

or any sort of involvement in the cold war.

KEVIN: Jim, Frank Mankiewicz, the press secretary, the national press secretary to the late Senator Kennedy is quoted now in Washington, you know, reaction to Lane's initial statement. He said, "Well, it would be hard to disprove." Is there any kind of proof, you know, other than the knowledge that you have?

GARRISON: Well, hard to disprove what?

KEVIN: Well, hard to disprove the Lane story and your corroboration of it?

GARRISON: First of all, I don't think Mark Lane would say it if it were not true. It's as simple as that. But, I can assure you that I would not, would not say it if it were not true. As a matter of fact, the statement that was made to me that Bobby Kennedy was well aware that there were many guns between him and the White House and that this is why he did not publically go into the matter of precisely what forces killed his brother until the time came later on - this was told to me at Moran's Restaurant on the 700 block of Iberville. But I mean what is this presumption of guilt, the presumption that you're a liar? Mark Lane has never lied that I know of and I certainly wouldn't bother to lie about anything like that. I think that, from what I know of Frank Mankiewicz, he's a good man, but he had nothing to do with anybody in this channel of communication. One of the men with which we had contact from time to time, it was a loose sort of contact, was from New York and another one was from New York state and outside of New York City and another one was out on the West Coast. It was a very loose sort of affair, but we had this liason.

KEVIN: Jim, may I ask you this and you know I don't want to put you on the spot in any way, shape or form and I know you realize that. However, on the record or off the record, would you allow me as a newsman to trace down, you know, some of the liaison people that you are in contact with so that the story, you know, can be more fully rounded out?

GARRISON: No. I wouldn't because it doesn't matter to me. While I'm very fond of you personally, it doesn't matter to me whether or not the story is corroborated that much. It is true and I wouldn't bother to say it if it isn't true.

I think it's a tragedy and its more of a tragedy than most people realize. This talk of violence in the streets is utterly irrelevant. The question is, what's happened to the American and the government in America? That's what's happened. Violence in the streets has nothing to do with it. But I don't want to, I wouldn't want to elaborate on it anymore because I don't want anybody to think, least of all the Kennedy family, to think we're trying to take advantage of the fact that Senator Kennedy is now among the missing.

KEVIN: Jim, a question now that I guess we can call a \$64 question, but are you prepared to say that the same elements responsible for the death of John F. Kennedy were responsible for the deaths of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and perhaps even Martin Luther King?

GARRISON: Well, you can remove the perhaps. The answer is of course except that in the case of Senator Kennedy, they apparently interposed a cover organization. I doubt if Sirhan Sirhan, since he's younger than the professional shooters they usually use and consider him apparently inexperienced as a professional shooter, which insulates the main organization. But there's no, I don't think there's any question about the fact that the same forces removed everyone. Every one of these men were humanists. They were concerned about the human race. They were not racist in the slightest way, and above all, they were opposed to the evolution of America into an imperialist empire-seeking warfare state. Which it has become, I'm afraid. And now there aren't too many, now there aren't too many leaders