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Ex-Garrison Aide Asks Jury Probe

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — The Kennedy assassination, says William Gurvich, who announced he officially quit as chief investigator for New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison Monday, was "solved long ago by the Warren report."

Gurvich said he has sent a telegram to Albert Labiche, foreman of the Orleans Parish County grand jury, asking that the grand jury investigate Garrison.

Gurvich said Garrison had violated the rights of Clay L. Shaw and others in his investigation of President John F. Kennedy's death.

"Mr. Shaw should never have been arrested," Gurvich said.

Garrison has accused Shaw, 54, a retired businessman, of conspiring to murder Kenne-

dy, who was slain Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

A grand jury indictment charges Shaw with conspiracy and named Lee Harvey Oswald as a co-conspirator. The Warren commission said Oswald acted alone in the assassination.

Garrison, who presented evidence to the grand jury in the case, later said Oswald did not fire any shots in Dallas. Garrison contends the assassination was the work of anti-Castro Cuban exiles.

Gurvich came back to New Orleans from New York over the weekend and tried without success yesterday to see Garrison.

Shortly afterward he announced his resignation.

"I will give evidence and I will give testimony," Gurvich said last night.

He told newsmen he has a master file on the case given him by Garrison.

"I expect to tell the grand jury everything I know, and everything I tell them can be proven," Gurvich said.

Gurvich said he decided last January that there was something fishy about the inquiry. That was a month before the first public disclosure that Garrison was probing the assassination. Garrison says he began the probe last October.

Why didn't he quit in January?

He wanted to find out the whole truth," said Gurvich, and the "truth is that Garrison has no case."

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New Orleans DA's Probe Aide Quits

New Orleans

District Attorney Jim Garrison's top aide called yesterday for Garrison to re-evaluate his investigation of the Kennedy assassination and to drop a conspiracy charge against civic leader Clay L. Shaw. He then quit.

William Gurvich had planned to make his appeal personally to Garrison, but voiced it instead through the press after the district attorney declined to see him.

Gurvich's comments dealt a serious blow to an investigation that had been shaky from the start and has never appeared to have much legal

substance.

Garrison, who was not immediately available for comment, but who released a prepared statement ridiculing Gurvich's role in the investigation, knew of Gurvich's disillusionment with the case against Shaw and had put out the word that Gurvich actually had little to do with the investigation.

But Gurvich, owner of a private detective agency, has played a leading role in the probe and was the one who announced the arrest of Shaw March 1 on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

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