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WITH NEW ORLEANS

MIAMI, FLA., FEB. 20 (AP)-A CUBAN EXILE WHO HELPED THE SECRET SERVICE GUARD PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY HERE FOUR DAYS BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION SAYS HE IS GOING TO NEW ORLEANS AT THE REQUEST OF THAT CITY'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON.

THE EXILE, 32-YEAR-OLD BERNARDO TORRES, SAID HE WOULD LEAVE FOR NEW ORLEANS TODAY ACCOMPANIED BY RALPH BEQUER, HIS PARTNER IN A PRIVATE DETECTIVE BUSINESS.

TORRES, WHO SAID YESTERDAY HE BELIEVES THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WILL BE PROVED INCOMPLETE, HAS BEEN HELPING GARRISON IN A PROBE LOOKING TOWARD REOPENING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE.

"ANOTHER CHAPTER WILL BE ADDED TO THE WARREN REPORT WHEN THE INVESTIGATION IS RELEASED," SAID TORRES.

TORRES SAID HE WAS ONE OF 10 CUBANS WHO HELPED PROTECT KENNEDY IN MIAMI, WHICH HAS A LARGE CUBAN COLONY. HE SAID THE SECRET SERVICE HAD ASKED TRUSTED CUBANS TO SPOT SUSPICIOUS CUBANS.

TORRES SAID GARRISON ENGAGED HIM TO LOOK INTO THE BACKGROUND OF SOME CUBANS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD, NAMED AS KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN, SHORTLY BEFORE KENNEDY WAS SHOT NOV. 22, 1963, IN DALLAS.

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