

JFK Killed by 'Elements of CIA'

Garrison 'Finds' Evidence Abroad

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NEW ORLEANS—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said that his office has exchanged information with the intelligence agency of a foreign country "the successfully penetrated the assassination operation" against President John F. Kennedy, the Times-Picayune reported today.

According to the newspaper report, Garrison said that "the great amount of detailed information" he received from the

foreign country verifies his statements that Kennedy was assassinated "by elements of the Central Intelligence Agency."

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

The district attorney said, according to the newspaper report that he was making the disclosure about the contact with the foreign intelligence agency because of indications of another "CIA-inspired" campaign in magazines to discredit his investigation.

The paper said Garrison referred specifically to an article in the New Yorker magazine dated July 13. The article by Edward Jay Epstein, a critic of the Warren Commission, attacks Garrison's investigation of the assassination of Kennedy in Dallas in November 1963.

Epstein said in the 25,000-word piece, "In the years I have been studying Garrison's investigation and have had access to his office, the only evidence I have seen or heard about that could connect Clay Shaw with the assassination has been fraudulent—some devised by Garrison himself and some cynically called from criminals or the emotionally unstable."

The Times-Picayune story gave this account:

Garrison said a representative

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of his office spent about a month with "the top men of their (the foreign country's) intelligence agency" and returned about a month ago. He did not identify the representative.

He also said that an "intermediary" from another foreign country contacted his office about three or four months ago. They arranged to make contact and exchange information, but Garrison did not elaborate on that development.

He described the information he obtained as containing "more specifics" than his office had gotten. Garrison said that because of the foreign country having a larger, more professional operation, its agents were able to follow up more details, especially in Dallas.

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

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.

"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 U.S. government was involved, but also that the U.S. government has been doing everything it could to conceal this."