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NEW ORLEANS AP -Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Friday Jack Ruby's unpublished telephone number appears in code in addressbooks belonging to Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay L. Shaw. Garrison told Criminal District Court his investigators broke a telephone number code used by both Oswald and Shaw, a retired New Orleans executive accused of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The district attorney's disclosure runs counter to the Warren Commission Report which found no indication of any link between Oswald and Ruby. Oswald was identified in the report as Kennedy's assassin. Ruby shot and killed Oswald at the Dallas police station two days after Kennedy's death on Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison's statement came in answer to motions by Shaw's attorneys asking the return of Shaw's address book, which was seized March 1 along with five cartons of materials from Shaw's handsome French Quarter home.

The New Orleans district attorney has charged that Oswald, Shaw and the late David W. Ferrie conspired here in September 1963 to kill President Kennedy.

Garrison said Shaw's address book "contains a unique address which exists also in the address book of Lee Harvey Oswald, as printed in the Warren Commission exhibits Volume XVI, Page 58."

He said both notebooks contain the same Dallas post office reference, "P. O. Box 19106."

"What makes even more significant this interesting concurrence of address is the fact that in 1963 there existed no such post office box number in Dallas," Garrison said.

"The fact is that P. O. 19106 has been found to be a coded description of an unpublished phone number in Dallas, Tex., in 1963," the district attorney said. "The code involved is one which is used in Oswald's notebook quite systematically, apparently for the purpose of concealing phone numbers he regarded as sensitive . . ."

Garrison in his answer to the defense motion, said that with many five digit numbers found in Oswald's notebook, the order of the letters A B C D E is transposed, for the purpose of coding, to A E B D C. Garrison said a reverse process is used in unscrambling.

Referring to the prefix telephone exchange letters, Garrison said :

“Oswald invariably uses the dial of the telephone as conversion machinery to convert letters into numbers and back again. He systematically adds the number values resulting in a sum which can be later broken down into the real exchange listing.”

by using the telephone dial for conversion of letters to numbers, Garrison explained, the letters “P. O.” become the digit 13. The only exchange which the number 13 converts to in Dallas, he said, is Whitehall.

the post office b9x number found in the Shaw and Oswald address books, 19106, when unscrambled, becomes 1,6901, Garrison said. By subtracting 1300 from 1-16901, he added, the result is 1-5601.

Garrison said Ruby's unpublished telephone number at Dallas in 1963 was Whitehall 1-5601.

The district attorney said Oswald used two standard numbers in coding numbers in his address book. These numbers were 1300 and 4900, he said.

Shaw was indicted March 22 on a murder conspiracy charge and is free under \$10,000 bond awaiting trial.

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In Detroit, Ruby's brother, Earl Ruby, was asked about Garrison's announcement, and he said: “I don't believe it.”

He said he didn't believe Jack Ruby had an unlisted telephone number.

“I didn't know about any such listing for him and I believe he would have told me,” Earl Ruby said.

“As far as I'm concerned, there's not one bit of truth to it,” he said. “I don't believe Jack was involved in any plot. I just don't believe it.

“what does the telephone company say?” he said. “It isn't true.”

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