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# CHIVES DETAIL FERRIE'S TRAVELS

He Told Agents He Was in New Orleans Nov. 22

## By NAN ROBERTSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—Documents in the National Archives added today details to the account of David W. Ferrie's movements during the week of President Kennedy's, assassination.

Mr. Ferrie, who was found dead in his bed Wednesday in New Orleans, was a suspect in an investigation by the New New Orleans, was a suspect in an investigation by the New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison; of an alleged assassination plot. Mr. Garrison says the plot was hatched in New Orleans and carried out in Dallas Dallas.

Dallas.

Secret Service records show that Mr. Ferrie told agents shortly after the assassination that he was "positive" he had been in New Orleans on the day of the murder, Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, and on the preceding day

Secret Service men quoted him as having said he was cer-tain of his whereabouts "because tain or his whereabouts "because he had been in court in connection with a trial involving Carlos Marcello." The New Orleans city directory lists Mr. Marcello as the owner of the Town and Country Motel.

# Weekend in Texas

Mr. Ferrie further testified that he left New Orleans about 9 P.M. the day of the assassination with two male companions and spent the weekend in Houston and Galveston, Tex. Federal Bureau of Investigation documents based on hotel records confirm that the three were in those offices that weekend.

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The week after the assassination, Liee Fletcher, a porter at the Alamotel in Houston, showed F.B.I. agents a registration card with the information that D. W. Ferrie, Alvin Beaubouef and Melvin Coffey checked into Room 19, Alamotel, at 4:30 A.M. Nov. 23, 1963."

The Nov. 23, 1963, date on the card was written over a Nov. 22 date. Mr. Fletcher explained to the agents that "this occurred because of the early morning time which the subjects checked in the motel, but he was quite sure the right date was the 23rd."

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The record also shows that the men stayed until the following day, Sunday, Nov. 24 but this conflicts with a card shown to the F.B.I. in Galiveston.

### Hotel in Galveston

Mrs. Mary Doveri, a clerk at the Driftwood Motel in Galvesthe Driftwood Motel in Galveston, presented a registration card with the information that the same three men checked into the Driftwood at 11 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 23. Another clerk, Shirley Dial, testified they left about 10 A.M. the next day, Sunday.

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The record cards for both motels stated that Mr. Ferrie and his companions were driving a car with Louisiana license No. 784-895. Mr. Ferrie had told agents that it was a light blue 1961. Comet station wagon (made by Mercury) that he had bought in New Orleans several weeks before. At the Houston motel, it was listed as a "Comet automobile;" at Galveston, as a "Ford station wagon."

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The mileage and driving time between New Orleans and Houston are put by the American Automobile Association at 364 miles and eight to nine hours. Houston and Galveston are 50 miles apart, about one hours drive. Dallas—where President Kennedy was killed—is 243 miles and 5 hours and 15 minutes away from Houston.

Long Distance Calls

operator. The latter call was collect.

Mr. Ferrie fold the Secret Service in a long statement that he and his companions returned to New Orleans about 9:30 P.M. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963. He then "telephoned attorney G. Wray Gill [by whom he is employed as an investigator] several times."

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The 16 pages of declassified reports on Mr. Ferrie in the National Archives are part of the Warren Commission records relating to the Kennedy assassination. About 40 more pages are still classified by the F.B.I.

The examined pages were declassified in September, 1965. But until this month, they were yearly thousands of pages of information. Marion Johnson, the archivest in charge of the Warren Commission records, compiled the available records about Mr.

Ferrie in response to requests from New Orleans reporters.

There are 1,554 documents used in the Warren inquiry in the archives. Each document is investigator] several times."

At. Mr. Gill's suggestion, not explained, Mr. Ferrie said he left. New Orleans alone about midnight that night and drove to Hammond, La., where he stayed with a friend at Southeastern Louisiana College.

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Dear Bastard

Got your letter from Dec.30 Did you get my Chris mas letter and the letter with the airolane pictures? You did not say, so I was not sure whether you got them or not.

Che of my flight students loaned me some sex movies for one might. It was two reels of 8 mm film with some dude fucking this broad. He got his nuts jerking under her knee, she blew him, he fuck d her in the ass twice and in the bussy twice. Hope I can get them back when you get back so you can see them, too. Jimmy was over when I showed them. The "come" flew that might. I could have raped an exhaust bipe they made me so hot.

That Cloud 9 you sent was tons. What is it? Can you send more. If you have to may for it let me know and I'll send the dough. Bring plenty when you get back. Have you ever tried mills. There is a bunch of different ones. Some make you get on cloud 9 too. Send me some if you can except more that last time.

The weather continues at its shittiest. I am losing money like a mother fucker. I home this shit stops soon.

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TO: Joseph I. Giarrusso, Superintendent of Police

FROM: Sgt. Fenner Sedgebeer

SUBJECT: The arrest of the below named subjects:

- 1. Alvin Roland Beaubouef, w/m, age 20 years, residing 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway
- 2. Layton P, Martens, w/m, age 18, residing 2427 Alvar Street. Subjects Nos. 1 and 2 were arrested at about 11/25/63 from 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, booked in the Second District Police Station with R.S. 14:107, vagrancy, under investigation of subversive activities.
- 3. David Ferrie, w/m, 46, residing 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, arrested at about 5:25 P.M. from Tulane and Broad Streets, booked in the First District Station with R.S. 14:107, vagrancy, pending investigation of being a fugitive from the State of Texas.

At about midnight on November 24, 1963, Officers R. Comstock, L. Ivon, C. Jonau, C. Neidermier and F. Williams, met Assistant District Attorney, Frank Klein, in the office of the District Attorney. At that time Mr. Klein began an investigation as to the possibility of David Ferrie being involved in the assasination of President John F. Kennedy, which had occurred in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963 by the hands of Lee Harvey Oswald. Information had been brought to the attention of Mr. Klein that David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald had been friends and associates in the past.

With this information at about shortly after midnight these officers went to 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, knocked on the door and same was opened by a subject who identified himself as Alvin Beaubouef. The officers requested the present whereabouts of David Ferrie and Beaubouef said he did not know. It was obvious that he was trying to conceal the facts. He was placed under arrest and the officers went up to the second story apartment where they found Layton Martens seated in a chair. This subject was questioned and he stated that he was presently living with Ferrie. However, he did not know the present whereabouts of Ferrie. Martens too was placed under arrest and the officers instituted a search. In this residence was found a Smith & Wesson 38 cal. 5 inch barrell 6 shot revolver, butt No. 85392, cylinder No. 96585; a holster for this revolver; a 22 cal. Hamilton rifle; a large bore English