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Russo: JFK Plot Maybe 'Bull Session'

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Perry Raymond Russo, the state's star witness against Clay L. Shaw, Monday repeated his story of hearing Shaw plot to kill President John F. Kennedy, but admitted under cross-examination it could have been "a bull session."

Russo, pointing to the 55-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, identified him as the "Clem Bertrand" he heard discussing how to assassinate Kennedy in 1963 with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.

"Is it not true that the conversation could have been a bull session just as well as something serious?" defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond asked him.

"Yes, sir" Russo replied. He said Ferrie was planning the assassination down to

details of "crossfire" and an escape plane to Latin America. Shaw is charged with conspiring with Ferrie and Oswald, both now dead, to assassinate Kennedy. The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald alone killed Kennedy and that there was no evidence of conspiracy.

Garrison has contended that the assassination was done by a conspiracy involving the "paramilitary right" and Cuban exiles, some with ties to the Central Intelligence Agency, who were infuriated by Kennedy's policies toward Castro Cuba.

Russo was the key witness at Shaw's preliminary hearing in 1967, when his testimony caused three judges to order Shaw, a 55-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, bound over for

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