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CASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING. 00: DALLAS

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, FINAL EDITION, DECEMBER ELEVEN INSTANT, REPORTED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON TODAY SET THE LONG-DELAYED CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF CLAY LOSHAW FOR ARA CAR JANUARY TWENTYONE NEXT SAYING "THE MOMENT OF TRUTH IS AT HAND." ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GARRISON AGAIN LASHED OUT AT WHAT HE CALLED OBSTRUCTION TO HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND PREDICTED REC THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE ATTEMPTS TO DELAY THE TRIAL.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH GARRISON'S CHOICE OF A TRIAL DATE SAID HE HAS ORDERED THE NAMES OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY POTENTIAL JURORS FOR THE TRIAL. NO 89-69 Page Two

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID TODAY HE WOULD OPPOSE-EVERY ATTEMPT TO FURTHER DELAY THE TRIAL. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISEON ALSO SAID THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF RICHARD M. NIXON OFFERS "NEW HOPE". GARRISON POINTED OUT THAT NIXON WILL TAKE OFFICE JANUARY TWENTY AND THAT HE WAS REQUESTING THAT THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL BE SET FOR JANUARY TWENTYONE.

GARRISON ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW GOVERMENT IN WASHINGTON WOULD REALIZE THAT IT CANNOT INTERFERE WITH JUSTICE IN A STATE COURT. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT THE CASE TO GO TO TRIAL, "THEY DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE IN AMERICA TO KNOW THWAT THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT IS A COMPLETE FRAUD."

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS STILL CONFIDENT ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE, GARRISON SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO SKIRT THE QUESTION BUT ALSO DID NOT WANT TO BE UNFAIR TO SHAW. HE FINALLY ANSWERED BY SAYING, "I AM JUST AS CONFIDENT AS I EVER WAS ABOUT THE CASE." END PAGE TWO NO 89-69 Page Ihree

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID THERE HAD BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS AT OBSTRUCTION ON TWO FRONTS. ONE WAS ON THE LEGAL LEVEL "ALL THE WAY UP TO THE SUPREME COURT." THE OTHER OBSTRUCTION WAS "BEHIND THE SCENES." GARRISON DESCRIBED THIS AS CHARACTER ASSASSINATION AND AN INTERNAL REVENUE INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GARRISON SAID HE HAD BEEN OFFERED A FEDERAL JUDGESHIP IF HE WOULD DROP THE SHAW CASE.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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