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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, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.
MISC.- INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JANUARY TWENTY,
INSTANT, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE OF DA JIM GARRISON IN A
SURPRISE MOVE TODAY WITHDREW ITS MOTION TO DELAY THE TRIAL OF
CLAY L. SHAW. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT SHAW WILL GO TO TRIAL
AS SCHEDULED TOMORROW ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO KILL
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK
MADE AN ORAL STATEMENT WHICH HE BEGAN BY ASSERTING THE STATE IS
ENTITLED TO A FAIR TRIAL JUST AS THE DEFENSE AND SAID HE WOULD
LIKE TO SUBMIT AN OUTLINE OF "THE OFFENSE" THAT PROMPTED THE
FILING OF THIS MOTION AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR. ALCOCK THEN
LAUNCHED INTO A VERBAL ATTACK ON RAMSEY CLARK AND HIS PANEL
OF EXPERTS, NOTING THAT THE PANEL MEMBERS WERE VIEWING THE
AUTOPSY DOCUMENTS AT THE SAME TIME GARRISON'S OFFICE WAS

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TRYING TO OBTAIN THEM. ALCOCK BRANDED CLARK'S ACTION IN RELEASING THE REPORT JUST AS THE CASE WAS ABOUT TO GO TO TRIAL AND JUST AS CLARK WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE OFFICE AS "UNCONSCIONABLE" AND "NOT IN KEEPING WITH HIS HIGH OFFICE." ALCOCK SAID IT "COULD NOT HELP BUT INFLUENCE JURORS."

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT AFTER A DRAMATIC PAUSE, ALCOCK MADE THE STATEMENT, THE STATE WILL TRUST THE GOOD JUDGEMENT, COMMON SENSE AND SPIRIT OF JUSTICE WHICH THE STATE FEELS, PREVAILS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF NEW ORLEANS AND WILL WITHDRAW ITS MOTION AND ANNOUNCE AT THIS TIME THE STATE IS READY TO GO TO TRIAL TOMORROW.

FORMER SA REGIS L. KENNEDY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE TODAY AND STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE DA'S WITHDRAWAL OF A MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THE SHAW TRIAL. KENNEDY, NOTING THAT THE SUBPOENA REQUIRES HIM TO REPORT AT CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT AT TEN A.M. TOMORROW, WONDERED IF THERE WERE ANY INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIM.

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USA LOUIS LA COUR, NEW ORLEANS, IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR KENNEDY TO "INVOKÉ THE PRIVILEGE" STILL STANDS. LA COUR STATED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE A NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL TOOK OFFICE THIS DATE, HE WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY TWENTYONE, NEXT, TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

LA COUR NOTED THAT EVEN THOUGH KENNEDY'S SUBPOENA REQUIRES HIS PRESENCE AT TEN A.M. IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT TOMORROW, THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE SELECTION OF A JURY AND THEREFORE, LA COUR DOES NOT INTEND TO HAVE ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE PRESENT IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT TOMORROW. HE STATED THAT KENNEDY, UPON REPORTING TO CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT TOMORROW, WILL PROBABLY BE TOLD TO GO HOME DUE TO THE TIME NECESSARY FOR SELECTION OF A JURY.

LA COUR'S COMMENTS BEING FURNISHED TO KENNEDY THIS DATE.
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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