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FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

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

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JANUARY SEVEN INSTANT, REPORTED THAT GARRRISON'S OFFICE HAS RELEASED AN AFFIDAVIT ATTRIBUTED TO FRED H. LEEMANS, SR., IN WHICH LEEMANS CLAIMED HE WAS LYING WHEN HE SAID ON A NATIONAL TV BROADCAST THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIBED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT LEEMANS APPEARED ON THE NATIONAL BROADCAST COMPANY (NBC) TELECAST "THE JFK CONSPIRACY: THE CASE OF JIM GARRISON" IN JUNE OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. ACCORDING TO THE AFFIDAVIT, LEEMANS CLAIMS HE LIED WHEN HE TOLD VIEWERS THAT MEMBER OF JIM GARRISON'S STAFF, ONE ROBERT E. LEE, HAD OFFERED HIM TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR TESTIMONY TO THE EFFECT THAT CLAY SHAW USED HIS TURKISH BATH AND THAT ON THOSE OCCASIONS, SHAW USED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND AND HOW GARRISON'S OFFICE ATTEMPTED TO GET HIM TO IDENTIFY *

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YOUNG WHITE MALE WHO ACCOMPANIED SHAW TO THE BATHS AS LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THE AFFIDAVIT QUOTED LEEMANS AS SAYING, "I NOW STATE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY PROMISES OF REWARD OF IMMUNITY THAT THE STATEMENTS I MADE ON THE NBC PROGRAM RELATIVE TO GARRISON'S OFFICE OFFERING ME A BRIBE FOR TESTIMONY FAVORABLE TO THEIR CASE WAS A LIE."

THE AFFIDAVIT STATES LEEMANS' MOTIVE FOR SAYING HE LIED IS "TO CLEAR THE NAME OF ROBERT E. LEE, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE OFFICE OF JIM GARRISON FROM FALSE ACCUSATIONS THAT I HAVE MADE."

THE AFFIDAVIT GIVES SEVERAL REASONS WHY LEEMANS ALLEGEDLY LIED ON THE NBC PROGRAM, CLAIMING LEEMANS RECEIVED NUMEROUS ANONYMOUS THREATENING PHONE CALLS ABOUT INFORMATION HE HAD GIVEN GARRISON WARNING HIM TO CHANGE HIS STATEMENT AND SAY THAT HE WAS BRIBED BY GARRISON. THE AFFIDAVIT ALSO SAYS LEEMANS WAS VISITED BY A MAN WITH A BADGE WHO SAID HE WAS A GOVERNMENT

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AGENT WHO WARNED LEEMANS NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CLAY SHAW CASE AND SAID "THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HAD BEEN GOT HURT."

ACCORDING TO THE AFFIDAVIT, LEEMANS CLAIMED HIS ACTUAL APPEARANCE ON THE NBC SHOW WAS TAPED IN THE OFFICE OF AARON KOHN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION IN THE PRESENCE OF WALTER SHERIDAN OF NBC AND IRVIN DYMOND, SHAW'S ATTORNEY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT KOHN TODAY ACKNOWLEDGED HE LET SHERIDAN USE HIS OFFICE TO INTERVIEW LEEMANS ON MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BUT DENIED DYMOND WAS PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW. KOHN SAID THE ONLY PERSONS PRESENT AT THE INTERVIEW WERE SHERIDAN, LEEMANS AND AN NBC CAMERAMAN AND AN NBC PRODUCER NAME FRED FREED. KOHN SAID HE DID NOT SIT IN ON THE INTERVIEW.

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