

Garrison's Aides Said to Plan Use of Hypnosis on Witnesses

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NEW ORLEANS, March 10 —Investigators for District Attorney Jim Garrison were reported today to be considering the use of hypnosis and sodium pentothal in an effort to jog the memory of witnesses in an alleged Kennedy assassination plot.

The reports came from a source close to the investigation and, in part, from The New Orleans States-Item, the afternoon newspaper here.

The source, who knows several of Mr. Garrison's investigators, said they told him that they believed that "deep hypnosis" might help witnesses remember details that would support Mr. Garrison's assertion that the death of President Kennedy was the result of a conspiracy hatched in New Orleans.

Meanwhile, The States-Item said it had learned that Mr. Garrison's staff was trying to persuade Dean Andrews Jr., a New Orleans lawyer, to submit to hypnosis, sodium pentothal (truth serum) or a polygraph (lie detector) test.

Test's Aims Not Given

But the newspaper did not say whether the tests were to be used to jog Mr. Andrews's memory or in an effort to support his statement that he once knew Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy. "I've heard rumbling," said Sam Monk Zelden, Mr. Andrews's attorney, when asked if Mr. Garrison's investigators had approached his client about the tests.

"But my man," he went on, "don't like sodium."

Mr. Zelden declined to elaborate on his statement, except

to say that he was trying to reach his client.

Mr. Andrews once told the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then denied, then said again that a man named Clay Bertrand sent Oswald and several Latin-American homosexuals to his law office.

In reaching its decision that Oswald killed President Kennedy without being a part of any conspiracy, the Warren Commission according to one of its staff members, concluded that Clay Bertrand did not exist.

Calls Bertrand an Alias

However, Mr. Garrison contends that Clay Bertrand is an alias for Clay Shaw, a retired New Orleans business executive he has arrested but not formally charged with conspiring with Oswald and "others" to kill Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Andrews has said through his attorney that he does not know whether Mr. Shaw and Clay Bertrand are the same person.

In another development today, attorneys for Mr. Shaw gained permission from a three-member panel of Criminal Court judges to enter the apartment of the late David W. Ferrie.

Mr. Garrison's office says Mr. Ferrie was a part of the conspiracy, and that he committed suicide while under investigation. But Dr. Nicholas Chetta, the Orleans Parish attorney, has ruled that Mr. Ferrie's death resulted from natural causes.

Mr. Garrison is scheduled to give details of the alleged plot on Tuesday for the first time at a preliminary hearing here before Judges Bernard J. Bagert, Malcolm V. O'Hara and Matthew S. Braniff.