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JUDGE COMISKEY, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, STATED TODAY THAT WITNESSES WOULD BE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING AND THAT ARGUMENTS WOULD BE HEARD ON WHETHER CHANDLER'S MOTION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND, WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A ONE-JUDGE OR THREE JUDGE HEARING AND WHETHER ANOTHER JUDGE SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO HEAR THE MATTER. EARLIER, THE ARTICLE CONTINUED, JAMES L. ALCOCK, ASSISTANT DA, ORLEANS PARISH, FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS THE CHANDLER ACTION IN WHICH ALCOCK SAID THAT IF THERE IS CONTEMPT INVOLVED IT IS CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AND THAT ONLY CERTAIN OFFICIALS SUCH AS JUDGES AND USAS COULD BRING SUCH A PROCEEDING, NOT CHANDLER.

THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FOR MARCH TWENTY INSTANT ON PAGE FOUR CARRIES AN ARTICLE STATING THAT ASSISTANT DA RICHARD V. BURNES, DESCRIBED AS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATION BY DA JIM GARRISON INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HAS

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RESIGNED FROM THE DA'S STAFF. THE ARTICLE SAID THAT ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK STATED THAT BURNES' RESIGNATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ASSASSINATION PROBE BY DA JIM GARRISON.

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT BURNES REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON HIS RESIGNATION BUT THAT ALCOCK NOTED THAT MANY ATTORNEYS JOINED THE DA'S STAFF TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AND THEN MOVE ON TO OTHER JOBS.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT BURNES HAS JOINED THE LAW FIRM OF CAMILLE GRAVEL IN ALEXANDRIA, LA. THE ARTICLE OBSERVED THAT AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK BURNES WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOCK IN THE HEARING ON A MOTION TO MOVE SHAW'S TRIAL OUTSIDE NEW ORLEANS.

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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : MR. D. E. MOORE

DATE: March 28, 1968

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

*Lens*

On March 28, 1968, Special Agent Henry C. Larson of the New York Office telephonically furnished the following information:

- On 3/27/68 former New Orleans SAC Harry G. Maynor advised that during November, 1963, he served as Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans FBI Office. In connection with allegations made by former Security Patrol Clerk William Walter alleging that a communication from FBI Headquarters in Washington was received at New Orleans on 11/17/63 stating, in effect, there would be an attempt on the President's life during a forthcoming trip to Texas, Mr. Maynor stated he has no recollection whatever of receiving or seeing any such teletype or other communication containing this message. He remarked that had such message been received he most certainly would have some recollection of it. Mr. Maynor also stated he has no recollection of receiving a telephone message or any other type of message in the morning hours of 11/17/63 from William Walter informing him, Maynor, of receipt of any such communication. Further, Mr. Maynor stated he never instructed any Special Agent personnel on 11/17/63 following receipt of this alleged communication to alert informants in the New Orleans area regarding a possible attempt on the President's life.

Mr. Maynor was asked whether he can recall receiving or seeing any communication from FBI Headquarters instructing various Agents of the New Orleans Office who conducted interviews concerning the assassination to examine their interview reports to make sure there were no conflicts contained in them and whether the Agents were ordered to resolve any conflicts by preparing new reports and destroying the old ones. Mr. Maynor replied that at no time had he asked investigating Agents participating in the investigation of the President's

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
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assassination to change, alter in any way, or destroy investigative reports concerning interviews conducted in connection with this matter. These allegations, Mr. Maynor stated, are unequivocally false.



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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY

March 25, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.  
United States Department of Justice,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Please allow me to thank you for your letter of December 8, 1967 advising that you could not attend my seminar Monday December 11, 1967 dealing with my findings from re-enactment of the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Am sorry my letter of December 5 was unclear. It was my hope you could ask someone from your Kansas City office to attend, I did not anticipate you would do so in person but would have been overwhelmed with joy if you should have.

During the first week of April (1-5) I will be attending a course in Forensic Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington and will stay at the Park Silver Motel at 8040 13th Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. Most of my days will be occupied but I shall bring my 3 x 4 slides and would be happy to demonstrate my (unpublished) findings to anyone you would suggest on the nights of March 31, April 1, 3, or 4. I arrive on EAL 702 at 6:30 p.m. March 31.

-Sincerely,

John Nichols

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March 28, 1968

Dr. John Nichols  
Department of Pathology and Oncology  
School of Medicine  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
Rainbow Boulevard at 39th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66103

Dear Dr. Nichols:

Your letter of March 25th has been received and I want to thank you for your offer to demonstrate certain of your findings relating to your study of the assassination of President Kennedy when you are in Washington, D. C., in the near future.

As has been indicated in our earlier correspondence to you, the medical aspects of the inquiry by the Warren Commission were not handled by this Bureau. The report of the Commission sets forth that the autopsy examination was conducted by a medical team at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, and simulation studies of wound ballistics and related bullet distortion were performed by personnel of the Department of the Army at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Accordingly, it is desired that any of your findings which you wish to furnish to the FBI and which relate to the medical or wound ballistics aspects be furnished in documentary form suitable for referral to the above agencies. Alternatively, since you have indicated that you plan to be in the Washington area, it is suggested you might prefer to furnish your medical and wound ballistics findings directly to those agencies.

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It previously has been suggested that you contact Assistant Director Ivan W. Conrad and you should feel free to contact him directly here at FBI Headquarters to make suitable arrangements for the delivery of any documentary material which you may wish to personally furnish to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Kansas City - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Conrad - Enclosure
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**Dr. John Nichols**

**NOTE:** Dr. Nichols has previously corresponded with the Bureau in this case. By letter 6-27-66 he made inquiry concerning difficulty in obtaining a certified copy of a death certificate of former President Kennedy from Dallas authorities. By letter 7-1-66 we advised him we had not issued instructions that certified copies could not be furnished. By letter 7-7-66 he advised he subsequently learned that Dallas Commission of Health had issued the instructions. By letter 7-6-67 he requested an appointment to come to Washington and explain his studies to the Director and by Bureau letter 7-12-67 the Director declined to make an appointment and suggested he contact Assistant Director Conrad regarding any information he might wish to furnish. By letter 12-5-67 Nichols advised he planned an informal seminar in Kansas City regarding his findings and invited us to send a representative. Bulet 12-8-67 declined. We previously pointed out to Dr. Nichols on two separate occasions that we had nothing to do with the medical aspects of the Warren Commission inquiry. We should not become involved in any oral discussion of his medical findings and should insist that any material relating to the medical aspects he furnished be in documentary form so there will be no question as to what was furnished. The Bureau is not in a position to evaluate the medical findings and such medical information should be referred to those agencies which handled the medical aspects of the inquiry. This letter coordinated with the Laboratory Division.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/28/68

Attached relates to pending trial of Clay L. Shaw, who has been charged by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Since attached has been obtained from news media, no further dissemination being made of same.

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FBI NEW ORLS

613PM URGENT 3/28/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, MARCH  
TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT, REPORTED THAT A NEW MOVE BY ATTORNEYS  
FOR CLAY L. SHAW TODAY CAUSED CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. TO POSTPONE HIS RULING SCHEDULED  
TOMORROW ON WHETHER SHAW'S TRIAL WILL BE MOVED OUT OF NEW  
ORLEANS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT SHAW'S ATTORNEYS MOVED  
TO REOPEN A HEARING ON THEIR PREVIOUS MOTION TO SHIFT  
SHAW'S TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. JUDGE HAGGERTY SET A HEARING AT  
TEN AM, TUESDAY, ON THE NEW MOTION. THE ARTICLE REPORTED  
THAT AN ACTION BY THE OFFICE OF <sup>District Attorney</sup> DA JIM GARRISON TO HOLD  
FOR USE IN THE TRIAL A MOTION PICTURE FILM OF THE KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION LED TO A DEFENSE MOTION TO REOPEN THE CHANGE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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OF VENUE HEARING. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ADA JAMES L. ALCOCK ON MARCH TWENTYONE, WROTE <sup>57</sup> ~~CICERO~~ SESSIONS, THE ATTORNEY FOR LIFE MAGAZINE, ASKING THAT THE DA'S OFFICE BE ALLOWED TO HOLD THE ZAPRUDER FILM "FOR POSSIBLE USE IN THE CASE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA VS. CLAY L. SHAW" AND SESSIONS AGREED. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, SHAW'S ATTORNEYS APPEARED IN JUDGE HAGGERTY'S COURT TODAY WITH COPIES OF THE ALCOCK - SESSIONS CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED TO THEIR MOTION TO REOPEN THE CHANGE OF VENUE HEARING. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARGUED THAT ALCOCK'S STATEMENT AMOUNTS TO A "JUDICIAL DECLARATION" THAT THE SHAW CASE AND THE ASSASSINATION PROBE ARE ONE AND THE SAME AND, THUS, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REOPEN THE HEARING AND RE-EXAMINE ALL OF THE WITNESSES. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY HAD RESTRICTED ALL TESTIMONY DURING THE HEARING TO THE SHAW CASE ITSELF, OVERRULING DEFENSE CONTENTIONS THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THE ASSASSINATION PROBE ARE RELEVANT BECAUSE THEY ESTABLISH IN THE PUBLIC MIND THE EXISTENCE OF A CONSPIRACY.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE DEFENSE NOW SAYS SINCE THE DA'S OFFICE HAS INDICATED A FILM OF THE ASSASSINATION WOULD BE RELEVANT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CALL ALL THE WITNESSES BACK AND ASK THEM THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION PREVIOUSLY RULED OUT.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY WAS SCHEDULED TO VIEW TODAY THE COLOR MOVIE FILM OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TAKEN IN DALLAS ON NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE FILING OF THE NEW MOTION BY SHAW'S ATTORNEYS ENDED ALL POSSIBILITY THAT SHAW'S TRIAL COULD BEGIN IN APRIL. THE ARTICLE STATED THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE NOW WOULD BE THE FIRST JURY DAY IN MAY.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, FINAL EDITION, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT, REPORTED THAT DA JIM GARRISON TODAY FILED A BILL OF INFORMATION CHARGING HIS FORMER CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, WILLIAM H. GURVICH WITH A THEFT. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE CHARGE SPECIFIES THAT ON OR ABOUT JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN, GURVICH ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED THEFT OF PROPERTY

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VALUED AT NINETEEN DOLLARS BELONGING TO THE DA'S OFFICE.  
THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A BOND OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY  
DOLLARS WAS RECOMMENDED.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE BILL OF INFORMATION DID  
NOT SPECIFY WHAT GURVICH IS ACCUSED OF STEALING BUT A  
GARRISON AIDE SAID IT PROBABLY WAS THE MASTER FILE IN THE  
INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.  
THE ARTICLE STATED THAT GURVICH WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY  
AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT AND IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE HAD  
BEEN SERVED WITH A WARRANT. HOWEVER, A COURTHOUSE SOURCE  
SAID IN A CASE OF THIS KIND THE ACCUSED PERSON WOULD  
NORMALLY BE ALLOWED TO COME IN AND POST BOND RATHER THAN  
BEING FORMALLY ARRESTED.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/26/68

Attached indicates fight for change in venue in trial of Clay L. Shaw at New Orleans, Louisiana, is continuing. Shaw has been charged by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Mrs. Ruth Paine, mentioned in attached, is a Quaker who resides in Irving, Texas. She had befriended the wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, and was residing in the Oswald home at the time of the assassination.

Inasmuch as attached was obtained from news media, no further dissemination being made of same.

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723 PM 3/26/68 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM FINAL EDITION,  
MARCH TWENTYSIX INSTANT, STATED CRIMINAL JUDGE EDWARD A.  
MAGGERTY, JR. SAID TODAY, AFTER HEARING ORAL ARGUMENTS,  
THAT HE WILL RULE FRIDAY ON A BID TO HAVE THE KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW MOVED AT  
LEAST ONE HUNDRED MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ASSISTANT DA JAMES  
L. ALCOCK SAID THAT A MOTION PICTURE FILM OF THE KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION TAKEN BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER WILL BE TURNED OVER  
TO THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY. ALCOCK STATED THAT HE  
HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY TIME THAT THE FILM WILL BE SENT TO  
NEW ORLEANS FOR DELIVERY TO THE JURY THURSDAY.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE ORIGINAL FILM NEVER WAS SHOWN TO THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH USED COPIES IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

GARRISON CONTENDS THE ORIGINAL FILM WILL SHOW THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT FROM THE FRONT; THE COMMISSION SAID HE WAS SHOT FROM THE BACK.

IN ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROBE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, MRS. RUTH PAINE IN IRVING, TEXAS, SAID SHE IS "NOT TERRIBLY KEEN" ABOUT COMING TO NEW ORLEANS TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

ASKED ABOUT A PART OF THE SUBPOENA THAT ALLEGES SHE TOOK OSWALD'S GUN FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS MRS. PAINE SAID "SURE, I CARRIED ALL OF OSWALD'S WORLDLY POSSESSIONS FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS IN SIXTYTHREE. FOR ALL I KNOW, THE RIFLE WAS IN THERE." HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE STATED THAT SHE MAINTAINED SHE COULD NOT TELL THE JURY ANYTHING THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WARREN REPORT.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT DURING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS ON THE SHAW CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION BEFORE JUDGE HAGGERTY TODAY DEFENSE ATTORNEY WILLIAM WEGMANN ARGUED THAT THE QUESTIONING OF EIGHTY PROSPECTIVE JURORS IN COURT LAST WEEK PROVED ONE THING: "THEY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THIS CASE. THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH PUBLICITY AND CONTROVERSY THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE INCAPABLE OF ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM."

ON A SECOND POINT, WEGMANN INSISTED THAT SHAW IS DUE A CHANGE OF VENUE BECAUSE AT LEAST ONE WITNESS THE DEFENSE FEELS IS NECESSARY TO ITS CASE HAS REFUSED TO COME TO NEW ORLEANS TO TESTIFY, PROFESSING FEAR.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ASSISTANT DA ALCOCK ANSWERED FOR THE STATE BRIEFLY SAYING THAT HE FEELS THAT THE ORDINARY PERSON IS NOT AS INTERESTED IN THE CASE AS THE DEFENSE CONTENDS AND THAT THE EIGHTY MEMBERS OF THE JURY PANEL QUESTIONED PROVED HIS POINT. ALSO, THAT THE STATE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT ITS OWN CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION IF IT

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AND WOULD HAVE JOINED THE DEFENSE IN ITS MOTION IF IT  
BELIEVED THAT A FAIR TRIAL FOR SHAW WERE IMPOSSIBLE.

<sup>at F.M.C.</sup>  
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)  
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

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Re Bureau airtel, 3/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of an LHM setting forth results of an interview with former New Orleans SAC HARRY G. MAYNOR. He was interviewed on 3/27/68 at NYC, by SA HENRY C. LARSEN.

Mr. MAYNOR categorically denied all allegations made by former Security Patrol Clerk WILLIAM S. WALTER relative to receipt of an alleged communication from FBI Headquarters on 11/17/63, regarding an assassination attempt on the President. Mr. MAYNOR also denied instructing Special Agent personnel investigating the assassination to resolve conflicts in reports by changing, altering or destroying investigative reports.

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 Per FOIA request  
*Signature:* Wm S. Walter

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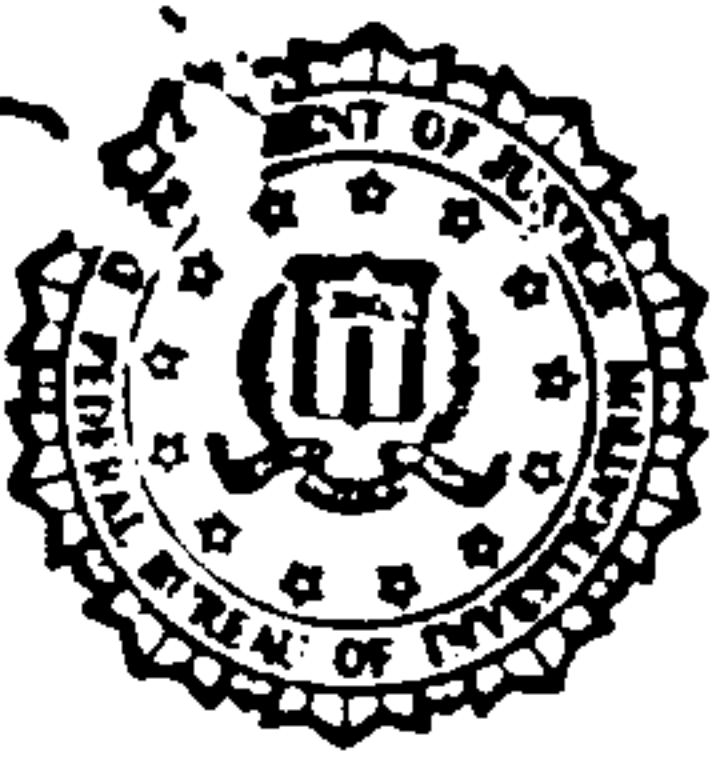
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 28, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: Assassination of President  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963

On March 27, 1968, Mr. Harry G. Maynor, Security Director, General Telephone and Electronics Service Corporation, 730 Third Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he is a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) who in the past served as the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans FBI Office. He advised that he acted in this capacity in November, 1963, when President Kennedy was murdered in Dallas, Texas. La

Mr. Maynor advised that he recalls one William S. Walter as a clerical employee of the New Orleans FBI Office in November, 1963. His actual position was that of Security Patrol Clerk whose duties included the sending and receiving of teletype messages to and from other FBI field offices and FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Regarding allegations made by William S. Walter that a communication from FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. was received at the New Orleans FBI Office on November 17, 1963, stating in effect there would be an assassination attempt on the President's life during his forthcoming trip to Texas, Mr. Maynor stated he has no recollection whatever of receiving or seeing any such teletype or other communication containing this message. He remarked that had such a message been received by him he most certainly would have some recollection of it. He also stated he has no recollection of receiving a message by telephone or by any other means from William S. Walter during the morning of November 17, 1963, following receipt of this alleged communication informing him of its content. Further Mr. Maynor stated he did not instruct any of his Special Agent personnel during the morning of November 17, 1963,

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963

following receipt of this alleged communication to alert informants in the New Orleans area regarding a possible assassination attempt on the President.

Mr. Maynor was asked whether he can recall receiving or seeing any communication from FBI Headquarters instructing the various Special Agents of the New Orleans FBI Office who conducted interviews concerning the assassination of President Kennedy to examine their interview reports to make sure there were no conflicts contained in them and whether the Special Agents were ordered to resolve any such conflicts by preparing new reports and destroying the old reports. Mr. Maynor replied that at no time had he instructed Special Agent personnel participating in the investigation of the President's assassination to change, alter in any way, or destroy investigative reports concerning interviews conducted in connection with this matter. This allegation Mr. Maynor stated is unequivocally false.

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Date: 3/28/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING  
OO: DALLAS

*A. L. ...*

*Rappaport*

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY.

One copy each of these newspaper articles are enclosed for Dallas and Miami.

- ③ - Bureau (Encl. 4)
- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Encl. 4)
- 1 - Miami (Encl. 4)
- 1 - New Orleans

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*C. C. Bishop*

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Special Agent in Charge

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# SHAW RULING FRIDAY

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WEGMANN CITED a number of cases in which the courts have ruled that the defendant did not receive a fair trial because pretrial publicity was not effectively curtailed. "And it certainly has not been effectively curtailed in this case," Wegmann added.

Wegmann said that from the first moment Clay Shaw was arrested and charged with conspiracy to murder the president, the case became a cause celebre. Like other cases which have been overturned because of too much publicity, Wegmann said, the whole community has "become interested in the morbid details surrounding the case."

AT ONE POINT Judge Haggerty noted that "the publicity runs both ways" and Wegmann said, "That's just the point . . . the whole thing has become a publicity battle." Wegmann said he was not contending that the publicity has been more favorable to one side than the other, but simply that there has been an extreme amount of publicity and that the community as a whole, including

prospective jurors, has been influenced.

Wegmann said that one of the problems that will be encountered if Shaw is tried here is getting a jury.

"We will be here ad infinitum . . . we will be picking people off the streets," he said. He noted that challenging jurors for cause can have a prejudicial effect on the defense case.

WEGMANN SAID the courts have ruled that a change of venue ought to be available even though individually each juror cannot be challenged for cause if there are overriding circumstances in the community that prevent a fair trial.

It was his contention that such circumstances exist because of the controversial and unusual nature of the entire Garrison probe and the interest it has aroused.

On a second point, Wegmann insisted that Shaw is due a change of venue because at least one witness the defense feels is necessary to its case has refused to come to New Orleans to testify, professing fear.

WHETHER the fear is justified or not, he said, the witness will not come to New Orleans. "If I can get this witness to testify elsewhere," he said, "then the trial should be moved elsewhere."

Alcock answered for the state briefly, saying that he feels that the ordinary person simply is not as interested in the case as the defense contends and that the 80 members of the jury panel questioned proved his point.

He said the state would have brought its own change of venue motion if it believed a fair trial here for the state was impossible and would have joined the defense in its motion if it believed that a fair trial for Shaw were impossible.

The state, he said, is spending a lot of money on this case and "wants it decided with finality." The state, he said, does not want to contribute in any way to the possibility of a reversal.

Alcock contended that a fair trial for both the state and Shaw can be had right here.

Judge Haggerty said he will deliver a written judgment by 10 a.m. Friday.

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# RULING FRIDAY ON SHAW TRIAL

## Haggerty to Decide on Change of Venue

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. says he will rule at 10 a.m. Friday whether Clay L. Shaw must stand trial in New Orleans.

Final arguments in the change of venue hearing for Shaw were submitted and the defense maintained that "uncontroverted evidence" was presented showing that a public controversy exists, asserting "we are entitled to get as far away as we can possibly go . . . to as remote a community as possible."

Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock, arguing for the state, accused the defense of having "tricked" witnesses into making statements that they had an opinion concerning the charge against Shaw.

Shaw, retired International Trade Mart executive, is facing trial on a charge that he participated in a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

The testimony of 80 prospective criminal district court jurors who were called as witnesses during the hearing was used by both the defense and the state to support their arguments.

William Wegmann, who presented the defense argument, said that 75 to 80 per cent of the prospective jurors "technically lied" on the witness stand because they did know how to answer the questions honestly.

"These people were in their own opinion doing their level best to answer honestly," said Wegmann, adding their testimony resembled a game of tic-tac-toe as the questioning moved from the judge to defense to state.

He said they would tell the judge they had no opinion one way or the other; tell the defense they did have an opinion

and then tell the state they had no opinion.

The defense is seeking the change of venue because it says pretrial publicity in New Orleans precludes Shaw's chance of getting a fair trial here.

Pointing out that the 80 witnesses testified that they had heard about the case via newspapers, television or radio, Wegmann said that from the moment it was announced that Shaw had been arrested, the case has become a cause celebre.

The case, he maintained, "has become a public battle," and the "public wants to know what the hell, excuse the French, it's all about."

He told the court that one of the problems in holding the trial in New Orleans will be getting a jury, and he added that if the judge applies strict laws of challenge, it will become necessary "to pull people off the street" for jury duty.

Referring to the "continual boil of the controversy in the public press," he also argued that it is difficult for the average citizen to make a legal distinction in his mind between the Shaw case, the Warren Report and the assassination probe by District Attorney Jim Garrison. (Judge Haggerty maintained throughout the hearing that the three must be kept as separate and distinct subjects.)

Recalling the testimony earlier in the hearing of George W. Healy Jr., executive editor of The Times-Picayune and the New Orleans States-Item, Wegmann said Healy was a man of above average intelligence, with an above average knowledge of the courtroom and an above average awareness of the news, and, said Wegmann, he testified that the three subjects for news purposes are "all one and the same."

"To the people of New Orleans," he continued, "they are all one and the same."

Alcock, whose closing argument took only about 10 minutes, said he had the impression from the defense that Shaw

that a moratorium should be declared.

He argued that those persons directly involved with the case "read everything that is written about it, devour everything we see," but he said it is "not logical to assume that the man on the street is as keenly aware as we are" about the case.

He said that the appearances on the witness stand of the 80 jurors "demonstrated clearly that here Shaw could get a fair trial." Referring to various magazine and newspaper stories, books, television programs and a movie which witnesses were quizzed about, Alcock said the majority of the witnesses had never seen the documents in question. "This is indicative of what degree they are following the case," he said.

He said public interest in the case "has waned to such a degree that Mr. Shaw and the State of Louisiana can get a fair trial."

Alcock added the majority of witnesses testified, under questioning by the state, that they hadn't heard enough facts.

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William Wegmann, ~~and~~ assistant prosecutor James L. Alcock, that he would deliver his judgment in writing, giving reasons in support of his decision.

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# BURNES RESIGNS FROM D.A. STAFF

## Played Role in Garrison's JFK Death Probe

An assistant district attorney who has played a major role in DA Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe has resigned from Garrison's staff.

The assistant is Richard V. Burnes. Assistant DA James L. Alcock Wednesday confirmed the resignation and said that Burns has joined the law firm of Camille Gravel in Alexandria.

Reached at Gravel's office, Burnes refused to make any comment about his resignation. It became effective March 15.

Alcock said the resignation

had nothing to do with the assassination probe.

"Many attorneys join the DA's staff to gain experience, then move on to other jobs," Alcock said. The Alexandria position

offered Burnes a "much better financial arrangement," Alcock said.

Last summer another Garrison aide, William Gurvich, broke with Garrison in disagreement over the prosecution of Clay L. Shaw, who was charged with conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy. Gurvich was a private investigator and not an assistant DA.

As late as last week Burnes was associated with Alcock in a hearing on a motion to move Shaw's trial out of New Orleans.

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Garrison, however, has said he doubts Oswald killed anyone.

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Enclosed for each the Bureau and New Orleans is one copy of five newspaper clippings concerning captioned matter.

It should be noted that one of these clippings appearing in the "Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas 3/19/68, indicated that one PAT O'DANIEL, Democratic candidate for Governor in the State of Texas, and son of former Texas Governor and Senator W. LEE O'DANIEL, is reported as having urged a state investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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# JFK Probe Requested

Pat O'Daniel, Democratic candidate for governor, Tuesday urged a state investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

In a speech to supporters at his Dallas headquarters, the local insurance executive said as governor he would launch such an investigation to find the answers to the many still unanswered questions concerning the late president's death here Nov. 22, 1963.

"This was and still is a state matter," he said. "Certain authorities have deliberately concealed the truth from the people of Texas as well as those of the United States and the world."

O'Daniel, son of former Texas governor and Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, also renewed the other parts of his program which include opposition to liquor-by-the-drink and support of higher pay for teachers.

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Page # 13A

"The Dallas Times Herald" Dallas, Texas

Date: 3/19/68

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Author:

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**Felix R. McKnight**

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## Mrs. Paine Subpoenaed By Garrison

Mrs. Ruth Paine of Irving, who befriended Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife the year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, was subpoenaed by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison Monday to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury, April 18 and 19.

The subpoena alleged Mrs. Paine transported Oswald's rifle, which the Warren Commission said killed the President, from New Orleans to Dallas in September, 1963, the Associated Press reported.

President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission decided Oswald was the lone assassin. Garrison says the assassination was plotted in New Orleans by Oswald and others.

Mrs. Paine, the document states, helped Oswald get his job at the Texas Book Depository by calling on the building superintendent. The Warren Commission said Oswald shot the President from a hiding place in the building.

Like most of the requests for witnesses, the motion grants Mrs. Paine immunity from prosecution while in Louisiana.

In Irving, Mrs. Paine said she was "not terribly keen" on testifying before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

She said she couldn't tell the grand jury anything that wasn't in the Warren Commission report.

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"The Dallas  
Morning News"  
Dallas, Texas

Date:

3/26/68

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Author:

Editor:

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# Strict Attorneys Want Garrison to Pay

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — There is no move afoot to discipline New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, but he owes \$8 to each of the delegates to the National District Attorneys Association meeting, President William Raggio said Monday.

Garrison, angered because Raggio asked him not to make an intended speech, locked delegates out of the New Orleans banquet and gave away the food which had been paid for by some 600 prosecutors and their wives Saturday. He gave the food to children at three orphanages.

Garrison said he planned to discuss at the banquet the "illegal intrusion of federal courts into state affairs, and the activities of Lyndon Johnson in concealing vital evidence about

the assassination." Garrison has been conducting his own investigation of the death of President Kennedy.

Raggio, who is Washoe County district attorney, said Garrison was a "self-appointed speaker" and had never been asked to speak at the convention. Raggio said Garrison was to have introduced Louisiana's governor. Some delegates were concerned over what Garrison might say, so Raggio asked him about it.

"When he told me he was going to tell how the federal courts and President Johnson had hindered his investigation, I said 'Listen, Jim, I'm going to ask you not to speak,'"

Raggio said. "He said if he couldn't speak, there would be no banquet. He turned to an assistant and said 'cancel the banquet, bolt the doors, guard them and don't let anybody in.'"

Raggio termed Garrison's behavior "completely irrational." "In the first place, it wasn't his banquet," he said. "It was one of the things covered by the \$50 registration fee paid by each delegate. We want our \$8 back and expect some arrangements for him to do so."

Raggio said association direction regarding Garrison's talk and directed steps be taken to obtain a refund for the banquet.

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"The Dallas Morning News" Dallas, Texas

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3/19/68

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# RFK Says He Wouldn't Reopen Warren Report

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. Robert Kennedy got a barrage of questions Monday on whether if elected president he would open the U.S. Archives to reveal details of the death of his brother, President Kennedy.

"I would not reopen the War-

ren Commission report," Kennedy told students at San Fernando Valley State College. "I have seen everything that's in there. I stand by the Warren Commission." He did not elaborate on whether he would open the archives.

Several times the senator, campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, tried to ignore the questions from students. He became obviously more distressed as they persisted. Finally he said, "Your manners overwhelm me."

"Go ahead," he said, "go ahead, ask your questions."

A student shouted, "Will you open the archives?"

Kennedy said, "Nobody is more interested than I in knowing who is responsible for the —and there was a long pause— "death of President Kennedy." Then he said he would not reopen the Warren report.

An aide said it was Kennedy's first public statement of this kind.

The Warren Commission report found that Lee Harvey Oswald alone assassinated President Kennedy.

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"The Dallas Morning News"  
Dallas, Texas

Date: 3/26/68

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# Witnesses Deny Shaw Guilt Bias

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Attorneys faced another long day in court today trying to find out if prospective jurors for the assassination conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw have been influenced by pre-trial publicity.

Forty more persons were called to testify today. They were selected at random from ten criminal district courts in Orleans Parish.

Monday 36 of 40 prospective jurors testified they could give Shaw a fair hearing. They agree by more than five to one they could "treat Shaw's trial the same as any other case."

SHAW ATTORNEYS contend the 55-year-old New Orleans businessman cannot get a fair trial in New Orleans because of adverse publicity launched by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

However, Monday only two of 36 jurors testified they had read articles or publications which defense attorneys said could have prejudiced their minds against Shaw.

The articles and publications in question are:

—Mark Lane's book "Rush to Judgment" — a criticism of the Warren Commission report.

—A National Observer interview.

—A Playboy magazine interview with Garrison.

—A Ramparts magazine article on Garrison's investigation into the death of President Kennedy.

MONDAY'S SESSION was drawn out with repeated defense attempts to get the prospective jurors to admit they had formed

some kind of impression about the case.

Most, however, agreed that while they might have more knowledge of the Shaw case than any other less publicized criminal trial, they could make impartial jurors.

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"The Dallas Times Herald"  
Dallas, Texas

Date: 3/14/68

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Author:

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TO DIRECTOR & NEW ORLEANS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (89-10) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE.

RE BUREAU TEL THREE TWENTYNINE LAST AND JK TEL THREE TWENTY  
EIGHT LAST.

FORMER SAC D. K. BROWN AND FAMILY DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE THREE  
TWENTYFIVE LAST FOR ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA AREA. NO ITINERARY  
FURNISHED THIS OFFICE.

JACKSONVILLE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HIM THROUGH NORMAL CONTACTS  
PHOENIX AND LOS ANGELES AREAS, ALTHOUGH BROWN ADVISED NO SET PLANS  
FOR TRAVEL TO WESTERN AREA OF USA AT TIME OF DEPARTURE.

SAC SECRETARY ADVISED SPECIFIC POINT RAISED BY WALTER COVERED  
IN ORIGINAL INTERVIEW BY BROWN AND WALTER DENIED KNOWLEGE AS SET  
OUT IN PAGE SIX OF JK AIRTEL AND LHM DATED FEB. TWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ADVISE IF INTENSIFIED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO LOCATE  
BROWN IN LINE WITH BUREAU OBSERVATION AS BROWN NOT EXPECTED TO  
RETURN TO JACKSONVILLE UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

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**ReJKtel 3/29/68.**

Bureau does not deem it necessary that Jacksonville make intensified efforts to locate former SAC D. K. Brown for interview in this matter.

Jacksonville should maintain contact with established sources so that Mr. Brown can be interviewed promptly upon his return to Jacksonville, approximately April 15, 1968.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63.  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING:  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning above captioned matter.

One copy of these articles are enclosed for Dallas and Miami.

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# Shaw Motion Delays Ruling On Trial Shift

A new move by attorneys for Clay L. Shaw today caused Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty to postpone his ruling, scheduled for tomorrow, on whether Shaw's trial will be moved out of New Orleans.

Attorneys for Shaw, 55, moved to reopen a hearing on their previous motion to shift Shaw's trial on a charge of conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy. Judge Haggerty set a hearing at 10 a.m. Tuesday on the new motion.

THIS ENDED ALL possibility that Shaw's long-delayed trial could begin in April. The earliest possible date now would be the first jury day in May.

An action by the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison to hold for use in the trial a motion picture film of the Kennedy assassination led to a defense motion to reopen the change-of-venue hearing.

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury today was scheduled to view the color movie film of the Kennedy assassination taken in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, by Abraham Zapruder. It was subpoenaed from its owners, Life magazine, for the jury to study in its probe of the assassination.

The film to be shown was not the original film, but a copy made before several frames were damaged.

ASSISTANT DA James L. Alcock on March 21 wrote Life attorney Cicero Sessions asking that the DA's office be allowed to hold the film "for possible use in the case of the state of Louisiana vs. Clay L. Shaw." Sessions agreed.

Defense attorneys F. Irvin Dymond and Edward Wegmann came into Judge Haggerty's court today with copies of the Alcock-Sessions correspondence attached to their motion to reopen the change-of-venue hearing.

They argued that Alcock's statements amounts to a judicial declaration that the Shaw case and the assassination probe are one and the same, and thus they have the right to reopen the hearing and reexamine all of the witnesses.

IN THE HEARING, several newsmen and 80 members of the jury panel were questioned. Shaw's attorneys sought to show that he could not get a fair trial here because of "undue" publicity about the case.

But Judge Haggerty restricted all testimony to the Shaw case itself, overruling defense contentions that all aspects of

the assassination probe are relevant because they establish the public manifestation of a conspiracy.

NOW, THE defense says, since the DA's office has indicated a film of the assassination would be relevant, they have the right to call all the witnesses back and ask them the questions about the assassination previously ruled out.

Garrison had contended, and the judge agreed, that his public statements about the assassination were not relevant as long as they did not pertain directly to Shaw.

Judge Haggerty set the Tuesday date for arguments on the issue on whether to reopen the hearing and reexamine witnesses.

"THIS NECESSARILY defers my ruling due Friday on the change of venue," Judge Haggerty said.

On the Zapruder film itself, Alcock said the DA's office was satisfied with the copy provided. Garrison has claimed in the past that the copy from which the Warren Commission worked and inadequate and the original film would support his

contention that Kennedy was shot from the front.

The commission said the President was shot from the back by Lee Harvey Oswald, and it found no evidence of a conspiracy.

Sessions and a projectionist went into the grand jury room this afternoon, indicating that the film was about to be shown to the jury.

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STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Date: 3-28-68

Edition: RED FLASH

Author:

Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY  
Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11-22-63

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**ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK, left, receives a copy of the film taken in Dallas by Abraham Zapruder of the John F. Kennedy slaying from CICERO SESSIONS, attorney for Life magazine.**

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# DA Charges Gurvich With Theft

District Attorney Jim Garrison today charged his former chief investigator, William H. Gurvich, with theft.

The bill of information did not specify what it is Gurvich is accused of stealing but a Garrison aide said it probably was the master file in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

GURVICH SERVED as the DA's chief investigator in the assassination probe until June, 1967, when he abruptly quit, saying it had "no basis in fact."

Garrison has since been quoted as saying that Gurvich

left with a copy of the master file in the case.

The DA himself filed the bill of information today, an unusual occurrence. It gave Gurvich's address as 610 Poydras, the location of his business, New Orleans Private Patrol.

The charge specifies that on or about June 28, 1967, Gurvich allegedly committed theft of property valued at \$19 belonging to the district attorney's office.

A BOND of \$750 was recommended.

Gurvich was not immediately available for comment, and it was not known whether he had been served with a warrant. However, a courthouse source said in a case of this kind the accused person would normally be allowed to come in and post bond rather than being formally arrested.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said Gurvich would have to file a motion for a bill of particulars to get more specific information about the charge, but added that the accusation "probably relates to the master file in the Kennedy case."

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Date: 3-28-68

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