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Garrison Abandons the Hypnotizing of Witnesses

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New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison said yesterday he no longer relies on hypnosis in questioning witnesses in his controversial investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

Interviewed on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers," Garrison said he was amazed at suggestions that his office might have used hypnosis and sodium pentothal (so-called truth serum) "to plant ideas" in the minds of witnesses. But he indicated he has abandoned both devices in light of the criticisms.

"We no longer bother to objectify (testimony) in the way we started doing," Garrison said.

The pipe-smoking prosecutor again assailed the Central Intelligence Agency, accusing it this time of hiring lawyers "to try and stop" his investigation.

"Every lawyer involved in this case, without exception, involved in the attempts to derail the investigation, has been connected by us with the Central Intelligence Agency," Garrison said.

Garrison also repeated his charges that former CIA employes were involved in the assassination and that they were closely associated with Lee Harvey Oswald.

The District Attorney asserted that Oswald, found by the Warren Commission to have been the President's lone assassin, was "obviously an intelligence employe of the United States Government," although "not a CIA agent."

Garrison said he has had to "defer any further arrests" in the case, but said more probably would be made before the trial of New Orleans business-

man Clay L. Shaw. Garrison has accused Shaw of conspiracy in the assassination.

The District Attorney also ridiculed the thought that the offer of money and a job by one of his investigators to another witness in the case, Alvin R. Beaubouef, represented a bribe attempt, as reported by Newsweek Magazine.

Garrison charged that Newsweek "never bothered to find out the truth from us," and noted that the magazine is owned by The Washington Post, which Garrison labeled "a mouthpiece of the Administration."

The prosecutor also main-

tained that "solid evidence" purportedly linking Jack Ruby to the alleged assassination conspiracy was behind a call for his disbarment by Sol Dann, one of the late Ruby's lawyers.

On Friday, Dann labeled

Garrison "irresponsible" and said he had requested the prosecutor's disbarment "to put an end to any further exploitation" of the assassination.