

The 'Plot' Prober

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'Robert Kennedy Obstructing Me'

New York
New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison said yesterday Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem-N.Y.)

has made "very positive efforts" to obstruct his investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"It is quite apparent to me that for one reason or another he does not want the truth to be brought out," Garrison said in an interview. "Perhaps he can explain better than I can why his political career is so important."

"will be brought to justice." Garrison said their names would be made public "and I'll tell them in advance so they can start planning to do whatever they want."

Garrison said the President's slaying November 23, 1963, in Dallas "was a Nazi operation whose sponsors included some of the oil-rich millionaires in Texas." He added that "elements of the Dallas police force are clearly involved."

Garrison's 'Money Men' Willing to Keep Paying

New Orleans

Two principal contributors to the private fund that finances District Attorney Jim Garrison's inquiry into the Kennedy assassination vow they'll keep putting up the money as long as they believe he has a case.

"We're in hopes that it's a short term deal," said Willard E. Robertson, a wealthy New Orleans civic leader, "but we're not going to disband until Mr. Garrison's case is proved or disproved."

Robertson referred to Truth and Consequences of New Orleans, Inc., an organization of 50 businessmen which has been backing Garrison since the district attorney's undercover investigation became public knowledge last February.

'TOOL'

At that time, Garrison said he couldn't maintain the secrecy he needed if public funds were used in the probe. Such expenditures would be a matter of public record.

"I knew he couldn't conduct it in a goldfish bowl," said Joseph M. Rault Jr., head of Rault Petroleum Corp., and a member of Truth and Consequences. "I believe he should be allowed

have been reopened."

Said Rault: "I believe it should be left to a judge and jury to decide whether Mr. Garrison has a case or not. We're just in this because -- as the name says -- we want the truth to come out no matter what the results are. Who knows? The consequences could be to Garrison."

to carry this thing through. We provide him with the tool, in this case, money."

Garrison disputes the verdict issued by the Warren Commission after its official investigation of the murder of President John F. Kennedy, shot in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

\$10,000

Robertson, who is chairman of Truth and Consequences, said last June 9 that the organization had donated \$9418 to Garrison's probe, and that all but \$386 had been spent. This month, he said Garrison's expenditures had totaled "a little over \$10,000, but not much more."

Garrison, he added, "has the courage to carry through an investigation most Americans think should have been reopened."

Associated Press

Garrison charged that the New York Senator "has done everything he could to obstruct the investigation and I have to conclude that he feels the development of truth about the assassination, catching the real assassins of Jack Kennedy, would interfere with his political career."

GUESS

The Louisiana official also said no other members of the Kennedy family had contacted his office "and there is no way for me to guess what their attitude is."

Garrison, who claims he knows the names of men involved in the assassination, said "most of them are in Texas and Dallas particularly where they are protected -- one, by the Dallas law enforcement establishment and, two, by the Federal government."

He said any alleged plotters residing in New Orleans

MINUTEMEN

He said the right-wing Minutemen organization was not responsible for the assassination but that "key individuals" in the alleged plot were members of the group.

"I have to emphasize that no single organization was involved," Garrison asserted. "There are Minutemen belonging to the Dallas police force and Minutemen all over the place."

"But the Minutemen organization as such is not involved. There are several individuals who are identified with the John Birch Society but again the John Birch Society is not involved in any way."

Reuters

(in another editon): Why are they contributing to the fund?

Robertson, who frequently has taken issue with the Warren Commission's conclusions, put it this way

"Truth and Consequences, a group of serious responsible citizens acting out of patriotism, is doing what it can to help find an answer to the question: 'Was there a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy?'"

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