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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. ^{EMBER} TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, ^{OFFICE OF ORIGIN} OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT,
REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE EDWARD A.
HAGGARTY, JR., FOLLOWING PRE-TRIAL HEARING ON JUNE TWELVE LAST
ON DEFENSE MOTIONS FILED BY SHAW'S ATTORNEY STATED THAT THE TRIAL OF
CLAY L. SHAW, ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN
F. KENNEDY, WOULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL AUGUST OR SEPT. ^{EMBER} AT THE
EARLIEST.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JUDGE HAGGARTY SET JUNE
TWENTYSEVEN FOR SHAW'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TO FILE A WRITTEN
MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THEIR DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE
OVER THE BILL OF PARTICULARS AND HE GAVE THE STATE ANOTHER
FIFTEEN DAYS UNTIL JULY FOURTEEN NEXT TO ANSWER THE MEMO.
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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE MOTION FOR RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND THE SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE WAS TAKEN UP BY THE COURT ON JUNE TWELVE LAST AND THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY WILLIAM WEGMANN CALLED THREE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED AS - CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MATTHEW A. BRANIFF, WHO SIGNED THE SEARCH WARRANT; LOUIS IVON, A DETECTIVE IN GARRISON'S OFFICE WHO ASKED JUDGE BRANIFF TO SIGN THE SEARCH WARRANT; AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN VOLZ, WHO HELPED DRAW UP AND EXECUTE IT. JUDGE BRANIFF TESTIFIED THAT IVON TOLD HIM THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT UPON WHOSE TESTIMONY THE WARRANT WAS ISSUED WAS PERRY R. RUSSO. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT WEGMANN'S QUESTIONING CENTERED ON THE WORD "MEETINGS" IN THE SEARCH WARRANT. HE QUESTIONED LOUIS IVON CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSPIRACY AND IVON TESTIFIED HE KNEW OF ONE MEETING. DEFENSE ATTORNEY WEGMANN POINTED OUT THREE WERE FIVE PLACES IN THE SEARCH WARRANT WHERE THE WORD "MEETINGS" WAS USED. JUDGE HAGGERTY COMMENTED "JUDGE BRANIFF WAS MISLED FIVE TIMES".

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ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE WEGMANN ASKED IVON IF RUSSO TOLD HIM ANYTHING ABOUT THE ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE SHAW HOME TO WHICH IVON REPLIED "NO".

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY VOLZ TESTIFIED THAT EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN THAT SEEMED ~~WED~~ OF AN "EVIDENTIARY NATURE" THOUGH IT WAS NECESSARILY ON THE ITEMIZED SEARCH WARRANT. VOLZ IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION IF ANY OF THOSE CARRYING OUT THE SEARCH THREATENED ANYONE WITH ARREST IF THEY INTERFERED WITH THE SEARCH TESTIFIED HE DID NOT RECALL ANY THREAT, THAT THEY WERE INTENT ON EXECUTING AS A DUTY THE SEARCH OF THE HOUSE AND THAT HE BELIEVED SOMEONE WAS TOLD IF THEY INTERFERED ^E THAT WOULD BE OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF A DUTY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A MAJOR PORTION OF THE PROCEEDINGS WAS DEVOTED TO THE NINETY THREE POINTS SOUGHT ANSWERED BY THE DEFENSE ON THE MOTION FOR A BILL OF PARTICULARS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY F. IRVIN DYMOND TOUCHED
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ON WHAT HE CALLED THE VAGUENESS OF THE INDICTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO DATES, TIMES AND PLACES POINTING OUT THAT THERE WAS A FORTY-DAY PERIOD IN WHICH HIS CLIENT MUST ACCOUNT FOR HIS ACTIONS AND THAT IT WAS A NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALCOCK RESPONDED THAT THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE TO FURNISH DETAILS. ALCOCK SAID THERE COULD BE A CONSPIRACY AND THE STATE OR COURT WOULD NEVER KNOW ON WHAT DATE THE CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVE A MEETING. "IT COULD BE A MEETING OF THE MINDS RATHER THAN A PHYSICAL MEETING."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY DYMOND ALSO SOUGHT TO FIND OUT IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER MEETINGS OTHER THAN THE ONE ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE APARTMENT OF DAVID FERRIE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALCOCK SAID DURING THIS ARGUMENT "THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO PAST THE STATE OF LA. TO PROVE A CONSPIRACY. THE MINUTE THE RIFLE WAS BOUGHT THAT IS A CONSPIRACY". THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY

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SAID "I AGREE WITH YOU ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. THE STATE
NEED GO NO FURTHER. WE COULD HAVE SEVEN DIFFERENT GROUPS
IN SEVEN DIFFERENT PARISHES ALL BEING FOUND GUILTY AT THE
SAME TIME". JUDGE HAGGERTY ALSO SAID IT IS NOT EVEN NECESSARY
FOR THE STATE TO PROVE WHO KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THIS SAME ISSUE OF THE TIMES PICAYUNE REPORTED THAT
TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN CONNALLY HAS TOLD LOUISIANA AUTHORITIES
HE HAS DECIDED TO DELAY ACTION ON A REQUEST TO EXTRADITE
SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH. CONNALLY SUGGESTED TO GOVERNOR JOHN
MC KEITHEN THAT THE RETURN OF SMITH FOR QUESTIONING IN
GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION "BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE USE
OF PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN THE ⁴UNIFORM ACT TO SECURE
ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES FROM WITHOUT THE STATE".

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NEXT THREE LETTERS SHOULD NOT BE THERE

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cc: Mr. Sullivan