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JFK DEATH**Garrison's Theory
Backed by Computer**

A computer specialist in New York contends that a computer analysis of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy reveals conclusions similar to those reached by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Richard E. Sprague reports in a 32-page article in the May issue of Computers and Automation Magazine that computerized "evidence" shows that at least four gunmen—none of them Lee Harvey Oswald—were involved in the shooting and as many as 50 persons may have been involved in an assassination conspiracy.

Sprague, president of a computer research firm in Hardsdale, N. Y., said his findings were based on computer analysis of 500 still photographs taken at the time of the assassination and partial analysis of movie sequences.

Garrison also based much of his theory on photographs.

S P R A G U E SAID each photograph was coded to describe the actions of every person pictured and the information fed into a computerized data bank.

The findings that emerged through use of cross-references disproved the findings by the Warren Commission that Oswald was the sole assassin, Sprague said.

Sprague said his data showed that six shots were fired at Kennedy as he rode through Dallas' Dealey Plaza in an open limousine on Nov. 22, 1963.

One shot missed, Sprague said, one hit Texas Gov. John B. Connally Jr. and four hit Kennedy, two in the head, one in the back and one in the throat.

TWO OF THE shots were fired from the Texas School Book Depository building where the Warren Commission placed Oswald, Sprague said, but he contended that Oswald was not there at the time.

Sprague said two other shots came from the Dal-Tex Building further to the rear of the motorcade, and one came from the front near a five-foot stockade fence. He said the sixth and fatal shot was fired from a grassy knoll slightly ahead of Kennedy's car and to the right.

Sprague said the photographs and other items obtained indicated that among observers of the assassination there was one man who may have acted as a visual coordinator for the gunmen and another who acted as a liaison through use of a short-wave radio.

"In fact, about six persons who participated in the conspiracy have admitted their participation and described what happened in their own involvement," Sprague wrote. He called for an "untainted" congressional committee of investigation to look into political assassinations.