

B75

Garrison CIA NL 270

NEW ORLEANS (AP)— Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who has been probing the 1963 presidential assassination, Monday urged a Senate investigation of his claim that the Central Intelligence Agency withheld information from the Warren Commission.

In an interview with the New Orleans States-Item, Garrison said he would take steps this week to convince the Senate of the need for a full-scale investigation.

The district attorney said the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation had known all along that the Warren Commission's report was wrong in its conclusion that President Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Oswald, acting alone as a free-lance communist.

Instead, said Garrison, Oswald used his previous role with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee as a cover to engage in clandestine operations with revolutionary anti-Castro Cubans and "he was shepherded everywhere he went in New Orleans by an individual known to have been in the employ of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The States-Item, which angered Garrison last Feb. 27 by revealing that he was probing what he called an assassination plot in New Orleans, last Friday published a copyrighted story linking the CIA with the investigation.

At that time, the CIA, in Washington, did not comment directly on the report, but cited testimony in which its top officials told the Warren Commission the agency had no connection with Oswald.

John A. McCone, then director of the intelligence agency, told the Commission: "Lee Harvey Oswald was never associated or connected directly or indirectly, in any way whatsoever, with the agency."

Garrison went on to say that Oswald's activities in New Orleans in the fall of 1963 were carried on with the full knowledge and consent of the CIA and the FBI.

Garrison said he did not believe that the Warren Commission was aware that significant evidence was being withheld from them.

kk924pcd May 8