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GURVICH'S BROTHER ON GARRISON, SHAW, JFK CASE
New Orleans I read with great dismay the April 18 letter from Jim Garrison'sson. Over these great many years, I have had a great reluctance to comment on what occurred during District Attorney Garrison's JFK investigation. Since young Mr. Garrison's writings are so rife with mistakes, I feel a need to put things in their proper perspective. My brother, William Gurvich, was not some private investigator. He was an owner of a large security and criminal investigative service employing more than 500 people. Bill was recognized nationally and internationally as an extremely professional criminal investigator. Both William Gurvich and I were civilian investigators on Mr. Garrison's staff from the time he was voted into the office of district attorney. No Gurvich volunteered, but we were summoned by Mr. Garrison based solely on our personal knowledge of David Ferrie and criminal investigation we completed that dealt with a number of Mr. Ferrie's acquaintances. To further correct the mistaken impressions of young Mr. Garrison, more than one Gurvich was asked by Mr. Garrison to assist him and his staff in their investigation. Many years have now passed, and I remain friends with all the major investigators and prosecutors who worked in Mr. Garrison's behalf. While I still appreciate that Mr. Garrison's assistants have shown great reluctance to malign the investigation, I believe the time to speak out has long since passed. There is no major prosecutor or investigator, save one, who did not speak with me about the lack of evidence in the Clay Shaw-JFK case. I was also told by these assistants that Mr. Garrison was ruining their office's reputation and that they hoped my family's business would not suffer from our participation in the Shaw case. Mr. Garrison pursued the case even though he had been advised by two polygraphers, Col. Roy Jacobs and Lt. Edward O'Donnel, that his principal witness, Perry Russo, could not pass a lie detector test and admitted to them that his story (Russo's) was not completely true. In spite of this, Mr. Garrison continued to pursue a prosecution. The rest is history, and in 45 minutes the jury found Clay Shaw innocent. Mr. Garrison's investigation had nothing to do with the Warren Report or the facts about President Kennedy's murder. I sincerely regret young Mr. Garrison's feelings on this matter. While I try hard to understand, I believe it would be extremely difficult for anyone to suddenly wake up one morning and find their father is not the hero he once thought. The world has found it sadly lacking any evidence involving the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Leonard Gurvich **** JFK Lancer Productions & Publications**** The Assassination Chronicles newsmagazine JFK Lancer Resource Mail Order visit our web site: <http://server.snni.com/~jfklandcr/> Attend "November in Dallas" November 21-23, '96 <http://server.snni.com/~jfklandcr/Dallas.html> "Serving the research community, educating a new generation"

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