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Assassination of
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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW ORLEANS--A NEW ORLEANS CIVIC LEADER, ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH "CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER" IN DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S PROBE OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, WAS CLEARED BY THE FBI AFTER THE 1963 ASSASSINATION. IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

HE WAS ALSO REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE BEEN IN SAN FRANCISCO THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION.

GARRISON BOOKED CLAY SHAW, 34, FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART, LAST NIGHT ON THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

GARRISON PROMISED HE WOULD FILE A BILL IF INFORMATION SPECIFYING THE DATE OF THE CONSPIRACY AND ITS INTENDED VICTIM.

HE SAID IN ANNOUNCING SHAW'S ARREST HE WOULD BE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN A "CONSPIRACY TO MURDER JOHN F. KENNEDY."

IN WASHINGTON, ACTING ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK TOLD REPORTERS THE FBI INVESTIGATED SHAW IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF 1963 AND CONCLUDED HE HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE NOV. 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS.

IN TOKYO, A SAN FRANCISCO PORT AUTHORITY OFFICIAL, DON DE LONE SAID SHAW WAS VISITING THERE ON NOV. 22 AND "APPEARED TO BE JUST AS SHOCKED AND DEPRESSED AS WE WERE."

IN LUBBOCK, TEX., RE. E. DENSON OF DALLAS, WHO HEADED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION FOR THE DEFENSE FOR JACK RUBY SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO UNCOVER A NEW ORLEANS CONSPIRACY. "AND FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING THAT COULD DEVELOP."

RUBY SHOT OSWALD TO DEATH TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE PROBABLE SOLE ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID TODAY IN WASHINGTON HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT GARRISON'S PROBE EXCEPT WHAT HE READS IN THE PAPERS AND SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ACCEPTING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION.

SHAW'S ATTORNEYS SAID THEY WERE DEBATING WHETHER TO DEMAND A PRELIMINARY HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE TO DECIDE WHETHER GARRISON HAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO HOLD SHAW.

UNDER LOUISIANA'S NEW CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, A DEFENDANT CAN DEMAND A PRELIMINARY HEARING ANY TIME BEFORE A BILL OF INFORMATION IS FILED AND CAN AUTOMATICALLY OBTAIN IT.

IF THE INFORMATION IS FILED, IT IS UP TO THE JUDGE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL GRANT A HEARING.

ONE OF SHAW'S ATTORNEYS, GUY JOHNSON, SAID HE WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT 3 P.M. EST.

FOR MR. TOLSON
WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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MEANWHILE, CRIMINAL DIST. COURT JUDGE MATTHEW BRANIFF SAID HE
WOULD RELEASE AT 4 P.M. EST AN AFFIDAVIT ON WHICH GARRISON BASED
HIS REQUEST FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH SHAW'S APARTMENT LAST NIGHT.
JOHNSON SAID THE AFFIDAVIT WOULD REVEAL MORE FACTS THAN WOULD
GARRISON'S BILL OF INFORMATION.

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