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DALLAS, TEX. (AP)-THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD SAID TODAY IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY THAT LEE ODOM, MENTIONED IN NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, IS A REAL PERSON LIVING IN A DALLAS SUBURB.

FURTHER, ODOM SAYS THAT THE "CODE" WHICH GARRISON CLAIMS TIED CLAY SHAW WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND JACK RUBY MAY NOT BE MYSTERIOUS OR A CODE.

In New Orleans, Garrison said "the fact that there is a real Lee Odom is not the point. The point is that Clay Shaw and Lee Oswald, nevertheless, have the same P.O. box in their address books and this P.O. box is, in encoded form, the unpublished phone number of Jack Ruby in 1963."

OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE SLAYER OF THE PRESIDENT. RUBY SHOT OSWALD TWO DAYS LATER AND HIMSELF DIED OF CANCER EARLIER THIS YEAR.

ODOM, 31, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW TUESDAY THAT "LEE ODOM, P.O. BOX 19106, DALLAS, TEX." IN SHAW'S ADDRESS BOOK HAD NO UNUSUAL MEANING. SHAW IS THE NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN GARRISON HAS ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING WITH OSWALD AND OTHERS TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY.

ODOM SAID THAT HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROMOTE A BULL FIGHT AND SHAW WAS SUGGESTED AS A "GOOD MAN TO SEE ABOUT FINDING A PLACE FOR MY BULL FIGHT." ODOM SAID THAT WAS THE REASON THE POSTOFFICE BOX NUMBER WAS IN SHAW'S ADDRESS BOOK.

"I ASKED THE MANAGER OF THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS ABOUT WHO WOULD BE A GOOD MAN TO SEE ABOUT FINDING A PLACE FOR MY BULL FIGHT," ODOM SAID. "HE SUGGESTED MR. SHAW SO I CALLED HIM-- OR THE MANAGER CALLED HIM, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY.

"HE (SHAW) CAME OVER TO THE HOTEL, AS I RECALL, AND WE TALKED 15 OR 20 MINUTES. HE GAVE ME HIS BUSINESS CARD AND I GAVE HIM MY ADDRESS IN DALLAS. THE BULL FIGHT DIDN'T COME OFF AND WE NEVER COMMUNICATED AGAIN. THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT."

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USING WHAT HE CALLED A COMPLEX DECODING SYSTEM, GARRISON SAID THAT THE NUMBER 19106 ACTUALLY WAS PART OF A CODE FOR RUBY'S UNLISTED DALLAS TELEPHONE NUMBER. THE SAME NUMBER ALSO WAS FOUND IN OSWALD'S NOTEBOOK WITHOUT ODOM'S NAME.

ODOM SAID HE RENTED THE POST OFFICE BOX OR HIS WIFE DID IT FOR HIM IN THE SUMMER OF 1966. KENNEDY WAS KILLED NOV.22, 1963.

THE BOX IN A POSTAL SUBSTATION WAS RENTED IN THE NAME OF A BARBECUE COMPANY HE WAS OPERATING AT THE TIME, SAID ODOM.

"I USED THIS ADDRESS FOR BOTH THE BARBECUE AND THE PROMOTION BUSINESS," HE SAID. HE SAID HE RETAINED THE BOX UNTIL OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

ODOM SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TELL HIS STORY TO GARRISON OR ANYONE ELSE. "I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE--MY GOODNESS," HE SAID. "YOU CAN TELL MR. SHAW THAT I AM READY TO HELP HIM IF I CAN."

HE PRODUCED FOR A REPORTER AN AIRPLANE TICKET STUB HE USED TO RETURN TO DALLAS FROM NEW ORLEANS. IT WAS DATED NOV.22. ODOM SAID THIS WAS 1966. *

LEFT UNANSWERED BY ODOM'S STORY IS THE APPEARANCE OF THE NUMBER IN BOTH OSWALD'S AND SHAW'S POSSESSION.

THE TIMES HERALD SAID IT BELIEVES BOX 19106 DID NOT COME INTO EXISTENCE HERE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF 1965 WHEN THE SUBSTATION WAS REMODELED BUT SAID IT COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS.

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