UNITED STATES · O JENT Memoranc TO Branigan SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS For information, 2/13/69 session of Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans was highlighted, according to news media, by showing to the court the Zapruder film. Abraham Zapruder, amateur photographer, testified to making color film. Defense protested that under Louisiana law all prosecution has to prove is conspiracy and an overt act in furtherance thereof, hence other proof as to events in Dallas is baseless as to what happened in New Orleans. Judge Haggerty, conducting trial, overruled defense. Zapruder's testimony not inconsistent with statements furnished to us and Warren Commission. It is becoming more and more apparent that Judge Haggerty' rulings on points of law favor prosecution. We have received no information as to why the Judge appears to be taking this position, The press reports that prosecution is expected to call in coming sessions other witnesses to testify as to events on -11/22/63 in Dallas. Neither Special Agents Shaneyfelt nor Frazier of our Laboratory testified 2/13/69, according to New Orleans. ACTION: For information. Shaw trial being closely followed. 62-109060 TNG:rsz 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach - Mr. A. Rosen - Wr. T. E. Bishop - Wr. I. W. Conrad 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan REC 13 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble