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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW ORLEANS--FERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, THE "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT" WHO IDENTIFIED BUSINESSMAN CLAY L. SHAW AS A CONSPIRATOR AGAINST PRESIDENT KENNEDY, TESTIFIED TODAY HE WAS HYPNOTIZED THREE TIMES THIS YEAR AT THE DIRECTION OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON.

THE 25-YEAR-OLD BATON ROUGE, LA., INSURANCE SALESMAN SAID THE SESSIONS TOOK PLACE "SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FEB. 24 AND MARCH 13."

RUSSO RETURNED TO THE WITNESS STAND TODAY FOR MORE CROSS-EXAMINATION AT THE HANDS OF F. IRVIN DYKOND, ATTORNEY FOR SHAW, WHOM RUSSO ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO KILL KENNEDY IN 1963.

YESTERDAY, RUSSO CONCEDED THAT HE NEVER IDENTIFIED LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS "LEON OSWALD" -- ANOTHER OF THE "CONSPIRATORS" UNTIL ONE OF GARRISON'S MEN DREW WHISKERS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN'S PICTURE.

RUSSO CLAIMS SHAW, OSWALD AND PILOT DAVID W. FERRIE PLOTTED KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN NEW ORLEANS TWO MONTHS BEFORE KENNEDY WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY OSWALD IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

RUSSO SAID HE WAS HYPNOTIZED SOME TIME AFTER HE REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO GARRISON'S OFFICE FEB. 27 BUT COULD NOT "RECOLLECT" WHETHER ALL THREE SESSIONS WERE IN THE ORLEANS PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE.

HE SAID THE HYPNOSIS WAS CONDUCTED BY DR. ESMOND A. FATTER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CORONER NICHOLAS J. CHETTA.

RUSSO SAID REPEATEDLY HE COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATES OR EVENTS CONCERNING THE HYPNOSIS AND COULD NOT REMEMBER WHAT HE TALKED ABOUT WITH THE HYPNOTIST.

PRESUMABLY, RUSSO WAS HYPNOTIZED TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT ATTENDING A PARTY IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN MID-SEPTEMBER OF 1963 AT WHICH HE SAID HE HEARD FERRIE, OSWALD AND SHAW DO THE PLOTTING.

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A NEW ORLEANS GRAND JURY ALSO RESUMED TODAY ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION -- OR PERHAPS GARRISON'S PROBE OF IT. THE GRAND JURY SUBPOENAED TWO MEN, INCLUDING ATTORNEY DEAN ANDREWS WHO ONCE TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION HE WAS APPROACHED TO DEFEND OSWALD THE DAY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

DYMOND HAMMERED RELENTLESSLY AT RUSSO TODAY.

HE ASKED RUSSO TODAY IF HE HAD EVER JUMPED OR THREATENED TO JUMP FROM A WINDOW WHILE ATTENDING COLTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS OR HAD TRIED TO TAKE HIS LIFE ON ANY OTHER OCCASION.

"ABSOLUTELY NOT," RUSSO DECLARED.

RUSSO SAID HE SAW FERRIE FOUR OR FIVE TIMES AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, BUT DID NOT DISCUSS KENNEDY'S DEATH, OR THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT. HE REFERRED TO FERRIE AT THAT TIME AS A "BROKEN MAN" WHO WAS DEVELOPING AN ANTAGONISM TOWARD AUTHORITY.

THE GRAND JURY ALSO SUBPOENAED A MAN SHOWN ON THE SUMMONS AS "GORDON NOVELLE" OF NEW ORLEANS TODAY -- A NEW NAME IN THE INVESTIGATION. SOURCES SAID THE CORRECT SPELLING WAS NORVELLE.

ALSO SUBPOENAED WAS JAMES LEWALLEN, A FORMER ROOMMATE OF FERRIE'S.

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