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CHICAGO (AP) -- WILLIAM GURVICH, FORMER CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON OF NEW ORLEANS, CHARGED TUESDAY THAT GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE IS A HOAX, AND HE SAID HE IS IN CHICAGO TO UNDERGO POLYGRAPH TESTS TO SUPPORT THE TRUTH OF HIS CHARGE.

GURVICH SAID HE TOOK THE LIE DETECTOR TESTS VOLUNTARILY BEFORE ANSWERING A SUBPOENA WEDNESDAY TO TESTIFY A GRAND JURY IN NEW ORLEANS.

"I DO NOT HAVE TO ESTABLISH MY CREDIBILITY IN NEW ORLEANS, I'VE PROVED THAT WITH MY YEARS OF SERVICE. I DO HAVE TO ESTABLISH MY TRUTHFULNESS," GURVICH SAID.

HE CHARGED THAT GARRISON CAN "PRODUCE AS MANY WITNESSES AS HE WANTS WHO WILL LIE UNDER OATH."

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HE SAID HE CAME TO CHICAGO TO HAVE THE TESTS PERFORMED BY AN INDIVIDUAL HE SAYS IS REGARDED AS THE TOP MAN IN THE POLYGRAPH FIELD. GURVICH WAS ASKED 15 QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE GARRISON PROBE DURING QUIZZING BY JOHN E. REID, HEAD OF JOHN E. REID AND ASSOCIATES.

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HE SAID HE WILL SUPPLY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY WITH COPIES OF THE TEST RESULTS. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE TEST RESULTS WILL BE ADMITTED IN HIS FAVOR.

IN NEW ORLEANS TUESDAY, WALTER SHERIDAN AND RICHARD TOWNLEY OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. WERE ARRESTED.

DURING THE LIE TEST, GURVICH SAID HE HEARD GARRISON ORDER THAT TWO TELEVISION NEWSMEN, WALTER SHERIDAN AND RICHARD TOWNLEY, BE ARRESTED. GURVICH SAID HE HEARD GARRISON TELL AN AID WHO OPPOSED THE ARRESTS, "DON'T BE SO LEGALISTIC."

SHERIDAN WAS OUT OF STATE. HE WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN LATER IN THE WEEK TO POST BOND.

GARRISON CHARGED TOWNLEY WITH ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE AND INTIMIDATE A PROBE WITNESS. TOWNLEY AND SHERIDAN WORKED ON A TELEVISION SPECIAL THAT CRITICIZED GARRISON'S METHODS OF OBTAINING EVIDENCE AGAINST CLAY SHAW, WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

GURVICH SAID THERE WAS NO REASON FOR SHAW'S ARREST. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT SHAW, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE CONSPIRED TO MURDER THE PRESIDENT.

GURVICH ADDED, "A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE GARRISON KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING, BE LET ME TELL YOU, IT'S ALL FAKE."

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