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FIRST LEAD FERRIE DEATH (A21 ET SEQ)

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 22 (AP)-DAVID W. FERRIE, A CENTRAL FIGURE IN DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN K. KENNEDY, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED TODAY. HE WAS NUDE, AND A BEDSHEET WAS PULLED OVER HIS HEAD.

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FEB. ONLY LAST SATURDAY FERRIE HAD TOLD THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS INVESTIGATING HIM BECAUSE "SUPPOSEDLY I HAVE BEEN PEGGED AS THE GETAWAY PILOT IN AN ELABORATE PLOT TO KILL KENNEDY." FERRIE CALLED GARRISON'S PROBE "A BIG JOKE."

POLICE SAID IT WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED WHETHER FERRIE'S DEATH WAS MURDER, SUICIDE OR RESULTED FROM NATURAL CAUSES. THEY SAID A QUANTITY OF PILLS WAS FOUND NEAR THE BODY.

DETECTIVES QUESTIONED A YOUTH WHO REPORTEDLY FOUND THE BODY. HE APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 23, WITH SANDY BLOND HAIR COMBED LONG, WITH FULL SIDEBURNS. A POLICEMAN SAID THE YOUTH WAS A FRIEND OF FERRIE AND ONE OF HIS CO-WORKERS.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD TWO MEN MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE OF FERRIE'S APARTMENT LAST NOVEMBER.

FERRIE WAS ARRESTED SHORTLY AFTER THE NOV. 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY AND QUESTIONED. HE WAS RELEASED AFTER THE ARREST OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN DALLAS.

FERRIE OPERATED A FLYING SERVICE HERE AND WAS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.

HE SAID SATURDAY HE AND TWO FRIENDS DROVE TO TEXAS THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION.

"WE WENT TO HOUSTON, GALVESTON AND THEN BACK TO ALEXANDRIA, LA.," FERRIE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

WHEN HE RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS, HE SAID, HE WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

FERRIE SAID HE WAS CALLED INTO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LAST NOVEMBER AND ASKED ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES THE WEEK KENNEDY WAS SHOT.

GARRISON BEGAN HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION LAST OCTOBER. HE SAID SATURDAY HE EXPECTS TO PROVE A CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED HERE AND THAT IT LED TO THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS. ARRESTS WILL BE MADE AND CONVICTIONS OBTAINED, GARRISON SAID.

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NEW ORLEANS --~~THIRD ADD FERRIE DEATH (A21NU)~~ X X X GARRISON SAID. FERRIE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW SATURDAY THAT WHILE HE WAS IN TEXAS IN 1963, 13 LAW OFFICERS, INCLUDING GARRISON, ENTERED HIS HOME AND CARTED OFF BOOKS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

"THEY TOOK A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MY PROPERTY," HE SAID.

FERRIE SAID HE WENT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WAS BOOKED AS A FUGITIVE FROM TEXAS. HE SAID HE ASKED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI. AFTER THAT INTERVIEW THE FBI QUESTIONED HIM. HE WAS RELEASED.

GARRISON SAID HIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED BY DISCLOSURE OF THE INVESTIGATION LAST FRIDAY. AS A RESULT, HE SAID, ARRESTS WOULD BE MONTHS AWAY.

GARRISON COULD NOT BE REACHED IMMEDIATELY FOR COMMENT ON FERRIE'S DEATH.

PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THE OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT LISTED FERRIE'S DEATH AS UNCLASSIFIED.

WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTIONING LAST NOVEMBER, FERRIE SAID HE ASKED TO SEE A COPY OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE FBI. HE SAID HE DID NOT SEE A COPY AND WAS RELEASED.

IN HIS QUESTIONING LAST NOVEMBER, FERRIE SAID, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR LOUIS IVON TOLD HIM THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD "POSITIVELY UNCOVERED A PLOT IN NEW ORLEANS TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY."

FERRIE SAID THE FBI FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN HIM AFTER A MAN IDENTIFIED AS ED VOBLE OF NEW ORLEANS REPORTED HE SERVED WITH OSWALD IN A CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIT COMMANDED BY FERRIE.

ACTUALLY, FERRIE SAID, VOBLE WAS IN THE MOISANT SQUADRON AND "I WAS IN THE LAKEFRONT SQUADRON." FERRIE SAID HE NEVER KNEW OSWALD, IDENTIFIED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE MAN WHO SHOT KENNEDY NOV. 22, 1963.

FERRIE SAID HE DOUBTED THE EXISTENCE OF A CONSPIRACY.

"MY ASSESSMENT OF OSWALD IS THAT HE WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF CONSPIRING BECAUSE HE WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF ANY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, ESPECIALLY ANYTHING AS DELICATE AS A CONSPIRACY TO KILL," FERRIE SAID.

FERRIE IS LISTED IN THE CITY DIRECTORY AS A PSYCHOLOGIST.

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NEW ORLEANS--SIXTH ADD FERRIE DEATH (A21NU) X X X A PSYCHOLOGIST.  
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION BY FREDERICK O'SULLIVAN,  
A DETECTIVE ON THE NEW ORLEANS VICE SQUAD IN 1964, CONNECTED OSWALD  
AND FERRIE.

O'SULLIVAN, TESTIFYING IN 1964, SAID OSWALD HAD BRIEFLY JOINED  
A LOCAL CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIT.

A DAVID FERRIE, O'SULLIVAN TESTIFIED, WAS IN CHARGE OF A NEW  
ORLEANS CAP UNIT BUT O'SULLIVAN WAS NOT SURE WHETHER HE WAS OSWALD'S  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

O'SULLIVAN WAS ASKED BY THE COMMISSION IF HE KNEW WHETHER  
OSWALD WAS ASSOCIATED WITH OR KNEW FERRIE THROUGH THE CAP.

"NO, I AM NOT SURE," O'SULLIVAN REPLIED.

O'SULLIVAN SAID THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION HE WENT THROUGH ALL  
THE OLD CAP FILES THAT WERE AVAILABLE, TRYING TO GET ANY INFORMATION  
HE COULD FOR THE SECRET SERVICE.

"WE FOUND PAPERS SIGNED BY FERRIE, BUT NOTHING IN RELATION TO  
OSWALD," O'SULLIVAN TESTIFIED.

O'SULLIVAN WENT ON TO TELL THE COMMISSION THAT HE BELIEVED FERRIE  
HAD BEEN ARRESTED AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS  
OSWALD SITUATION.

"I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT HE WAS CHARGED WITH, I BELIEVE  
JUST M M M UNDER INVESTIGATION OR WHATEVER IT WAS, I DON'T KNOW."

DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF FERRIE, O'SULLIVAN SAID HE AND LT.  
PAUL DWYER, OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHECKED FERRIE'S  
AIRPLANE AT THE NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT "TO SEE IF IT WAS FLYABLE,  
TO SEE POSSIBLY WHETHER HE HAD BEEN FLYING IT LATELY WITH THE THOUGHT  
THAT HE MAY HAVE TRANSPORTED OSWALD TO DALLAS.

".WE FOUND HIS PLANE, BUT HIS PLANE WAS NOT IN FLYABLE CONDITION.  
IT HAD FLAT TIRES, INSTRUMENTS MISSING, NEEDED A PAINT JOB," HE  
TESTIFIED.

THE OFFICERS ALSO CHECKED IF FERRIE HAD RENTED AN AIRCRAFT  
FROM ANYONE AT THE AIRPORT AND SAID ONE COMPANY TOLD THEM THEY  
WOULD NOT RENT TO FERRIE BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY.

ANOTHER CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF OSWALD, EDWARD VOEBEL, TOLD THE  
COMMISSION THAT HE AND OSWALD HAD JOINED THE CAP UNIT BUT THAT  
OSWALD ONLY ATTENDED TWO OR THREE MEETINGS AND THEN "JUST QUIT COMING,  
SO I FIGURED HE HAD LOST INTEREST IN THE WHOLE THING."

PART OF THE CAP TRAINING INVOLVED FIRING .22 CALIBER RIFLES, BUT  
O'SULLIVAN SAID HE DID NOT RECALL OSWALD EVER TAKING PART IN THAT  
PHASE.

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