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 Lagnado, Lucette BODY: Constitutional Question Hovers Over JFK Assassination Review. WASHINGTON --
 Nearly 32 years after President Kennedy was slain by an assassin at Dallas, a little-noticed constitutional
 confrontation is taking shape between the federal government and the only authority to have put a suspect on
 trial for complicity in the murder, the state of Louisiana. At loggerheads are the federal commission Congress
 established two years ago to review the Kennedy assassination and the district attorney of the parish of New
 Orleans, Harry Connick, who is invoking the sovereignty of the Pelican State to flout investigators and deny
 them documents they say belong to the historical record. The federal commission, which has been assigned
 the task of declassifying records related to the assassination, has been battling Mr. Connick over grand jury
 transcripts and files pertaining to the investigation conducted by his predecessor, Jim Garrison. Garrison is the
 only prosecutor to have brought someone to trial for a role in Kennedy's murder. The man he accused, Clay
 Shaw, was acquitted, but 30 years after Kennedy was killed, a movie by Oliver Stone revived Garrison's
 conspiracy theories of American government complicity in the killing. It was during the ensuing uproar
 that Congress created the Assassination Records Review Board to vet the record and release as many
 documents as possible to the public. In their dispute with Mr. Connick, the board's members are taking the
 position that they are empowered under federal law to retrieve any and all papers related to the Kennedy
 assassination and that their work "shall take precedence over any other law, judicial decision construing such
 law, or common law doctrine." That language is from a letter the U.S. Justice Department sent to Mr. Connick
 after the Louisiana prosecutor had a subpoena issued to the federal commission commanding it to return
 grand jury records Mr. Connick says belong to the Ethnic News Watch, September 8, 1995 to his parish. Mr.
 Connick is arguing that his first loyalty is to the law of the state of Louisiana and that, while he wishes the
 commission well, he believes that it is wrong and that he is under no legal obligation to obey the panel. Noble
 Task In colorful language befitting his reputation as the Crescent City tsar, Mr. Connick told the Forward that
 he "resents" having to bow to pressure from a Washington panel, even one with as noble a task as untangling
 the mystery of who killed President Kennedy. "Washington can't pass a rule that tells me how to run my office --
 who the hell do they think they are?" Mr. Connick told the Forward. "They can't usurp the prerogatives of
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