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begin forwarded message. Thanks, Tom, for these electronic updates. I have to confess that, increasingly, that entire New Orleans chapter seems more a distraction than a positive contribution to our work. And yet, it must be pursued!! Hope you're well, and I look forward to seeing you next week... --BillTo: INTERNET-BOARD <INTERNET-BOARD@notes.worldcom.com>Cc: ALL <ALL@notes.worldcom.com>From: Tom Samoluk <Tom_Samoluk@jfk-arrrb.gov>Date: 6 May 96 15:42:38 Subject: Recent News Articles of InterestMime-Version: 1.0Content-Type: Text/Plain(c) 1996 Newsday Inc. All rts. reserv.JFK Probe Was Bogus / Garrison said to be reckless in pursuit of Shaw Newsday (ND) - Tuesday April 30, 1996 By: Michael Dorman. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. Michael Dorman, a free-lance writer, covered John F. Kennedy's assassination for Newsday. His books include "The Secret Service Story." Edition: NASSAU AND SUFFOLK Section: NEWS Page: A18 Word Count: 617MEMO: MEMO: PD:TEXT: Secret documents just released by a federal agency strongly support the contention that the late Jim Garrison's investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination was irresponsible and perhaps fraudulent. The U.S. Assassination Records Review Board, responsible for screening all assassination documents and making public those that do not threaten national security, earlier this month released 15,000 pages of material turned over by Garrison's family. It also released 6,000 pages obtained from the family of the late New Orleans attorney Edward Wegmann, who helped successfully defend businessman Clay Shaw against Garrison's charges that he conspired to kill Kennedy. Wegmann's released files depict Garrison - the hero of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" - as a charlatan who picked a name almost at random as the target of his investigation.The substance of this attack is that Garrison simply concocted a case against Shaw without any factual basis, much less substantial evidence. Wegmann's files include a statement he took from William Gurvich, a former investigator for Garrison, before Shaw's 1969 trial. Garrison launched his investigation after hearing thatNew Orleans attorney Dean Andrews claimed a manidentifying himself as Clay Bertrand telephoned him shortly after the assassination, said he lived in thelocal French Quarter and asked him to represent LeeHarvey Oswald. Andrews later repudiated the statement. Still, Gurvich said, Garrison insisted such a manexisted and was "peculiar," meaning that he washomosexual. But nobody ever found Clay Bertrand. Garrison would contend that Oswald and Shaw conspired to kill Kennedy. Gurvich told Wegmann that Garrison first came up with thenotion that Clay Shaw was Clay Bertrand on the basis ofoffhand speculative notes made by his chief assistant, Frank Klein (now dead). "All they (Garrison and Klein) put in was like, 'Who doesFrank Klein know by the name of Clay in New Orleans?' "Gurvich told Wegmann. "And the only one that came to Klein's mind was Shaw. 'Who lives in the French Quarter bythe name of Clay?' And the only

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