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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

On January 21, 1969, Special Agent Robert A. Frazier, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., was served with a court order issued by Judge Roscoe Parker, State Court, Prince George's County, Maryland, with an attached copy of a petition filed by Assistant States Attorney Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., Prince George's County, Maryland, Upper Harlboro, Maryland, upon which petition the court order was predicated. A copy of each of these two documents is attached. The petition states in effect that Special Agent Frazier is considered a material witness at the trial of Clay L. Shaw in Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana;

Clay L. Shaw is charged with conspiracy to murder John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The petition further states that Special Agent Frazier will be required on January 29, 1969; however, Special Agent Frazier was advised by Assistant States Attorney Marshall by telephone that this date was in error and should have been January 27, 1969.

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The court order received specifies that Special Agent Frazier will appear in Judge Parker's court in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, at 9:30 a.m., January 24, 1969, for further proceedings required by Section 618, Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amended:

The Attorney General

Kennedy, FBI, New Orleans, was subposensed to testify at the Grand Jury proceedings in this case. In this instance, the United States Attorney at New Orleans was instructed by the Department to instruct. Special Agent Kennedy to appear and to cite Departmental Order 381-67 for his reason for not giving certain testimony or providing records. Special Agent Kennedy retired from the FBI on April 30, 1968, and has advised this Bureau that United States Attorney Louis C. Lacour, New Orleans, Louisiana, has instructed him to appear in response to a subposena which he has received in connection with the trial of Mr. Shaw and to cite Departmental Order 381-67 as his reason for not testifying at this trial.

The situation relative to Special Agent Frazier differs from that outlined immediately above in that all of the testimony that Special Agent Frazier can give is already a matter of public record as published in the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy."

We have been informed that Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., will also be subpoensed; however, he has not yet received any notice of this matter. Special Agent Bhaneyfelt resides in Fairfax County, Virginia.

response Special Agent Frazier is to make to the court order and to advise whether or not Special Agent Frazier is to furnish testimony at the trial of Clay L. Shaw. It is requested in view of the extremely short time available that this matter receive your earliest attention and that the Department designate appropriate counsel.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosures - 2) 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosures - 2) Criminal Division