have, until recently, much experience with credibility gaps and a government which conspires against the elemental principles of democracy."

"But the plain fact is that John Kennedy, as evidenced in his friendly overtures to Castro

and his sponsorship of a nuclear test ban treaty, was moving toward a real diplomatic detente with the Communists. He was killed by right wingers who despised that policy, and right wing elements of that sort suffuse the CIA."

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