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GARRISON IS AT IT AGAIN

NEWSCASTER: New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison, has again brought up the conspiracy theme in the assassination of President John Kennedy. Only this time he placed the story in the newspapers of France first.

WTOP correspondent Bernard Redmont has this critique from Paris.

REDMONT: New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is at it again. He charges that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was part of a military coup d'etat. The first in American history.

Garrison asserts that the chiefs of staff and the Central Intelligence Agency were implicated in the plot.

Garrison's latest maintains that those involved in the so-called coup d'etat, as he puts it, seized power and still holds it, in spite of the changes since then in the White House.

The loaded Garrison broadside was published today in an exclusive interview in the independent leftist center Paris newspaper "Cumba (?). The interviewer is an American expatriot named Thomas Buchanan, who earned notoriety a couple of years ago by writing a controversial book about the assassination in Dallas.

Cumba bills it as Garrison's first statement since he dismally lost the Clay-Shaw case. The sensational story is being advertised heavily on French commercial radio stations.

Garrison's whipping boys, apart from the chiefs of staff and the CIA, are the Pentagon and the military-industrial complex. The district attorney says that after mature reflection, in his opinion there's no doubt that the assassinations of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King were committed by the CIA. And it's probable that Senator Robert Kennedy was done away with by the same organization, although with a slightly different technique. The French apparently take this seriously.

This is Bernard Redmont in Paris.

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