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CIA Role in JFK Death Confirmed, He Says

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District Attorney Jim Garrison Thursday night told The Times-Picayune that his office has exchanged information with the intelligence agency of a foreign country "that successfully penetrated the assassination operation" against President John F. Kennedy.

He asserted that "the great amount of detailed information" he received from the foreign country corroborates statements he has made that Kennedy was assassinated "by elements of the Central Intelligence Agency."

Garrison declined to identify the country, except to say it is in Europe and that it is "a foreign power that militarily is on friendly terms with the United States."

Garrison, whose investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy has created a storm of controversy around the world, said that he had a representative of his office spend about one month with "the top men of their intelligence agency" (the foreign country) and that he returned here about one month ago. He did not identify the individual.

OFFICE CONTACTED

Garrison said that about three to four months ago his office was contacted by an "intermediary" from another country—also friendly to the United States—and arrangements were made for contacting and exchanging information with the country.

He described the information obtained from the foreign power as containing "more specifics" than his office had obtained.

Specifically, he said the foreign country had:

—The names of members of the Dallas police force who participated;

—Established contact with one of the assassins and learned from him the locations of the shooting points in Dealey Plaza. (Garrison listed them as the Dal-Tex Bldg.; the

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Dallas Book Depository Bldg., and two gunmen in the grassy knoll area.)

—Information about a trip David Ferrie made to Dallas for one of the alleged pre-assassination meetings, and information about other reported meetings in Dallas and elsewhere.

Garrison asserted that the foreign country made its penetration "of some of the pre-existing forces used in the assassination" while its men were on another intelligence mission in this country.

He said that because of this penetration the foreign country was "aware that something was going to happen."

EXPLAINS PENETRATION

In explaining the penetration, Garrison said:

"The assassination was accomplished by two major components.

"One of them was an element of the Central Intelligence Agency. There is no reason to indicate that the top commands of the agency knew about it at the time. They knew, of course, by sunset, and certainly it is recognized that subsequent assassinations have been standard intelligence assassinations.

"The other component was a handful of extremely powerful individuals in the industrial complex of the Southwest of the United States who had pre-existing relationships with the Central Intelligence Agency.

"And there was a very effective penetration of some of the pre-existing forces used in the assassination, so that when the time came and they began having meetings, like when David Ferrie flew to Dallas for one of the meetings, knowledge was being acquired that something was happening and they were able to pick up the material as they went along."

OBTAINING DATA

He said the foreign country had obtained "details" that his office did not have, but that in some areas his office was able to gain more data than the foreign country did.

Garrison said that because of the foreign country's bigger, more professional operation, its agents were able to follow up more on details, especially in Dallas, than his office.

Garrison said that the intelligence agency of the foreign country "has been extremely cooperative and they have made a great deal of detailed information available.

"But the real point is that it corroborates not merely that President Kennedy was killed by an organized conspiracy in which an agency of the United States government was involved, but also that the United States government has been doing everything it could to conceal this."

The district attorney also said that even if the CIA had not learned that the intelligence operation of the assassination was penetrated, "they would know by now . . . I say in the last month or so they would have had to find out . . . which means for the first time they are going to have to come to grips and begin to recognize the fact that sheer muscle don't do it anymore.

"It doesn't mean they're going to stop using it, but it means that for the first time they have to recognize they are not going to succeed in rewriting history by force like they were doing."

MAKING DISCLOSURE

Garrison said he was making the disclosure about coming in contact with the intelligence agency of the foreign country because indications are that another "CIA-inspired" campaign in magazines seems to be launched to discredit his inves-

tigation. He referred specifically to an article in The New Yorker magazine appearing this week.

Garrison also disclosed the identity of a man he described as a former CIA agent who has been working in his office for the past year. The agent had been using the name "Bill Boxley," but Thursday he identified himself as William C. Wood, a native of Texas and a former newspaper reporter, who worked for the Denver Post.

Wood said he became connected with the CIA during the 1960s and remained with the agency "for more than two, but less than five years." He asserted he worked overseas and in Washington and his area of interest was clandestine operations.

Wood claimed that he personally trained some 1,000 CIA agents and case officers.

He said he and Garrison were brought together by a "mutual acquaintance" and that one of his primary duties has been to "think in intelligence ways" in relation to the investigation.

Wood said he was not working as an inside source of CIA information, but rather as an individual thinking along intelligence lines.