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## "La CIA Asesinó a Kennedy", Garrison

El Fiscal Revela Datos  
Concretos Sobre la  
Siniestra Conjura

GINEBRA, Suiza, 13 de marzo. (AFP).—Yo sé quien mató al Presidente John Kennedy y por qué y cómo lo hizo, declara el fiscal de Nueva Orleans, Jim Garrison, en una entrevista publicada hoy por el semanario suizo "L'Illustré".

"Kennedy fue víctima de una emboscada minuciosamente preparada por miembros de la CIA (Servicio Secreto Norteamericano)", añadió Garrison.

Siguió diciendo que quince personas participaron en la conjura contra el Presidente y que tres hombres dispararon contra él.

"Tengo que probar todo eso —expresó Garrison— pero a medida que mi investigación avanza— van surgiendo obstáculos imprevistos".

El fiscal aseguró que disponía de una copia autenticada del telegrama que Oswald —presunto asesino de Kennedy— envió a Edgar Hoover, director del FBI (Policía Federal) presumiéndolo de la existencia de una conjura contra el Presidente.

Creeo que el Presidente Johnson no participó personalmente en dicha conjura, dijo Garrison, pero es quien más se ha aprovechado de ella.

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### New Orleans Judge Subpoenas Dulles; Garrison's Move

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—A judge Friday ordered former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Allen Dulles to answer a subpoena in New Orleans March 28 and 29 in District Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Dist. Judge Matthew Brantley signed the order, which would grant Dulles immunity from prosecution, and instructed it be sent to his home in Washington.

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## Garrison Issues Perjury Warrant

NEW ORLEANS, (UPI) -- Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison Wednesday issued a perjury warrant for a Marine Corps buddy of Lee Harvey Oswald, accusing him of lying when he said he never saw the presidential assassin after he left the Marines.

Kerry Thornley of Tampa, Fla., a part-time author who once testified before the Warren Commission, appeared before the Orleans Parish County Grand Jury Feb. 8.

"In September of 1963 Kerry Thornley was closely associated with Lee Oswald at a number of locations in the city of New Orleans," Garrison said. "To say Mr. Thornley failed to tell the whole truth and that there was not the slightest effort to elicit from him the whole truth (before the Warren Commission) is an understatement."

Thornley told newsmen after his appearance before the grand jury the last time he saw Oswald was in June of 1959.

Thornley is the second Warren Commission witness Garrison has charged with perjury. The first, attorney Dean Andrews of New Orleans, was convicted last year and is now appealing the conviction.

Thornley said he lived in New Orleans about three years during the early 1960s, but that he never saw Oswald, who also lived in the Louisiana city.

"I may have passed him and not recognized him and as far as I know he never saw me," he said.

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## **Garrison Subpoenaes CIA Ex-Boss**

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, (AP). — Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, was subpoenaed Saturday to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury probing the assassination of President Kennedy.

The subpoena issued by District Attorney Jim Garrison orders Dulles to appear in New Orleans March 7-8.

Garrison said his office "has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA," and that Dulles is needed to testify about CIA activities.

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## Garrison Calls In Marina

NEW ORLEANS, (UPD).— A somber Marina Oswald Porter and two other witnesses were hustled in and out of the Orleans Parish (County) grand jury chambers Thursday to tell what they knew of Lee Harvey Oswald's life in New Orleans.

Oswald's blue-eyed, Russian-born widow appeared briefly as she rushed down the criminal courthouse corridor flanked by her husband, Kenneth Porter of Richardson, Tex., and an aide to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

She was bundled up in a gold overcoat and flushed from 36 degree weather outside.

"All I want to do is go inside," she whispered, brushing off reporters.

Kerry Thornley of Tampa, Fla., and Thomas Beckham of Omaha, Neb., also appeared before the jury, but were taken in and out of the building on a private elevator.

However, after his appearance before the grand jury Thornley told newsmen that he had never seen Oswald in New Orleans.

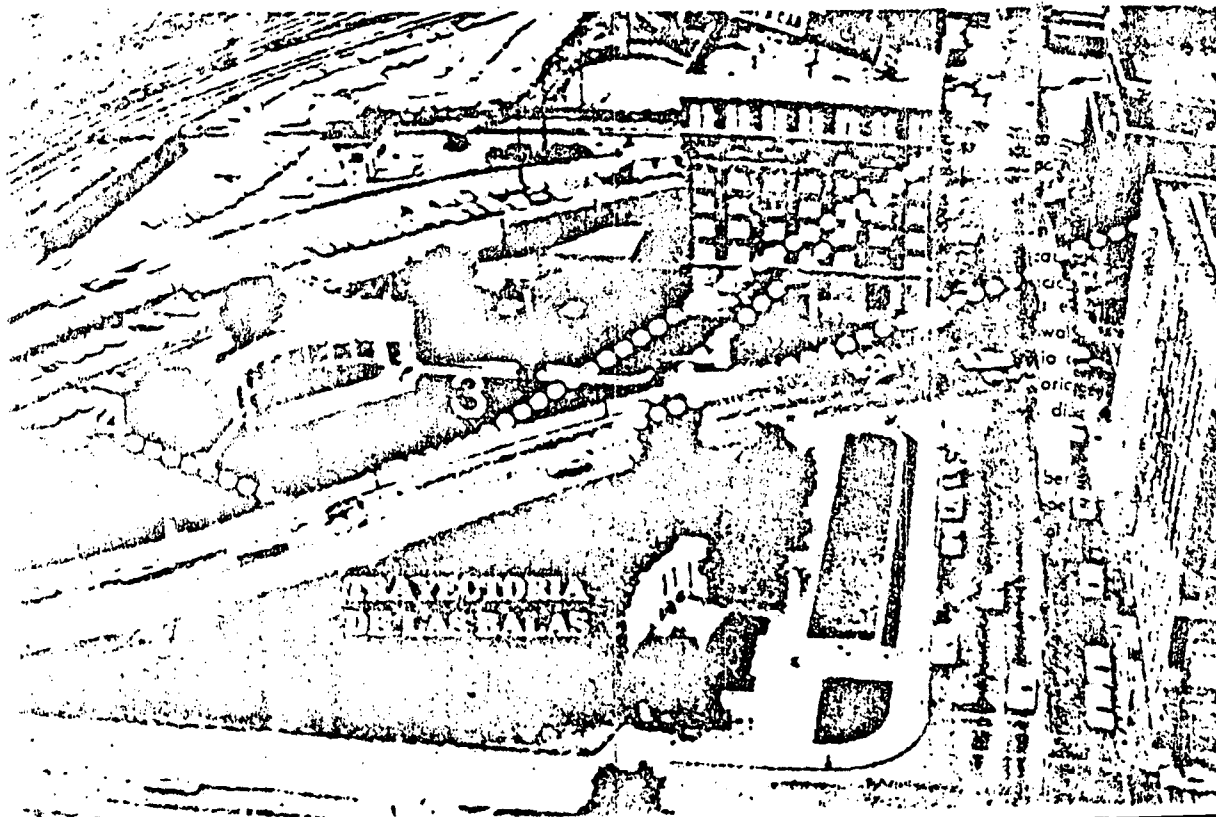
"The last time I saw Oswald was in June of 1959," Thornley said. "I told the Warren Commission everything I know."

The part-time author indicated he did not think Oswald was a confirmed communist during the time the two knew each other in the Marine Corps.

Following her testimony, Mrs. Porter was taken out of the building by a back entrance.

The appearance of both Thornley, a Marine Corps acquaintance of Oswald who testified before the Warren Commission, and Beckham came as somewhat of a surprise.

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Un gran reloj en un edificio de siete pisos, de ladrillos color naranja.

Para tratar de las peticiones, para tratar de las peticiones, para tratar de las peticiones — y el misterio — y el misterio — y el misterio de resolverlo presidente por la taria. Lyndon te días después de noviembre. N° 11.130 que encargada de lo. La comisión sidente del Tri Estados Unidos ba compuesta nadores, representantes auxiliares— v



**FRANK ANSWERS** — U.S. Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas gave some candid responses to reporters' questions on her arrival at International Airport Saturday. The noted jurist is in Mexico for a series of lectures.

## Texas Judge Sarah Hughes Urges U.S. Leave Vietnam

Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who swore in President Johnson Nov. 22, 1963 aboard an Air Force plane, Saturday said the United States should get out of Vietnam. She said the Korean situation continues in the discussion stage.

Judge Hughes arrived here from Dallas for a series of lectures in Puebla, Cuernavaca, and Monterrey.

"Everything in the Warren Report is true," she said, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison had no evidence against it.

On the racial issue, she said deep-rooted customs had become ideas and that it would be hard to make the white people in the South change their minds with respect to Negroes.

Judge Hughes spoke with the reporters in Spanish and was assisted by Enrique Perales Jasso who met her at the airport with Elisabetta Rebecca Earle, cultural attache of the American Embassy.

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## ***Says Mexico City Was Base*** **Garrison Subpoenas** **Oswald's Widow**

NEW ORLEANS, (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who Wednesday subpoenaed the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, says that Mexico City was used as a base of operations prior to the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

In a 25-minute telephone interview in Regina, Canada with CKCK radio's Lorne Harasen on the station's open line program, Garrison said two cities outside the United States were used as control bases. He said the two cities were Montreal and Mexico City.

He added that only Americans and a few Latin Americans were involved in the plot to kill President Kennedy.

Garrison has asked Oswald's widow, Mrs. Marina Porter, to testify in his probe of the Kennedy case. Mrs. Porter said she doubted she could help.

But Mrs. Porter, now a suburban Dallas housewife, did not say whether she would try to fight a subpoena ordering her to come to New Orleans to testify before a grand jury Feb. 8.

"I don't know if I could prove my innocence to him," Mrs. Porter said at her home in Richardson, Tex. "Mr. Garrison is so powerful."

The subpoena called Marina Oswald Porter "a material witness" in Garrison's investigation into an alleged New Orleans conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

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# Polliticking

By PEARL GONZALEZ

The January 1968 issue of Ramparts magazine of California had an unusual cover. It featured the following words and a photo of the man who said them: "Who appointed Ramsey Clark, who has done his best to torpedo the case? Who controls the CIA? Who controls the FBI? Who controls the Archives where this evidence is locked up for so long that it is unlikely that there is anybody in this room who will be alive when it is released? This is really your property and the property of the people of this country. Who has the arrogance and the brass to prevent the people from seeing that evidence? Who indeed?"

"The one man who has profited most from the assassination — your friendly President, Lyndon Johnson." — Jim Garrison.

We asked members of the U.S. National Newspaper Association, here on a recent visit:

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE ABOVE?



Mrs. Laura Matthews, Co-publisher, Tracy Press, Tracy, Calif.

"I cannot go along with that. I'm not so sure he has the facts, however, I am open minded as to what may develop. I think the Warren Report was all that could have been done at the time, and it was done in all sincerity and carried a great deal of detail. But I'm ready to listen to any facts that Garrison can present."

Frank Pfeiffer, Publisher, Raton Range, Raton, N. Mex.

"My opinion of Jim Garrison is derogatory. I have read he has been in a mental institution. Whether or not this is true I don't know. But I think he needs to see a good psychologist."



Mrs. Christine Moore, Publisher, McClusky Gazette, McClusky, N. D.

"I think it is worthwhile investigating and to wait and see what becomes of this case."



Wilfred Currier, Business manager, Fort Plain Standard, Neillista, N.Y.

"Oh, shades of McCarthy!"

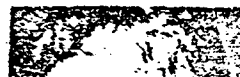


John MacLachlan, Retired editor, Sidney, N.Y.

"I think Garrison said this just for the sake of publicity, and Ramparts magazine is always looking for a sensational story. Why, I read in Time magazine that Ramparts is having a terrible time financially and it might be off the stands in a few months. Do I think it at least serves for a dissenting voice? Although I think any dissenting voice is a healthy voice, I think there's a point to which it can be carried too far. Don't I think Time has a slant, too? Well, I don't know, at least it appears to be factual."



Gordon B. Seavey, Publisher, Belmont



## **Marina Oswald Subpoenaed**

DALLAS (UPI). — The government Friday subpoenaed Marina Oswald Porter to appear Jan. 31 in connection with two suits totalling \$5.5 million over possessions of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

One suit, filed by Jack King of Denver, seeks \$5 million for the value of the rifle that killed President Kennedy and the pistol that killed policeman J. D. Tippit.

The officer was shot to death while trying to arrest Oswald.

Mrs. Porter's suit of \$500,000 is to recover the value of some 343 items, including her husband's diary, clothing, correspondence and other personal effects.

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# Witness Agrees To Make Garrison Probe

By JERRY COHEN  
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES. — New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has reaped the first positive response from the recent commotion his investigation into the Kennedy assassination has stirred up in Southern California.

Lawrence Howard, 33, of El Monte, accepted a Garrison subpoena as a material witness and said he would be happy to travel to New Orleans, at Louisiana's expense, to appear before a grand jury.

But Howard said that the controversial DA's assertion that he knows about an assassination conspiracy is so much malarky and that the only reason he is willing to testify is because "I want to clear my name. I've got nothing to be ashamed of."

Not one other person sought outside Louisiana by Garrison has agreed to set foot in New Orleans — where Garrison has unleashed a barrage of charges which, if true, could shoot down the Warren report, a document which held that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

Nor has any state surrendered any of its residents to Garrison.

Howard, an unemployed welder, was not served with the subpoena until last Thursday morning, since he has been on a three-week trip to Mexico, a combination hunting and mining venture.

He has freely admitted that he trained Cuban anti-Castro guerrillas in Florida in the early 1960s but denies any acquaintance with men named by Garrison as assassination conspirators.

Garrison apparently is interested in both him and Loren Eugene Hall, 34, because of a story told by Mrs. Sylvia Odio, a Cuban refugee, about a pre-assassination visit from three men, one of whom resembled Oswald.

Both Howard and Hall have said since the issuance of the subpoenas that they cannot remember meeting with Mrs. Oswald, and in 1964 FBI agents dismissed the relevance of her story.

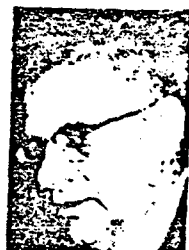


*Saw Man With Gun In Trunk*

James Hicks of Enid, Okla., told WWL-TV in an exclusive interview, he was in Dealey Plaza during the assassination of the late President Kennedy, and saw a

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# The Face Is Familiar



By PEARL GONZALEZ

Some of them asked who Jim Garrison was and one of them said what did I mean by turning a strictly social affair into a questionnaire period and one man's wife actually walked out of the place when she told him to quit talking to me as he certainly should know how newspaper people distort things.

Actually, they all should have known. And they all should have known who Jim Garrison is, too, because they all are members, or wives of members, of the National Newspaper Association.

I explained that I don't go to cocktail parties for the love of going to cocktail parties. I attended theirs because I thought it a good place to do my POLLticking column for next Sunday which asked a question about Garrison. I try to gauge the question according to the group present.

But despite the apparent agitation my presence caused, the majority of the group was friendly enough. Especially its leader, Gordon B. Seavey of Belmont, Mass., who explained that the Association is made up of 6,500 small newspapers throughout the United States, none of which has a circulation of over 4,000.

Seavey said he loved small towns and that's why he had chosen to run a small newspaper after having graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

"Where is that? I've forgotten."

"New Hampshire? Oh that's a State...."

"I know where New Hampshire is. I was referring to the city the university is in."

"Oh. That's Durham."

"What have been some of the highlights of your life?"

"Well, I met President Kennedy twice, before he was President. He was Senator then. I liked him a lot. He doesn't think like his brother, Bobby."

"Who would you like to see as our next President?"

"I'd like to see Johnson again. Contrary to what that screwball is saying in New Orleans, I think we have a good government. Do you remember Calvin Coolidge? Well, I guess you wouldn't. But he wasn't such a good president and—what are you asking me all of these questions for? Why don't you just ask me about Mexico?"

"Since we're both in the newspaper business I almost can't imagine why I even have to answer that. But as I explained to you before, I'm interviewing you personally, you know, like a profile."

Before he could answer, the evening's host addressed the group and said he was sorry that more local newspaper reporters hadn't come, and before he could finish, Seavey said in vox alto:

"We've got a real red hot one right here!"

I replied in vox alto: "Whatever you are be a good one!"

Then, "Well, Mr. Seavey, tell me about the Association, your aims, why you're in Mexico, and so on."

"We're on a study mission which will take us traveling for a month throughout Latin America. We've done this before, and the object is to talk to leaders of countries on a people-to-people basis and then go home and write little features and articles about it."

"That sounds like a good objective. What are your plans for Mexico in particular?"

"We've just gone sight seeing around Mexico City, but today we're going to start a five-day tour of Mexico itself and try to talk to some officials. We're going to continue on to Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Panama Canal Zone, Colombia, Venezuela and Curacao. We've made two previous tours, you know. They included trips to Russia, other East European countries and South Africa. I'll tell you something Africa isn't at all the way we all think it is. Rhodesia and places like Capetown aren't underdogged by the world at all. These people are happy. They don't care about apartheid. Why the people, black and white, are about the healthiest, happiest and most prosperous looking people I've seen anywhere. And just think of it. I didn't see one slum. No slums anywhere. They all live in nice homes."

"I wonder why they killed Prime Minister Verwoerd a few years ago."

"Oh yes, he was the one who..."

He was practically dragged off to dinner by other members of the group who wanted to know where the best shows could be found in the local nightclubs.

I guess I wasn't much help since it appeared to me that the best shows weren't necessarily found in nightclubs.

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## NEWS' Pearl Gets Letter- On Garrison

By PEARL GONZALEZ

"...New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison will be proven accurate in his plot charges," predicted Jeane Dixon, noted Washington, D.C. seeress who had predicted the assassination of Pres. John F. Kennedy.

In answer to a letter I wrote her asking what she thought of the Garrison investigation, Mrs. Dixon prefixed her remarks with:

"My 'opinion,' I believe, is of no interest to anyone... what I pick up psychically is..."

Mrs. Dixon further enlarged on her Garrison prediction by saying that a woman was a key figure in the assassination of President Kennedy, and that she might be revealed by the investigation going on in New Orleans some time this year.

She also said that the District Attorney will be thwarted in his probe by "a lot of power and money from outside the United States—and inside"—before he finishes. However, she added, the mystery woman's involvement will come out in any event, sometime in history.

Mrs. Dixon has been the subject of a best seller called "A Gift of Prophecy" written by Ruth Montgomery.

Among some of her other predictions were the death of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the blackout that took place in New York in November of 1965. She ventured this latter prediction on Johnny Carson's TV show in 1963.

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## Inside Washington

# Garrison Begins To Attract Attention

By PAUL SCOTT



WASHINGTON. — District Attorney Jim Garrison's controversial New Orleans investigation of the Kennedy assassination is beginning to attract some belated congressional attention.

Staffs of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee are quietly checking into Garrison's wide-ranging inquiry to determine exactly what he is now up to.

At present, the attention of these congressional probes centers around Garrison's interest in and handling of (1) an official of the Ku Klux Klan and (2) a former congressional committee employee, who has given secret testimony before the New Orleans grand jury.

Significantly, both of these persons were reluctant witnesses in past congressional investigations not related to the Kennedy assassination.

The KKK official involved in Garrison's investigation is Jack M. Helm, the former exalted cyclops of the New Orleans, Louisiana, unit of the United Klans of America. He is now head of an independent KKK group which he organized.

Summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee in January 1966 during the committee's probe of the KKK, he was an uncooperative witness.

Helm, an operations manager of a New Orleans construction company, invoked the fifth, first, fourth, and fourteenth amendments of the Constitution in refusing to answer any of the questions put to him by committee members.

The transcript of the committee hearings shows that one of the questions Helm refused to answer concerned his appearance on a speakers platform with three persons who were arrested in connection with the slaying in Philadelphia, Mississippi, of three civil rights workers.

Testimony was presented during the hearing by a committee investigator that "At the rally Helm stated, 'No congressional investigation will ever deteriorate this (KKK) organization. We'll still be here when they are dead and buried — and I hope it will be soon.'"

### New Orleans Probe

Garrison began his probe of Helm on a tip from Jules Recco Kimble, a self-avowed member of the KKK, who also claimed he once worked special assignments for the CIA. This the CIA denies and Garrison claims he will prove.

According to Garrison, Kimble reported that on the day after the death of David Ferrie, one of Garrison's suspects in the alleged Kennedy assassination plot, he drove Helm to Ferrie's apartment. Helm then came out with a satchel full of papers which, Kimble says, the KKK official then placed in a bank safe deposit box.

At this stage of his investigation Garrison refuses to say whether he has located the safe deposit box or recovered its mysterious contents.

However, aides of the district attorney are hinting that he has the key and that the box's contents will be revealed during next month's trial of Clay Shaw, the New Orleans businessman charged with being involved in a Kennedy assassination conspiracy.

Garrison is also probing an allegation of Kimble that Walter Sheridan, the former Justice Department troubleshooter for then Attorney General Robert Kennedy, once counseled him not to talk to anyone and to go to Canada.

### The Other Witness

The former congressional employee whose furnishing of information to Garrison has interested congressional probes is Harold Weisberg, author of books on the Kennedy assassination attacking the Warren Commission, the FBI and CIA.

According to records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Un-American Activities Committee, Weisberg is the same man who testified in 1940 before a House committee that he bought forged documents in an attempt to link the Dies committee to the Silver Shirts.

At that time the Silver Shirts was a militant right-wing organization on the attorney general's subversive list. The documents were used in an abortive attempt by a Michigan congressman to smear the Dies committee, forerunner of the present House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee also show that Weisberg was dropped from the staff of the late Senator LaFollette's Special Investigating Subcommittee for allegedly leaking subcommittee confidential information.

Weisberg, whose latest book carries a foreword by Garrison, has appeared several times before the New Orleans grand jury being used by the district attorney for his inquiry. In his publications Weisberg contends that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused Kennedy assassin, was framed by an impersonator.

The congressional probes are now checking Weisberg's long-time contacts in the Central Intelligence Agency and State Department, including several persons who transferred to those agencies from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) after World War II.

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