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NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 27 (AP)-THE BODY OF DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE--WHO
DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISO

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SAYS WAS ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES IN HIS
INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION--REMAINED UNCLAIMED TODAY
AT THE CITY MORGUE.

GARRISON, WHO SAYS HE'LL PROVE A CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED IN NEW
ORLEANS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY, REMAINED SECLUDED.

THERE WERE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN THE PROBE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS INITIAL REPORT IN A COPYRIGHT STORY
10 DAYS AGO OF THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION, THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-
ITEM HAD NO FRONT PAGE STORY ON THE PROBE TODAY.

FERRIE, 48, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT LAST WEDNESDAY.
CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA SAYS HE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES--A CEREBRAL
HEMORRHAGE. GARRISON INSISTED IT WAS SUICIDE.

SOMETIME PILOT, SOMETIME PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, FERRIE INSISTED IN
INTERVIEWS BEFORE HIS DEATH HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963. HE SAID
GARRISON WAS TRYING TO FINGER HIM AS THE "GET-AWAY PILOT" IN AN
ALLEGED PLOT.

FERRIE LIVED ALONE. A NATIVE OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FERRIE HAD MADE
NEW ORLEANS HIS HOME FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS. ?

IN DALLAS, MEANWHILE, SERGIO ARCACHA, A PRO-CASTRO CUBAN DIPLOMAT,
SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OR OF THE INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED BY GARRISON.

TWO GARRISON INVESTIGATORS WERE IN DALLAS OVER THE WEEKEND TO
QUESTION ARCACHA BUT THEY DECLINED TO QUIZ HIM WHEN ARCACHA INSISTED
DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS BE PRESENT.

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ARCACHA, 44, WORKS IN THE EXPORT DEPARTMENT OF A DALLAS AIR-
CONDITIONING MANUFACTURING COMPANY. HE TOLD NEWSMEN HE LEFT CUBA 26
DAYS AFTER CASTRO CAME TO POWER AND WAS A DELEGATE FROM THE CUBAN
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN NEW ORLEANS, HELPING TO COORDINATE PLANS
FOR THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION UNTIL 1962.

ARCACHA REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE KNEW FERRIE.

NEW ORLEANS POLICE SAY THEIR RECORDS SHOW OFFICERS STOPPED TWO YOUNG MEN IN AN AUTO ON AUG. 30, 1961, AND FOUND A PISTOL AND A MAKEUP KIT WITH A WIG. THE YOUTHS TOOK THEM TO THE HOME OF SERGIO ARCACHA, THE POLICE REPORT CONTINUED, AND ARCACHA'S WIFE SAID THE PISTOL AND KIT BELONGED TO FERRIE, WHO HAD BEEN AT THE HOUSE A SHORT TIME EARLIER.

THE YOUTHS WERE RELEASED.

AUTHORITIES SAY FERRIE HAS RELATIVES IN OTHER CITIES BUT NONE HAVE COME FORWARD TO CLAIM THE BODY FOR BURIAL.

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