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Diary Effort Futile, Says D.A. Aide

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock says efforts to obtain a diary sought in the probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been futile.

The diary was subpoenaed last month from Seymour Gelber, assistant attorney general of Florida. Alcock says it contains a reference to a man who mentioned in April, 1963, seven months before the assassination, the possibility of the president's being killed with a high-powered rifle from a building.

Gelber said he refused to cooperate with District Attorney Jim Garrison because the DA "revealed the name of an informant. I feel that by making the diary available, I have no assurance that this wouldn't happen again."

He said the name was that of a Miami police intelligence agent. Alcock said this probably was a reference to Willie Somersette, identified by the DA's office as "a Miami intelligence agent who infiltrated a group" which included the man who allegedly predicted the assassination.

"Our office didn't reveal anything that wasn't already known," Alcock said. "Somersette's activities were a matter

of public knowledge." Alcock said the diary may be obtained from another source

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LaCour Mum On Garrison Money Probe

U.S. Attorney Louis LaCour today declined comment on a statement by District Attorney Jim Garrison that the federal government has launched a probe of Garrison's personal financial affairs.

Garrison, who said he learned of the investigation about four months ago when two Internal Revenue agents came to his office, blamed the probe on an attempt to discredit him, slow down his Kennedy assassination investigation and an effort to connect him with the Louisiana Loan & Thrift Corp. case.

One IRS agent asked to see his 1965 and 1966 income tax returns, said Garrison, and then later two agents visited him seeking information. He has refused to cooperate in the probe, said Garrison, because "it is obvious harassment."