## Jim Garrison Says RFK Was Hip to Murder Plots

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison now says that Robert Kennedy kept silent about the Warren Report "because he realized the power that lay behind the forces that killed his brother." Here is the transcript of Garrison's interview by Art Kevin of KHJ radio in Los Angeles.

KEVIN: Mr. Garrison, over the recent few days, Mark Lane made a statement in Boston to the effect that a couple of months before Senator Kennedy was shot in Boston to the effect that a couple of months before Senator Kennedy was shot and killed here in Los Angeles, as he termed them, emissaries had been in touch with you. And, apparently he had knowledge of it — to the effect that Senator Kennedy said that he knew there were guns between him and the White House. And that, were he elected President of the United States, he was ready to prosecute these people responsible for his late brother's death le that a true statement by Mark Lane.

GARRISON: Yes. That's essentially true, the only thing is, I would use different words in a few senses. For example, emissaries. We had mutual friends that came down to visit from time to time and, as a result, I finally came to understand Senator Kennedy's silence. He was silent, if became apparent, because he realized the power that lay behind the forces that killed his brother.

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They didn't come at the same time. One of them did, indeed, when I brought up the question of his continued silence, point out that, were these forces still active in America, the same forces that killed his brother, that Bobby Kennedy, as he put it, was very much aware that there were many guns between him and the White House. And the way he put it, think it was Bobby Kennedy's muchalion. I think it was Bobby Kennedy's quotation

The details about what he would have The details about what he would have done afterwards I'd rather not go into except to say essentially what Mark Lane is saying is true. We had a great deal of confidence that, not only in Senator Kennedy as a man of integrity, but we felt that he was a man that they found wanted in the White House. And that's been demonstrated now. But the phrase many guns between Senator Kennedy and the White between Senator Kennedy and the White House, was indeed told to see by one of his friends and appears to have originally

come from him.

KEVIN: Jim, did you in any way seek contact with Senator Kennedy or did, in

GARRISON: Well, I told them to let them know so they could let him know that I was going to lean over backwards not to seek him because there were some plements of the press, not all the press. elements of the press, not all the press, but there were some elements of the press that had smeared me and I didn't want any of the smear to rub off on him in any case. And I recognized by then, it took me a while, but by then I recognized his problem of keeping at arm's length from this particular issue until he be-came President. So I made a point of not seeking it, but there was kind of, you might say, casual liaison behind the

ecenes. And he was very much aware, I think - at the end, that we understood his reasons for stience and at the same time, we had become more aware that he knew of this force in America which is disposing of any individuals who are opposed to the Vietnam war, our involve-

opposed to the Vietnam war, our involve-ment with the Vietnam war, or any sort of involvement in the cold war. KEVIN: Jim, Frank Mankiewicz, the press secretary, the national press sec-retary to the late Senator Kennedy is quoted now in Washington, you know, re-action to Lane's initial statement. He said, "Well, it would be hard to disprove. is there any kind of proof, you know, other than the knowledge that you have? GARRISON: Well, hard to disprove

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GARRISON: First of all, I don't think that Lane would say it if it were not true. It's as simple as that. But, I can assure you that I would not, would not say it if it were not true. As a matter of fact, the statement that was made to me that Bobby Kennedy was well aware that there were many guns between him and the White House and that this is why he did not publicly go into the matter of precise-ly what forces killed his brother until the time came later on - this was told

to me at Moran's Restaurant on the 700 block of Iberville. But I mean what is this presumption of guilt, the presumption that you're a liar? Mark Lane has never lied that I know of and I certainly wouldn't bother to lie about anything like that. I think that, from what I know of Frank Mankiewicz, he's a good man, but he had nothing to do with anybody in this channel of communication. One of the n which we had contact from time to time, it was a loose sort of contact, was from New York and another one was from New York state and outside of New York City and another one was out on the West Coast. It was a very loose sort of affair,

Least. It was a very loose sort of affair, but we had this liaison.

KEVIN: Jim, may I ask you this and you know I don't want to put you on the spot in any way, shape or form and I know you realize that. However, on the record or off the record, would you allow me as a newsman to trace down, you know, some of the liaison people that you are in contact with so that the story, you know, can be more fully rounded out?

GARRISON: No. I wouldn't because it doesn't matter to me. While I'm very fond of you personally, it doesn't matter to

of you personally, it doesn't matter to me whether or not the story is corrobor-ated that much, it is true and I wouldn't bother to say it if it isn't true.

I think it's a tragedy and it's more of

a tragecy man most people realize. Ims irrelevant. The question is, what's hap-pened to the American and the government in America? That what's happened, Violence in the streets has nothing to do with it. But I don't want to, I wouldn't vant to elaborate on it anymore because I-den't want survively to think, least of all the Kennedy family, to think we're trying to take advantage of the fact that Senator

Kennedy is now among the missing. KEVIN: Jim, a question now that I guess we can call a \$64 question, but are you prepared to say that the same eleresponsible for the death of John F. Kennedy were responsible for the deaths of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and perhaps even Martin Luther King?

GARRISON: Well, you can remove the perhaps. The answer is of course except that in the case of Senator Kennedy, they apparently interposed a cover organization. I doubt if Sirhan Sirhan, since he's younger than the professional shooters they usually use and consider him apparently inexperienced as a professional shooter, which insulates the main organization. But there's no, I don't think there's any question about the fact that the same forces removed everyone. Every one of these men were humanists. They were concerned about the human race. They were not racist in the slightest way, and above all, they were opposed to the evolution of America into an imparialist empire seeking warfare state. Which it has become, I'm afraid. And now there aren't too many, now there aren't too many leaders left to talk out loud against the war in Vietnam. They're eliminating them, one by one. Always a lone assassin.

KEVIN: Jim, in the federal court dia-logue that you're having now in the Clay Shaw case in New Orleans. . . .

Shaw case in New Orleans...

GARRISON: It's no dialogue, Art. They just jerked it out of our hands before trial so we couldn't go to trial.

KEVIN: Well, the charge now that they've made, as I'm sure you're aware, is one of illegal wiretap.

GARRISON: We never do it and we haven't done with regard to Shaw. When did they say that?

did they say that?

KEVIN: Well, this came on a charge in New Orleans which we picked up today. It came from, you know, our contact that is working in your city of New Orleans. and the quote he gave me from the federal and the quote he gave me from the federal judgement was, "Shaw's attorneys have charged Garrison with Illem wiretap. Rights of Shaw have been violated by the electronic intrusion of his home." In other words, the implication is that you bugged his house or his phone.

GARRISON: My staff will not even in-terview anybody in the office unless, they will not record an interview unless the person being interviewed knows that there is a tape recorder there and sees the wheels moving. And the reason I want him to see the wheel moving is if he wants to say something he doesn't want to go down, he can point to the machine and say, "stop it." I am adamantly against the government using these measures the government using these measures, but this is typical of what they've done from the beginning.

They change white into black and black into white. When a witness volunteered in take truth serum, we said well that's wood idea. And we

fined up declars and they gave fore truth serum and then after that, these alleg it drugs i nit we used it on a witness to make sure he was telling the fruth to side done it was called truth serum After we assign it was radied druggin witness; which is the appropriate think which there is the serve thinking

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CARRISON, Well, that deer's require a thing, Those people of file Iris in the beginning were sent in by the order idebecause they were so unconditing and we never intended to use them as with hesses at all. They were litted of like Gurvich. We had addless penetrations and endless appearances of different people and then they were not convincing after they gave us a statement, so we paid no more attention to them so now, they suddenly appear and say we were witnesses for Garrison. That has no meaning The whole thing could be selved by letting us go to trial. May don't they let us go to trial? As we've been trying to do since last fall? Why don't they let me fall on my face? Apparently they don't want me to fall on my face. They would rather postpone the trial and just keep announcing these false statements.

In other words, it's the same power, the same power which was able to get the Warren Commission to come up with a total lie. It is now engaged in keeping Clay Shaw from going to trial, they have to manufacture these falsehoods to make my office look like Fu Man Chit's office. We've never lost a major case and, more important than that, we've never had a case reversed because of any methods used by the office. But already, the press picking up these charges, some of the press has made us look like monsters. We wouldn't use a witness we didn't think was telling the truth nor would we consider tapping anybody's line.

the state of the state and of entipically. We know the read Ithink quite precisely, but he community as a shoot impossible because of the steady brainwashing now from the state his state from some organs of the press I don't know, it would be brought out he trial, builded because of the foreign him to trial because of the foreign against us and the peacetts for postponing the trial, which they bring up continually.

The truth is to unit samply, that America is a rise of dam unbelievable unless you're late it that a fr begins with the time that, in a few sentences, the fact that Jack Kennedy was stopping the cold war and getting ready to dismantle the CIA. By then, the CIA was too powerful to dismantle, and it dismantled him, instead. And what I said in the two hours, the war in Vietnam was resumed, the troop buildup was resumed, whereas Jack Kennedy had brought troops back.

And leader in this country, who speaks out effectively against the war in Asia or against the continuation of the cold war machine or against the continued development of power by the military war complex, will be assessinated. And it will be announced that it was by alone assessin. Many months ago I said even if a President was elected and he tried to stop the cold war and end Vietnam and

And it's just a matter of a professional cover, which is a proflemior the CIA because they was on it beforehand and then all you see is the lone assessing One final point I might make is — you

see ir already coming up to the surface in the case of the, the man who is charged with killing Martin Luther King, although it's still not clear that he was the professional shooter for the Central Intelligence account. tessional shooter for the Central Intelligence Agency. But you can see from this pattern, that the CIA is involved in this too, just as they were with John F. Kennedy. And if you became a successful political leader and you spoke out effectively against the war in Vietnam, they'd kill you, too. But it would be amounced that it was a lone assassin and evidence would be produced and most of the people in the country would never be allowed to see any of the details.