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Gentlemen:

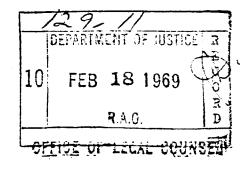
called my office today expressing concern with the failure of the government to release the x-rays as requested by Mr. Garrison in connection with his conspiracy charges in the Kennedy assassination case.

He said that his son's class in school has been studying this problem, and despite personal efforts, he has been unable to convince his son that a giant conspiracy was not involved. He urges that the government release all the information, and thus "shut up Mr. Garrison once and for all."

He said that if the government has nothing to hid, he cannot understand why the information is not being released. I told him that I would check with the Department of Justice and get a response to his inquiry.

Sincerely,

George Murphy



On Stationery of District Attorney Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana

Honorable Louis C. LaCour United States Attorney New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. LaCour:

The State of Louisiana will call Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to testify for it in the case of <u>State</u> v. <u>Clay L. Shaw</u>. The testimony sought from Agent Kennedy will be essentially the same as was given by him in the case of <u>State</u> v. <u>Dean A. Andrews</u>, <u>Jr</u>. In that case Agent Kennedy testified relative to interviews he had with Dean Andrews and the Bureau's efforts to locate a Clay Bertrand.

In the Andrews case there was little, if any, crossexamination of Agent Kennedy. However, in the Shaw case there may be considerable cross-examination about things not directly concerning Dean Andrews or Clay Bertrand. Therefore, to be properly prepared I would appreciate a meeting with you and Agent Kennedy as scon as convenient to discuss his testimony and the possible areas of cross-examination.

> Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain Sincerely yours,

> > James L. Alcock Executive Assistant District Attorney

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY PARISH OF ORLEANS STATE OF LOUISIANA 2700 TULANE AVENUE NEW ORLEANS 70119



January 15, 1969

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Honorable Arthur A. Marshall, Jr. State's Attorney County of Prince Georges Upper Marlboro, Maryland

RE: Mr. Robert A. Frazier

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Robert A. Frazier, believed to be residing at 2705 Gaither, Hillcrest Hights, Maryland, in your County, is deemed to be by the undersigned a material witness in a criminal prosecution now pending before Section "C" of 'the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, i.e., conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

In accordance with the "Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Within or Without a State in Criminal Proceedings", we are enclosing herewith two copies of the following: Request for the Attendance of Out-of-State Witnesses; Certificate of Judge; Order to Disburse Funds to Secure Attendance of Out-of-State Witnesses; together with a check in the sum of \$238.60.

We request that you prepare and cause to be signed the necessary order requiring the said witness to appear in this state before the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Section "C".

Your assistance and cooperation in this recard will be greatly appreciated.

truly yours Very. FM WILLIAM R. ALFORD, σR.

Assistant District Attorney

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vs.

CLAY L. SHAW

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ORLEANS

NO. 198-059, SECTION "C"

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REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE OF OUT-OF-STATE WITNESS

TO THE HONORABLE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR., JUDGE OF SECTION "C" OF THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS, STATE OF LOUISIANA:

The undersigned Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 741, hereby reports and certifies as follows:

1. That there is now pending before Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, a criminal prosecution styled "State of Louisiana versus Clay L. Shaw", NO. 198-059. Said prosecution is for conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, a felony under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

2. That Mr. Robert A. Frazier, now residing at 2705 Gaither, Hillcrest Hights, Maryland, in the County of Prince Georges, is a necessary and material witness for the State of Louisiana in the above-entitled cause.

3. That Mr. Robert A. Frazier is an employee (and firearms expert) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That in said capacity Mr. Frazier was instrumental in the investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America. Mr. Frazier's testimony is material to the above-entitled cause as it will establish the minimum time required to work the bolt and pull the trigger of the Mannlicher-Carcano Rifle allegedly owned by Lee Harvey Oswald and used in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Further, Mr. Frazier examined the shirt, tie and coat worn by President Kennedy at the time of his murder. As a result of this examination Mr. Frazier can testify as to the location and motion of the bullet holes discovered in the President's clothing.

Further, Mr. Frazier conducted various other tests and examination all of which are necessary and material to the trial of Clay L. Shaw for conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy as his testimony will tend to show that in fact President Kennedy was struck by bullets fired by more than one individual.

4. That the presence of the said Mr. Robert A. Frazier is required on the 27th day of January, 1969, for the purpose of giving testimony at the above-entitled trial.

5. That if said Mr. Robert A. Frazier as such witness, comes into the State of Louisiana in obedience to a summons directing him to attend and testify at said proceedings, the laws of the State of Louisiana and of any other state through which said witness may be required to pass by the ordinary course of traval to attend said proceedings, give him protection from arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters which arose prior to his entrance into

said state pursuant to said summons;

That this Certificate is made for the purpose of 6. being presented to a judge of the court of record of the County . of Prince Georges, State of Maryland, where the said Mr. Robert A. Frazier now is, upon proceedings to compel said Mr. Robert A. Frazier to attend and give testimony before Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish Of Orleans, State of Louisiana, upon the 27th day of January, 1969.

WHEREFORE, it is requested for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana that your Honor certify to the above and foregoing by the issuance of a Certificate thereto under the Seal of the Court, for the purpose of and being presented to a Judge of a court of record of the State of Maryland, County of Prince Georges, in a proceeding to compel the attendance of the said Mr. Robert A. Frazier as a witness in proceedings before Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the time and date as set forth and pursuant to the law.

WILLIAM R. ALFORD, JR.

Assistant District Attorney Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana

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CLAY L. SHAW

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ORLEANS NO. 198-059, SECTION "C"

CERTIFICATE

I, Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., Judge of Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify:

1. That there is now pending before Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisima, a criminal prosecution styled "State of Louisiana versus Clay L. Shaw", NO. 198-059. Said prosecution is for conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, a felony under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

2. That Mr. Robert A. Frazier, now residing at 2705 Gaither, Hillcrest Hights, Maryland, in the County of Prince Georges, is a necessary and material witness for the State of Louisiana in the above-entitled cause.

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4. That the presence of the said Mr. Robert A. Frazier is required on the 27th day of January, 1969, for the purpose of giving testimony at the above-entitled trial.

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6. That this Certificate is made for the purpose of being presented to a judge of the court of record of the County of Prince Georges, State of Maryland, where the said Mr. Robert A. Frazier now is, upon proceedings to compel said Mr. Robert A. Frazier to attend and give testimony before Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, upon the 27th day of January, 1969.

> WITNESS, the Honorable Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., Judge of said Court, at New Orleans, this // day of January, 1969.

Qa. EDWARD A. HACGERTY Ju JUDGE OF SECTION "C" Ľ CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ORLEANS STATE OF LOUISIANA

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CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ORLEANS

NO. 198-059, SECTION "C"

ORDER TO DISDURSE FUNDS TO SECURE ATTAIDANCE OF OUT-OF-STATE WITHESS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ORLEANS PARISH:

Pursuant to issuance of Certificate for attendance of out-of-state witness, as provided under Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 741, to testify in the aboveentitled criminal prosecution, it is hereby

ORDERED that a check be drawn on the Fines and Fees Account payable to witness, Robert A. Frazier, for the statutory fee of ten cents per mile for travel by the ordinary route from Hillcrest Hights, Maryland, to New Orleans, Louisiana, and return, a total of 2,186 miles; and five dollars per day for the two days he will be required to attend as a witness and two days travel amounting to a total of \$238.60 (TWO MUNDRED THIRTY_ ENGRT AND 60/100 DOLLARS), which sum is bo be dollvered to him upon issuance of a summons by a Judge of a court of record in the County of Prince Georges, Maryland.

DATED this /4 day of January, 1969.

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WILLIAM R. ALFORD, JR., being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing request for Attendance of Out-of-State Witness are true of his own knowledge except as to those matters therein stated to be upon information and belief, and to those matters he believes the same to be true.

and, S

WILLIAM R. ALFORD, JR. Assistant District Attorney Parish of Orleans Stateof Louisiana

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS /// DAY OF JANUARY. 1969.

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ATTESTATION

I, Daniel Haggerty, Deputy Clerk of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the Honorable Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., by whom the foregoing Certificate was made, and whose genuine signature is subscribed thereto was, at the time of signing of the same, and still is, the Judge of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, Section "C", duly elected, commissioned, qualified and sworn, and to whose acts as such, full faith and credit are due.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court this $\frac{14}{1000}$ day of January, 1969.

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DANIEL B. HAGSERTY Chief Deputy Clerk Criminal District Court Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana

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I, Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., Judge of Section "C" of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the said Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, is a Court of Record, having a Clerk and Seal; that Daniel Haggerty, who has signed the annexed Attestation, is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Chief Deputy Clerk of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and was so qualified at the time of the signing of said Attestation; that he is the legal custodian of the said Seal; that said signature is his genuine handwriting, and that all of his official acts as said Chief Deputy Clerk are entitled to full faith and credit; and I further certify that said Attestation is in due form of law.

WITNESS MY HAND, This day of January, 1969.

JUDGE, SECTION "C" Criminal District Court Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ORDER OF COURS

This matter having come before the Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 618, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amended, and upon consideration of the Petition of the State of Maryland by Arthur A. Marshall, Jr. and Certificate attached thereto, it is by the Court this <u>21</u> day of January, 1969.

ORDERED that Robert A. Frazier, 2705 Faither, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland appear before this Court at 9:30 A.M. on the 24th day of January, 1969, for futher proceedings required by Section 618 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended,

PROVIDED that a copy of this Petition and Order be served on said witness on or before the 23rd day of January, 1969.

Horen A. Piche, Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Criminal Trials No. 8527

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CLAY L. SHAW

vs.

PETITION TO SET MEARING IN RE: OUT OF STATE WITNESS

Comes now the State of Maryland, by and through Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, and pursuant to Section 618 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amonded, represents unto the Court the following:

1. That there is a criminal prosecution pending in the State of Louisiana in the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, entitled State of Louisiana vs.CLay L. Shaw charged with conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

2. That the following person, residing in the State of Maryland is a material witness in Said prosecution:

Robert A. Frazier 2705 Gaither Hillcrest Heights, Maryland

3. That the presence of the above named person will be required on January 29, 1959 and to remain in attendance until excused in the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Section "C", State of Louisiana.

4. That attached hereto is the necessary certificate required by Section 618, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended.

WHEREFORF, the State of Maryland by Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., respectfully moves this Court to order the above named witness to appear before it on the 24th day of January, 1969 at 9:30 A.M. for a hearing pursuant to Section 618 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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Arthur A. Marshall, Jr. State's Attorney

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