## Shaw Witness Concedes Plot Had Air of a 'Bull Session'

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10 (AP)-Star prosecution witness Perry Raymond Russo testified today that a 1963 conversation, which forms the core of the State's conspiracy case against Clay Shaw, could easily have been "an inconsequential bull session."

Russo said under cross-examination that he had told several persons the discussion he heard involving Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald might not have been serious.

It had "every characteristic" of a bull session, he said Russo, 27, a dark-haired six-footer, told of attending a party in September 1963 at which he said Shaw joined with Oswald and David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot, in discussing how to kill President Kennedy by crossfire after a diversionary shot. The 55-year-old Shaw, re-

tired managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, is on trial on a charge of conspiring to assas-sinate Kennedy. Shaw's lawyer says the defendant never knew Oswald or Ferrie.

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Perry Raymond Russo, star witness in Shaw case.

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