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 ONE OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S TOP AIDES SAID IT WOULD
 BE AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE SHAW IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR
 ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

ASSISTANT DIST. ATTY. JAMES L. ALCOCK SPOKE FOR GARRISON,
 WHO HAD RETIRED TO THE PRIVACY OF HIS HOME.
 A THREE-JUDGE PANEL IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT RULED FRIDAY
 HE HAD PRESENTED ENOUGH EVIDENCE IN A FOUR-DAY PRELIMINARY
 HEARING TO "JUSTIFY BRINGING INTO PLAY THE FURTHER STEPS OF THE
 CRIMINAL PROCESS AGAINST THE ARRESTEE, CLAY L. SHAW."

"LEGALLY SPEAKING, SHAW NOW STANDS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
 STATE'S PROSECUTION MACHINERY," SAID ALCOCK.
 "EITHER A BILL OF INFORMATION SIGNED BY MR. GARRISON CAN BE
 LODGED AGAINST SHAW, OR A GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CAN BE THE
 VEHICLE USED TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL."

ONCE SHAW IS INDICTED OR ISSUED A BILL OF INFORMATION, HE
 MUST BE CHARGED AND ARRAIGNED, SAID ALCOCK.
 "PRELIMINARY MOTIONS, SEVERAL OF THEM UNDOUBTEDLY, WILL BE
 FILED BY HIS ATTORNEYS.

"THESE... WILL TAKE A LOT OF TIME SO AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS
 IS A FAIR ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE BEFORE HIS TRIAL CAN
 BEGIN," ALCOCK SAID.
 HE SAID THE STATE, IN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING THAT ENDED
 FRIDAY, HAD ONLY TO PROVE PROBABLE CAUSE THAT SHAW, 54,
 CONSPIRED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVID W. FERRIE AND OTHERS
 TO KILL THE PRESIDENT.

"WE DID NOT HAVE TO PROVE IT BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT, SO
 THE STATE DID NOT EXPOSE ALL IT HAD."
 PREMATURE LEAKING OF GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION HURT IT SOMEWHAT,
 HE SAID, BECAUSE SOME INDIVIDUALS SUBPOENAED WERE MOBBED BY
 PHOTOGRAPHERS AND NEWSMEN IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS
 BUILDING.

"BUT SOME PEOPLE HAVE COME FORWARD BECAUSE OF THAT SAME"
 PUBLICITY," HE SAID, TO PROVIDE NEW LEADS IN THE PROBE.
 THE THREE JUDGES WHO PRESIDED AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING
 FOR SHAW HAD EVENTS IN DALLAS IN MIND WHEN THEY SET UP STRICT
 SECURITY MEASURES, INCLUDING FRISKING OF ALL WHO ENTERED THE
 COURTROOM.

"WE DID NOT WANT A REPEAT OF DALLAS," SAID ALCOCK, REFERRING
 TO OSWALD'S DEATH AT THE HANDS OF JACK RUBY AS OSWALD WAS
 WALKED THROUGH A CORRIDOR THROGGED WITH NEWSMEN AND THE CURIOUS.

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