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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald termed the court ruling "a step in the right direction."

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## Shaw Lawyer Foresees. No Further Trial Delays

Reports Pleadings Won't Alter Jan. 21 Date

The trial of Clay L. Shaw on a charge of conspiracy to murder President Kennedy will not be further delayed by legal pleadings, one of Snaw's lawyers said Friday.

F. Irvin Dymond said he plans to file more pleadings before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., but they will not set the trial back beyond the Jan. 21 date set by District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Garrison set the date after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of a lower court ruling against Shaw.

Dymond would not reveal what motions he intends to file, but said, "They will have no effect on the trial date."

#### DEFENSE SAID READY

Dymond said the defense is "ready to go" and will seek no further delay.

Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd said he will lay down security regulations for the trial after the beginning of the year.

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Garrison's office arrested Shaw on March 1, 1967. He was booked with conspiring to murder the President. At a preliminary hearing, former Baton Rouge insuranceman Perry Russo testified he heard Shaw plotting with Lee Harvey Oswald and others in September, 1963. Shaw was later indicted.

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President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.
In addition to Dymond, attorneys Edward Wegmann and William Wegmann will defend Shaw.

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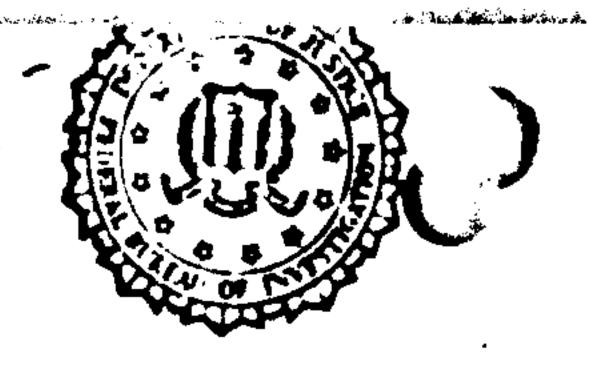
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## Garrison Carrying

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today began new legal procedures lo obtain X-rays and photographs connected with the autopsy on the body of President John F. Kennedy for use in the Clay Shaw trial scheduled later in January.

The district attorney has obtained a private attorney in Washington who is expected early next week to file a subpena for the appearance of Dr. James B. Rhoads, archivist of the United States.

The subpena to be filed in the Court of General Sessions will ask that Rhoads appear and bring with him all of the X-ray and photographic records connected with the autopsy conducted after Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

In a previous attempt, the DA had asked for the appearance of the United States attorney in New Orleans to provide the records. He was turned down.

Garrison has contended that Lee Harvey Oswald did not fire the shot that killed the president, as was the finding of the Warren Commission.

The district attorney has contended that the shot came from other directions, including a "grassy knoll" on one side of Dealey Plaza in Dal-

question has also been raised by the district attorney and other Warren Commission

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The X-rays and photographs bear on the controversy.

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#### ON ASSUMPTIONS

Fensterwald is resigning as chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure.

In his statement announcing organization of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Fensierwald said the group's work would proceed on a number of assumptions.

He said these included the assumptions that a conspiracy was involved in President Kennedy's assassination and in the slaying of King in Memphis and that "there are footprints which! point toward a conspiracy" in the pistol death of Sen. Kennedy in Los Angeles.

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FBI Mr. Cat.shen Date: 12/31/68 Mr. Cornai. Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority) Tele. Room.\_\_\_ Miss Holinks.... Miss Gandy TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060) SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75) FROM: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY ----NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS 00: DALLAS ReBuairtel to Dallas, et al, dated 12/23/68. Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, for Dallas two copies, and New Orleans and Jackson one copy each of an LHM concerning the interview of SA THOMAS J. BEVANS of the Los Angeles Division. Informational copies are being furnished Jackson and New Orleans in view of their interest in this matter. For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, SA BEVANS attended Loyola University Law School at New Orleans, Louisiana, from September 1960 through June 1964 During this period he was associated with JAMES LALCOCK and HARRY HULL, both former law students. BEVANS states this/ association was primarily at school but on infrequent occasions they would associate socially at affairs connected with Loyola University. BEVANS states ALCOCK and HULL graduated in June 4 3 1963. Upon graduation, HULL enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he remained until 1968, at which time he joined 22 (3) - Bureau (Encls. 6) 2 - Dallas (Encls. 2)(89-43)(Personal Attention)(AM-RM) | M - Jackson (Encl. 1) (Personal Attention) (AM-RM) 1 - New Orleans (Encl. 1)(89-69)(Personal Attention)(AM-RM) 2 - Los Angeles (1 - SA BEVANS personnel file) 16 enternal REC 43 62 -/2000 Proposition of the Biggs of 1.3 RDR/sro

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the staff of New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON.
ALCOCK, upon graduation, became a member of GARRISON's staff and continues to be employed as an Assistant District Attorney.
BEVANS states that recent press coverage of the trial of New Orleans businessman CLAY SHAW discloses that ALCOCK is handling GARRISON's investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

BEVANS states he has not seen nor heard from ALCOCK since leaving New Orleans in August 1964, and has never spoken to him regarding the assassination investigation. BEVANS states he spoke briefly to HULL at New Orleans when on annual leave in July 1968, at which time HULL indicated he was handling general trial work in the criminal classifications. HULL, at this time, made no mention of the GARRISON assassination investigation but did state that ALCOCK was well and was considered a capable assistant.

SA BEVANS fully recognizes the importance of this investigation and stated he will continue to be extremely circumspect in any subsequent chance meetings he may have with WALTER, ALCOCK, and HULL. He was instructed that should he ever be contacted by WALTER, Attorney MARK LANE, District Attorney GARRISON or any of their representatives or any individual concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, he should immediately advise the SAC.

BEVANS stated he fully understood these instructions and certainly he was not going to initiate any contacts with any of the individuals and any meetings with them would be merely by chance during visits to his home.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California December 31, 1968

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

From approximately 3:35 to 4:00 PM, on December 30, 1968, Special Agent Thomas J. Bevans of the Los Angeles Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Richard D. Rogge and Supervisory Special Agent Chester E. St. Vincent.

Mr. Bevans was made aware of the allegations made by former Security Patrol Clerk William S. Walter to the effect that sometime during Walter's tour of duty, midnight to 8:00 AM, on Sunday, November 17, 1963, he received a teletype from FBI Headquarters containing information that there might be an assassination attempt on President John F. Kennedy in Texas. Further, Bevans was questioned concerning any information or knowledge he may have regarding an alleged FBI directive instructing Agents who investigated the assassination of President Kennedy to examine interview reports and to destroy old reports where conflicts were located.

Mr. Bevans stated while assigned to the New Orleans Office from August 1958 to August 29, 1964, he was assigned as a night clerk. During the period preceding and including the date of President Kennedy's assassination, November 1963, he was working as a Security Patrol Clerk and was so employed on the 4:15 PM to 12:15 AM shift. Mr. Bevans continued his normal weekly schedule was Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:15 PM to 12:15 AM, and Sunday 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM, with Monday and Tuesday his days off.

Mr. Bevans stated while he cannot specifically recall the date of November 17, 1963, by being advised it was a Sunday and considering his normal routine, he would have been working

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November 17, 1963, and probably was relieved by William S. Walter on or about twelve midnight, Saturday, November 16, 1963. Mr. Bevans stated he then would return to work as his custom at 8:15 AM on Sunday, November 17, 1963, and terminated his duty at 4:15 PM that date. Mr. Bevans states he specifically recalls working on the afternoon of Friday, November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. He was subsequently relieved, based on normal custom and to the best of his recollection, by Mr. Walter and can recall no conversation or mention whatsoever concerning the receipt of any teletype or any type of communication from the Eureau or from any other source relating to a current or prior period wherein an alleged attempt would be made to assassinate the President.

Mr. Bevans stated because of their assignment it was essential for him and Mr. Walter to work closely together since they relieved each other and in order to maintain the continuity of usual business it was necessary they relay all pertinent data to one another to effectively carry out their responsibilities. Mr. Bevans states at no time prior to or on November 17, 1953, or any time since, does he recall Mr. Walter ever mentioning the receipt of a teletype or communication of any kind from any source whatsoever alleging or reporting thore wert ha en er errereinstien ettermt en Precidint John P. Kennedy. Mr. Bevans states it would appear to him in view of the impact and instantaneous worldwide interest in the essassination of President Kennedy, that had Walter received such a communication as alleged at any time during this period he, Walter, would have mentioned it. Further, if Walter did not mention it specifically to him he was certain the mere existence of such a communication would prompt other employees to make mention of the incident. However, in view of the lack of such conversation or report at any time he is certain in his mind the alleged message was not received. Mr. Bevans also specifically states at no time did he receive a teletype or other communication from any source whatsoever prior to or after the assassination alleging an assassination attempt might be made on President John F. Kennedy. Further, he does not

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recall any other FBI employee or for that matter anyone else ever mentioning the existence of any communication from any source alleging an assassination attempt would be made on President Kennedy.

Mr. Bevans continued he never received any instructions from the then Special Agent in Charge Harry G. Maynor to contact any Agents in the New Orleans Office to alert their informants regarding such a threat during the period in question, namely November 16, 1963, to November 22, 1963. He also states no instructions were left for him or orally given to him by Mr. Walter or anyone else regarding contacts to be made with Agents to alert their informants concerning an alleged threat to assassinate President Kennedy.

Mr. Bevans continued the New Orleans FBI Office had standing instructions during the period he was assigned as a night clerk that any important matters coming to his or any other clerks attention after regular business hours were to be immediately brought to the attention of the Special Agent in Charge or the Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Mr. Bevans stated in line with these instructions he knows he would have brought such an important matter as a threat to assassinate the President of the United States immediately to the attention of Special Agent in Charge Haynor and surely in view of the impact of the crime he would recall such an incident.

Mr. Bevans stated during the period of his employment in New Orleans, he never recalls the receipt of any FBI directive or hearing of such a directive instructing Special Agents who participated in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy to examine interview reports and to destroy those wherein conflicts existed. Further, Mr. Bevans states categorically that at no time since leaving New Orleans has he heard of such a report.

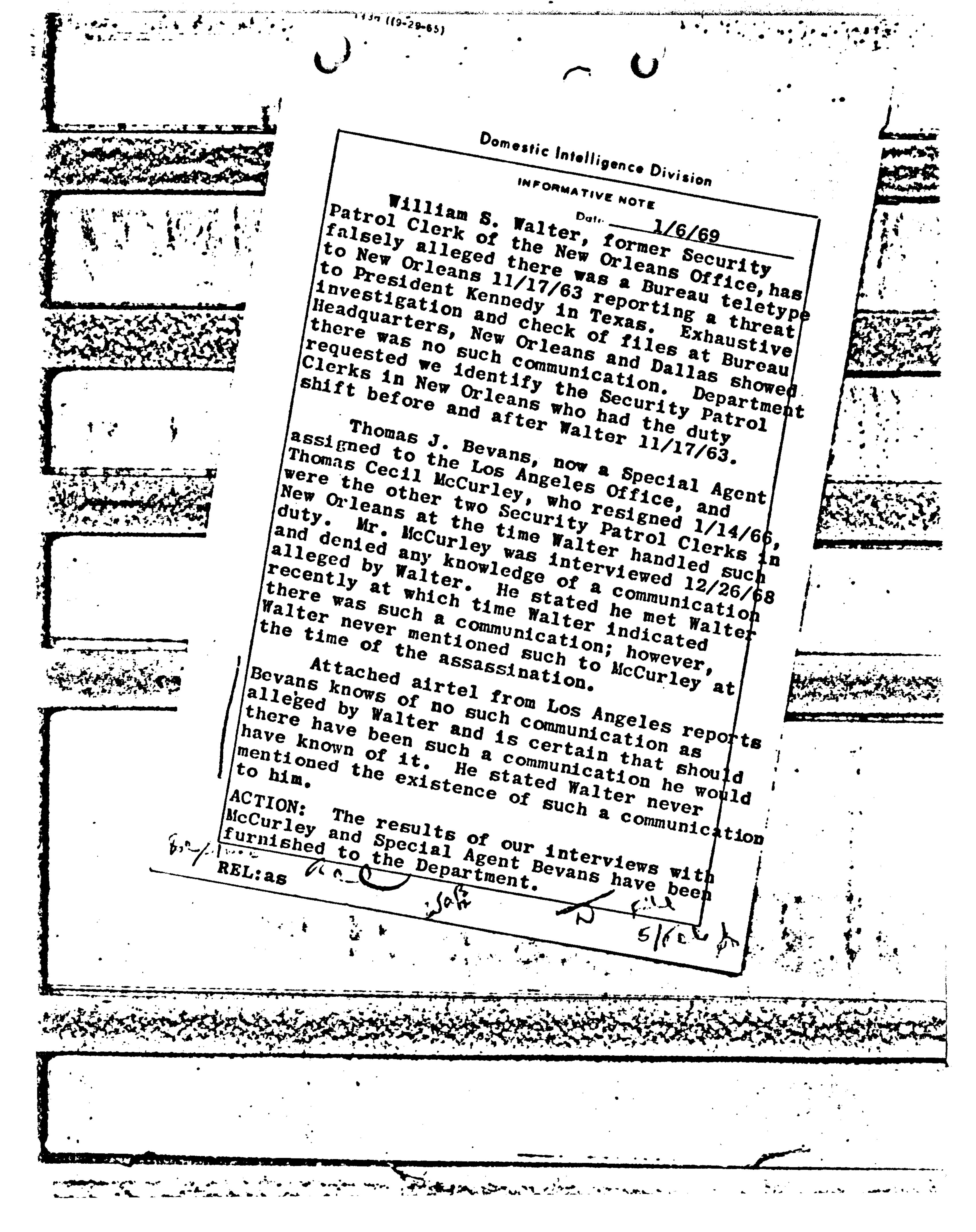
Mr. Bevans stated since entering on duty as a Special Agent on August 31, 1964, he has tried to get home at least once a year to visit his parents and in-laws in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area. He stated sometime during the summer, possibly

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August or September 1965 or 1966, he by chance met Walter in New Orleans at an unrecalled location where they had a brief casual conversation. At no time during this meeting did Walter bring up the fact he allegedly received such a communication or was the assassination of President Kennedy or any of its aspects discussed. Mr. Bevans stated while he knew Walter as a business associate and may have had lunch with him on infrequent occasions, they were never close socially.

Mr. Bevans states he has never been contacted by Walter, Mark Lane, New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, their representatives, or any other individual concerning this matter other than Assistant Special Agent in Charge Rogge and Supervisory Special Agent St. Vincent.

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Mr. DeLoach

- Mr. Bishop

- Mr. Rosen

To:

BACE, New Orleans (89-69) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) Dallas (89-43) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

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Director, FBI (62-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOIN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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ReNOtel reporting trial of Clay Shaw scheduled to begin 1/21/69 in New Orleans.

Bureau does not desire that any FBI personnel attends. Clay Shaw trial as an observer. You should cover the Clay Shaw trial through news media and established sources. Should pertinent information be received regarding trial which by necessity requires immediate investigation or other action by the FBI, the Bureau is to be notified either by telephone or teletype, depending upon the urgency of the situation. No investigation, however, is to be conducted without Bureau approval irrespective of the nature of the data furnished.

Any attempt by Garrison to involve the FBI in his investigation or plans of Garrison to subpoena FBI personnel to appear at the Clay Shaw trial should be brought to the Bureau's

You should make certain all personnel of your office are made cognizant of the Bureau's instructions in this matter. / REL: as/

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See memo Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan.

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NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -INFORMATION CONCERNING. 00: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JANUARY

SEVEN INSTANT, REPORTED THAT GARRRISON'S OFFICE HAS RELEASED AN AFFIDAVII AITRIBUTED TO FRED HOLLEEMANS, SR., IN WHICH LEEMANS CLAIMED HE WAS LYING WHEN HE SAID ON A NATIONAL TV

BROADCAST THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIBED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S

OFFICE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT LEEMANS APPEARED ON THE

NATIONAL BROADCASI COMPANY (NBC) TELECAST "THE JFK CONSPIRACY: THE CASE OF JIM GARRISON" IN JUNE OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

ACCORDING TO THE AFFIDAVIT, LEEMANS CLAIMS HE LIED WHEN HE TOLD VIEWERS THAT MEMBER OF JIM GARRISON'S STAFF, ONE

ROBERT ENLES HAD OFFERED HIM TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR

TESTIMONY TO THE EFFECT THAT CLAY SHAW USED HIS TURKISH BATH REC-114 AND THAT ON THOSE OCCASIONS, SHAW USED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND AND HOW GARRISON'S OFFICE ATTEMPTED TO GET HIM TO IDENTIFY 565ANE21 1969

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YOUNG WHITE MALE WHO ACCOMPANIED SHAW TO THE BATHS AS LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THE AFFIDAVIT QUOTED LEEMANS AS SAYING, "I NOW STATE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY PROMISES OF REWARD OF IMMUNITY THAT THE STATEMENTS I MADE ON THE NBC PROGRAM RELATIVE TO GARRISON'S OFFICE OFFERING ME A BRIBE FOR TEXTIMONY FAVORABLE TO THEIR CASE WAS A LIE."

THE AFFIDAVIT STATES LEEMANS MOTIVE FOR SAYING HE LIED IS "TO CLEAR THE NAME OF ROBERT E. LEE, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNET, AND THE OFFICE OF JIM GARRISON FROM FALSE ACCUSATIONS THAT I HAVE MADE."

THE AFFIDAVIT GIVES SEVERAL REASONS WHY LEEMANS ALLEGEDLY LIED ON THE NBC PROGRAM, CLAIMING LEEMANS RECEIVED NUMEROUS ANONYMOUS THREATENING PHONE CALLS ABOUT INFORMATION HE HAD GIVEN GARRISON WARNING HIM TO CHANGE HIS STATEMENT AND SAY THAT HE WAS BRIBED BY GARRISON. THE AFFIDAVIT ALSO SAYS LEEMANS WAS VISITED BY A MAN WITH A BADGE WHO SAID HE WAS A GOVERNMENT END PAGE TWO

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AGENT WHO WARNED LEEMANS NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CLAY SHAW CASE AND SAID THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HAD BEEN GOT HURT."

ACCORDING TO THE AFFIDAVIT, LEEMANS CLAIMED HIS ACTUAL APPEARANCE ON THE NBC SHOW WAS TAPED IN THE OFFICE OF AARON KOHN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION IN THE PRESENCE OF WALTER SHERIDAN OF NBC AND IRVIN DYMOND, SHAW'S ATTORNEY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT KOHN TODAY ACKNOWLEDGED HE

LET SHERIDAN USE HIS OFFICE TO INTERVIEW LEEMANS ON MAY THIRTY,

NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BUT DENIED DYMOND WAS PRESENT DURING

THE INTERVIEW. KOHN SAID THE ONLY PERSONS PRESENT AT THE

INTERVIEW WERE SHERIDAN, LEEMANS AND AN NBC CAMERAMAN AND AN

NBC PRODUCER NAME FRED FREED. KOHN SAID HE DID NOT SIT IN ON

THE INTERVIEW.

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FBI WASH DC

:Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation TO

DATE:

January

FMV: RCN: slt 129-11

FROM :Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

subject: Presidential Assassination; Post Card from Miss H. Leona King, 401 Linn Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Attached for your attention and such disposition as may be deemed appropriate is a copy of a post card addressed to the President by Miss H. Leona King, 401 Linn Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Of course, this correspondence has not been acknowledged.

Enclosure

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The person or persons involved in the death of John Kennedy and his assassin, got the wrong ones. The people who should have been murdered were W. E. Houng, Camp Hill, Pa and Kate Martindale; earlier.

Miss H. Leona King 401 Linn St. Harrisburg, Pa.

TRUE COPY

SAC, Philadelphia

Director, FBI (62-109060)

January 10, 1969

Mr. Raupach

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22. 1963 DALLAS. TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for Philadelphia is one copy of a letter received from the Department and two true copies of a post card furnished with the communication bearing the signature Miss H. Leona King.

Promptly interview Miss King regarding her allegation. The results of this interview are to be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Should information be developed which would reveal any mental instability concerning the correspondent, this information should also be incorporated into the letterhead memorandum. A copy of the letterhead memorandum should be furnished to local Secret Service.

For your investigative information Bureau files contain no record concerning the correspondent. Handle promptly.

Enclosures (3)

1 - Dallas (Encs. 2)

Department furnished a Xerox copy of a post card addressed to President Johnson from Miss King who indicated the persons involved in the death of President Kennedy were the wrong ones. It appears she may possibly be mentally deranged.

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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

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DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JANUARY SIX INSTANT, REPORTED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L. SHAW TODAY PRESSED A NEW MOVE TO HAVE HIS TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDT MOVED OUT OF NEW ORLEANS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. SET A HEARING FRIDAY ON THIS MOTION AND ANOTHER TO THROW OUT THE CHARGES AGAINTS SHAW.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JUDGE HAGGERTY GRANTED THIRD

MOTION OFFERED TODAY BY CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL F. JRVIN DYMOND
WHICH WILL PERMIT SHAW TO REMAIN FREE ON HIS ORIGINAL TEN

THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND DURING THE TRIAL SCHEDULED TO BEGIAZ JAN 9 1969

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID HE WILL HOLD.

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THE JUDGE SAID HE WILL HOLD COURT SESSIONS FROM NINE A.M. TO NOON AND ONE THIRTY P.M. TO FIVE THIRTY P.M. MONDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS AND FROM ONE THIRTY TO FIVE THIRTY PM. ON SUNDAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE JUDGE SAID HE ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS BUT FELT IT WOULD OVERTAX ATTORNEYS,

JURORS AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID CAMERAS AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT WILL BE BANNED FROM THE COURTHOUSE BUT THERE WILL BE A CLOSED -CIRCUIT TV THE COURTHOUSE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HELP SECURITY.

THE JUDGE ALSO SAID HE IS ASKING FOR A PANEL OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY JURORS AND WILL CALL ON PERSONS FROM PANELS OF OTHER SECTIONS OF COURT IF THE ORIGINAL TWO HUNDRED FIFTY IS EXHAUSTED BEFORE TWELVE JURORS ARE AGREED UPON.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT DYMOND'S MOTION TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT AGAINST SHAW ATTACKS TWO STATE STATUTES ON CONSITUTIONAL GROUNDS. THE MOTION CONTENDS THE CONSPIRACY END PAGE TWO

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STATUTE UNDER WHICH SHAW IS CHARGED IS INVALID BECAUSE IT VIOLATES THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH GUARANTEED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS, VIOLATES, THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS, AND VIOLATES THE RIGHT OF AN ACCUSED PERSON TO BE INFOMRED OF THE ACCUSATION AGAINST HIM. THE MOTION ALSO ATTACKES A STATE LAW KNOWN AS THE "NINE OF TWELVE RULE" WHICH PROVIDES THAT ONLY NINE OF THE TWLEVE JURORS NEED VOTE GUILTY TO OBTAIN A CONVICTION. DYMOND'S MOTION CONTENDS A GUILTY VERDICT MUST BE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE MOTION FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE CONTENDS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SHAW TO GET A FAIR TRIAL ANYWHERE WITHIN A HUNDRED MILE RADIUS OF NEW ORLEANS BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY THE CASE HAS RECEIVED. THE MOTION CHARGES THAT GARRISON AND HIS AIDES HAVE PERSISTED IN A COURSE OF CONDUCT DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE POTENTIAL JURORS AGAINST SHAW AND TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THERE WAS IN FACT A CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THE MOTION CITED AN HOUR-LONG PRESS END PAGE THREE

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CONFERENCE BY GARRISON ON DECEMBER ELEVEN, A TELEVISION SHOW ON WHICH ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES L. ALCOCK APPEARED DECEMBER NINE, AND A TELEVISION WITH ALCOCK ON DECEMBER THIRTYONE.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT DYMOND ASKED FOR AN IMMEDIATE HEARING ON HIS MOTIONS SO AS TO CAUSE NO FURTHER DELAY IN THE TRIAL.

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Transmit the following in Date: 1/9/69 AIRTEL Via (Type in plainlext or code) AIRMAIL (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060) FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69) SUBJECT! JASSASS INATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFURMATION CONCERNING appearing in the Red Flash edition of the New Orleans Enclosed for the Bureau is a newspaper article States-Item, 1/7/69. Copies of this newspaper article are enclosed for Dallas and Miami. REC 43 (Enc. 1) FX-113 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 1) - Miami (Enc. 1) 4 JAN 13 1969 1 - New Orleans ECW:srl (6) C. C. Bishop Special Agent in Char

has released an affidavit at legedly warned Leemans not to tributed to a Slidell man in get involved in the Clay Shaw which he claims he was lying case and said "that a lot of when he said on a national people that had been got hurt television broadcast that he had been bribed by the district attorney's office.

Jim Garrison in June, 1967.

Leemans claims he lied when mans appear on the show he he told viewers that "a mem-was preparing." ber of Jim Garrison's staff, one. "My actual appearance on the Robert E. Lee, had offered me show was taped in the office \$2,500 for testimony to the ef-tor of the Metropolitan Crime feet that Clay Shaw used my Commission, in the presence of turkish bath and that on those Walter Sheridan and Irvin Dy-Clay Bertrand.

Garrison's office attempted to let Sheridan use his office to get me to identify a young interview Leemans on May 30, white male, who accompanied 1967. However, he denied Dy-Shaw to the baths, as Lee Har-mond was present during the vey Oswald.

voluntarily and without any Sheridan, Leemans, an NBC promises of reward of immun-cameraman and an NBC proity that the statements I made ducer named Fred Freed. Kohn on the NBC program relative himself did not sit in on the to Garrison's office offering me interview, he safd. a bribe for testimony favorable to their case was a lie."

The affidavit says Leemans' motive for saying he lied is "to clear the name of Robert E. Lee, former assistant district attorney, and the office of Jim! Garrison from the false accusations that I madei's

The statement gives several casons why Leeman's alleged-, lied on NBC.

numerous anonymous ceived threatening phone calls about information he had given Garrison, warning him to change his statement and say that he was bribed by Garrison.

The afficiavit also says Leemans was visited by a man with The district attorney's office a badge who said he was a gov-

ONE ANONYMOUS caller sug-The man, Fred I comans gested Leemans contact Shaw's Sr., appeared on the National attorney, Irvin F. Dymond, the Broadcasting Co. telecast "The affidavit says. After consult-JFK Conspiracy: The Case of ing with Dymond, Leemans was introduced to Walter Sheridan, investigative reporter for ACCORDING TO the affidavit. NBC. who suggested that Lee-

occasions he used the name mond." Leemans concludes his laffidavit.

"I further related how Mr. Kohn today acknowledged he linterview.

Kohn said the only persons; "I NOW STATE freely and present at the interview were;

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PRESIDENT JOHN F.

Submitting Office: N.O., LA.

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ir. DeLoach Mr. Bishop

The Attorney General

Mr. Branigan

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On January 8, 1969, Mr. Gordon D. Novel advised a Special Agent of this Bureau that the scheduled date, January 21, 1969, for the trial of Mr. Clay Shaw in New Orleans on charges of conspiracy to assassinate President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was not merely coincidental with President Johnson's termination of office on January 20, 1969. Novel said that information he has received from unmentioned individuals in New Orleans close to New Orlcans District Attorney James C. Garrison has indicated to Novel that Garrison intends to subpoens President Johnson soon after he leaves office, either as a material witness or as a co-conspirator in Garrison's probe.

Gordon D. Novel is a former New Orleans night club owner who is acquainted with Garrison. In the past he has been prominently mentioned in news media in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Novel has denounced Garrison's investigation as a complete fraud. Garrison has attempted to subpoens Novel as a witness before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury but Novel fled the state and took up residence in Ohio. The reliability of the information furnished by Novel is unknown.

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I thought this information would be of interest to you. It is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

62-109060 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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CASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING. 00: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JANUARY NINE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY SALVADORE PANZECA FILED WRITTEN REQUESTS TODAY FOR SUBPOENAES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES ALCOCK, ANDY KREUTZ OF WVUE-TV, AND ED PLANER, NEWS DIRECTOR OF WDSU-TV, TO APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S HEARING IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT ON DEFENSE MOTIONS TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT REC 43 AGAINST SHAW AND FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE. IN ADDITION, PANZECA AND ATTORNEY IRVIN DYMOND FILED REQUESTS FOR FILMN 13 1969 LIPS OF AN INTERVIEW KREUTZ MADE WITH ALCOCK AND AN HOUR-LONG RESS CONFERENCE GARRISON HELD RECENTLY.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

UNITED STATES Memorandum - Mr. C. D. DeLoach - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Rosen : Mr. W. C. Sullivan DATE: January 7, 1969 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan : Mr. W. A. Branigan . - Mr. W. A. Branigan 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, Purpose of memorandum is to recommend no Bureau personnel attend Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans as an observer. New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has set the trial date of Clay Shaw for conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy for 1/21/69. Orleans Parish Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., will preside at trial and has told news media he will hold court sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. This Bureau, of course, never investigated Clay Shaw for did his name come up in the course of our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Garrison has not volunteered any information regarding his investigation to the FBI and has produced no credible evidence linking Clay Shaw to the assassination of President Kennedy. Because of Garrison's irresponsible actions and constant attacks upon the Federal Government, including the President, Central Intelligence Agency, FBI, Warren Commission members and others, we have previously instructed all FBI personnel to have no contact with Garrison or any member of his staff. Similarly, we have instructed all offices to conduct no investigation based on Garrison's allegations without Bureau approval. It is believed we should continue our policy of complete "hands off" of Garrison's fiasco. We do not believe it wise to have Bureau personnel sit in on the Clay Shaw trial as an observer in order to report developments to us. Such individual likely would be recognized by Garrison or someone else as an FBI employee and such situation used by Garrison in an attempt to involve or embarrass this Bureau. 6 ACTION: Attached is an airtel to New Orleans and Dallas instructing that no FBI personnel attend Clay Shaw trial as an observer. We are also instructing New Orleans to cover such trial through news media and established sources.

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# Name Garrison To Panel on Assassinations

A national committee to investigate assassinations has named New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison to its board of directors.

The formation of the committee and the selection of Garrison was announced in Washington, D.C.; yesterday.

Bernard' Fensterwald, executive director of the committee, said its purpose will be to coordinate and step up efforts of individual investigators throughout the country looking into slaying conspiracies.

IT WAS suggested the committee's formation came as a result of a belief that a conspiracy may have been behind the slayings of President Kennedy, his brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"With the help'of a professional staff," Fensterwald said, "the committee ultimately hopes to force the federal government into the thorough and honest inquiry which it has avoided since Nov. 22, 1963"—the date of President Kennedy's assassination.

Garrison has been conducting a probe into a possible conspiracy in the death of President Kennedy for two years.

FENSTERWALD SAID "there are a number of parallels in the three national slaying cases which might indicate a common modus operandi which normally would be subject to official scrutiny."

The Warren Commission has concluded that no conspiracy was involved in President Kennedy's death.

Garrison's New Orleans conspiracy trial against Clay Shaw is set for Jan. 21.

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Fensterwald is resigning as chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure.

In his statement announcing organization of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Fensterwald said the group's work would proceed on a number of assumptions.

He said these included the assumptions that a conspiracy was involved in President Kennedy's assassination and in the! slaying of King in Memphis and that "there are footprints which point toward a conspiracy" in . the pistol death of Sen. Kennedy

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# Shaw Again Presses tor B. APPROX. 1/14

Shaw today pressed a new move to have his trial on a charge of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy moved out of New Orleans.

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Hag<del>garty Jr.</del> set a hearing Friday on this motion and another to throw out the charges against the 55-yearold retired businessman.

Judge Haggerly granted a third motion offered today by

chief defense counsel F. Irvin security. Dymond. It will permit Shaw \$10,000 bond during the trial, now scheduled to begin Jan. 21.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Jim Garrison charges Shaw conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to kill the President in 1963. The charges have been pending since March, 1967.

Judge Haggerty said today he will hold court on Mardi Gras if necessary to expedite the trial.

The judge said he will hold court sessions from 9 a. m. to noon and 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. on Sundays.

HE SAID HE originally in-. tended to hold night sessions, but felt it would overtax attorneys, jurors and the sheriff's office, which is responsible for security.

The jury will he locked up overnight in a nearby hotel.

Attorneys for Clay L. If women are on the jury, a police matron will accompany them.

Both sides have said they expect a lengthy trial. Garrison's estimate is five weeks.

"I'LL HOLD COURT on Mardi Gras (Feb. 18) if necessary, and it looks like it will be necessary," Judge Haggerty said. He said cameras and recording equipment will be banned from the courthouse, but there will be closedcircuit TV from the courtroom

panels of other sections of terview with Alcock on Dec. 31. court if the original 250 is The motion quoted Alcock agreed upon.

the indictment against Shaw Garrison has been seeking as constitutional grounds.

IT CONTENDS the conspiracy statute under which Shaw is charged is invalid because it violates the freedom of speech guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions, violates the due process clause of both federal and state constitutions, and violates the right of an accused person to be informed of the accusation against him.

state law known as the "9 of 12 rule," which provides that only nine of the 12 jurors may vote guilty to obtain a conviction. Dymond's motion contends a guilty verdict must be by unanimous vote.

The motion for a change of since the lengthy proceedings began. The other three were overruled by Judge Haggerty.

LIKE THE earlier motions, this one contends it is impossible for Shaw to get a fair trial anywhere within a 100 mile radius of New Orleans because of the publicity the case has received.

It charges that Garrison and his aides have persisted in a course of conduct designed to influence potential jurors. against Shaw and to convince them that there was in fact a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

The President was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22. 1963, and the Warren Commission investigating his death said it could find no credible evidence of a conspiracy. Garrison claims Shaw and others plotted the assassination here in September, 1963.

DYMOND'S MOTION cited to the sheriff's office to help an hour-long press conference by Garrison on Dec. 11, a The judge said he is asking television show on which asfor a panel of 250 jurors and sistant DA James L. Alcock to remain free on his original will call on persons from appeared Dec. 5, and a TV in-

> exhausted before 12 jurors are as saying of Shaw, "We can! and will try him without the Dymond's motion to quash autopsy report and ...-rays." attacks two state statutes on evidence, thus far unsuccessfully, the original records of the autopsy on the President's body.

The motion quoted Alcock further:

"WE FEEL THAT this (the autopsy report) is vital evidence and the jury is entitled to see it and to have experts tell them what is reflected by these reports.

"We feel sure they will show that President Kennedy was shot from at least two The motion also attacks a directions and especially from the front, which is in the area of the grassy knoll."

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pository window from which the Commissoin says Oswald fired his rifle at the President's back.

DYMOND ASKED for an immediate hearing on his motions so as to cause no further delay in the trial. Alcock said the state could be ready with answers by Thursday, and Judge Haggerty set the hearing at 10 a.m. Friday.

Judge Haggerty said he is having additional benches placed in his courtroom to increase the seating capacity to 172. He said a pool of 25 newsmen will have admitted during the jury selection process, when most of the seats will be occupied by potential jurors. After that, 100 newsmen will be admitted.