

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

The Attorney General

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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Reference is made to the letter of Assistant Attorney General Fred N. Vinson, Jr., dated June 19, 1967, wherein it was reported that a confidential source not connected with the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) has advised the Department that the NBC program of June 19, 1967, would reveal that Clay Bertrand is not identical with Clay Shaw. It was also reported that the Department had confidentially been advised by the same source that Clay Bertrand is one "Gene Davis" of New Orleans.

Reference is also made to Mr. Vinson's letter of June 22, 1967, wherein he reported receipt of confidential information that Gene Davis reportedly operates a bar in New Orleans known as Wanda's, located on the opposite corner from Moran's Restaurant and next to a garage.

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Mr. Vinson indicated this information was reportedly furnished by Dean Andrews. He requested that this Bureau locate and interview Gene Davis concerning his possible identity as Clay Bertrand.

For your information, Gene Davis, owner of Wanda's Bar in New Orleans, was contacted by Agents of this Bureau on June 23, 1967, and advised that he does not know a New Orleans homosexual who used the pseudonym of Clem Bertrand or Clay Bertrand. He was asked if he, himself, ever used the pseudonym of Clem or Clay Bertrand and he replied that he has not. He also claimed that he never, at any time, used an alias, but instead has always used the name of Gene or Eugene Davis.

Mr. Davis further advised that he recalled hearing information from other homosexuals who frequented his bar that a Phil Schultz, who was about 50 years of age when he died August 9, 1965, had allegedly used the name of either Clay or Clem Bertrand prior to his death. Davis stated that Phil Schultz had a twin.

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sister by the name of Phyllis Nachman (phonetic) living in Monique, Wisconsin. Mr. Davis recalled that Phil Schultz was a well-known New Orleans homosexual and was allegedly known to both Dean Andrews and Clay Shaw, key figures in Garrison's assassination probe.

Mr. Davis advised that about two years ago he recalled receiving a few telephone calls in which the caller asked for a Gene Davis, an attorney. He added that he has received no other calls since that time and does not know such a person nor has he ever heard of a lawyer by that name.

During our contact with Mr. Davis, he stated he has never been contacted by a representative of NBC in connection with the Garrison probe. He stated he is deathly afraid of Garrison due to the fact that he, himself, is a well-known New Orleans homosexual. For this reason he desires, under no circumstances, to become involved in the Garrison investigation for fear of reprisal against him by James C. Garrison.

A check of the files of this Bureau disclosed no information identifiable with Phil Schultz or Phyllis Nachman (phonetic). In addition, a check of our files disclosed no information indicating Sergeant R. M. Davis, Preston M. Davis or Prentiss Davis, listed in Mr. Vinson's letter of June 19, 1967, use the name Gene Davis or Eugene Davis, or Clem or Clay Bertrand.

Inasmuch as Gene Davis, owner of Wanda's Bar, New Orleans, Louisiana, denies ever using the pseudonym Clem or Clay Bertrand, or of ever being contacted by a representative of NBC in connection with the Garrison probe, it would be appreciated if you would furnish any additional information your source possesses or may acquire which will assist in clarifying this matter. No additional inquiries in this particular situation are contemplated by this Bureau at this time in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 6-26-67, prepared by REL:cls.