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DA Has 'Evidence'--Long

U. S. Sen. Russell B. Long says he feels Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has turned up "significant evidence" of a conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In answer to questions on CBS television's "Face the Nation" yesterday, Long said an important new development in the case came Friday when Garrison reported that Jack

Ruby's unlisted telephone number, in coded form, had been found in notebooks owned by Clay L. Shaw and accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

GARRISON SEIZED Shaw's notebook and other personal effects in February, after he arrested the 54-year-old former manager of the International

Trade Mart on a charge of conspiring to assassinate Kennedy.

Since that time Shaw has been bound over for trial after a three-judge hearing, then indicted for conspiracy by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Long said yesterday that in mind the alleged telephone number is definite evidence that a conspiracy existed. The Warren Commission was able to establish no link between Oswald and Jack Ruby, the late Dallas club owner who shot him to death.

GARRISON SAID Friday he plans, at some future date, to disclose other significant coded entries in Oswald's notebook, printed in its entirety in the Warren Report.

The code, Garrison explained, involves transposition of digits according to a definite pattern, then addition or subtraction of numbers familiar to Oswald.

On the broadcast from Washington yesterday, Long commented, "I think you would say it was somewhat strange that those two men whom Garrison says were in conspiracy both had that number listed in their papers."

LONG EXPRESSED long-standing doubts that Oswald had carried out the assassination alone and said he feels that although Garrison should seek the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in his probe, he is justified in conducting an independent investigation.

The murder of Kennedy, Long contended, "was not a crime against federal law. It was a crime against the law of Louisiana. It was a crime against the law of Texas."

"Do you really think," one reporter asked Long, apparently half-jokingly, "that the New Orleans district attorney is capable of conducting a more thorough investigation than the FBI?"

The senator replied, "I'm just saying they wouldn't have handled it the way he has handled it . . . Furthermore, let's be fair about it. He felt it was his case and not theirs."

ANOTHER REPORTER asked whether, if Garrison disproved the findings of the Warren Commission, he might be seeking high political office, perhaps conflicting with the ambitions of the senator.

Long laughed and replied, "You mean he might want to run for my job? I think that everybody ought to do what his duty requires. And if you do the job that the people elect you to do, and you do what's right as your conscience sees it, the elections tend to take care of themselves."

"Do you really think Ruby, Oswald and Shaw were involved in a conspiracy?" an interviewer queried.

"**I'M SURE THERE** was a conspiracy," Long answered, adding that national interest in

Garrison's investigation has been high for some time.

At Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, author Mark Lane and fugitive witness Gordon Novel threw eggs at each other after Lane stalked away from a meeting in a downtown office building.

LANE, AUTHOR of "Rush to Judgment," a book highly critical of the Warren Report, arranged the meeting so he could question Novel, who fled New Orleans after Garrison sought him as a witness in his investigation, then was charged with the August, 1961, burglary of a Houma munitions bunker. He awaits extradition in Ohio.

The session went along smoothly, according to Novel's attorney, Jerry Weiner, until Novel started shooting questions back at Lane.

Lane got up and left, then both men held press conferences to criticize the other.

LANE, WHO claims to be a confidant of Garrison, stopped off in Columbus en route to a speech at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Novel followed Lane to the speech and, during a question-and-answer session, got up to ask a question of Lane, but was pulled down to a seat by an unidentified companion.