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 WASHINGTON (UPI) --ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK SAID SUNDAY HE WAS "DISTURBED AND SADDENED" BY THE MANNER IN WHICH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTY. JIM GARRISON IS INVESTIGATING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, BUT THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT INTEND TO INTERVENE.

"I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING FOR THE STATE, AND I HOPE THEY WILL PROCEED WITH DIGNITY," CLARK SAID ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM (FACE THE NATION--CBS).

HE DECLINED COMMENT ON THE CASE IN ADVANCE OF A COURT HEARING IN NEW ORLEANS TUESDAY TO ESTABLISH WHETHER GARRISON HAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO HOLD BUSINESSMAN CLAY SHAW. SHAW HAS BEEN BOOKED BUT NOT FORMALLY CHARGED WITH WHAT GARRISON SAYS IS A "CONSPIRACY TO MURDER JOHN F. KENNEDY."

CLARK SAID FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ASKED GARRISON FOR EVIDENCE HE MAY HAVE IN THE CASE, "IN VIEW OF THE ATTITUDE HE HAS TAKEN."

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"BUT AS OF THIS TIME, AND WITHOUT REAL DOUBT, I WOULD STAND BY (FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR) HOOVER'S REMARKS IN NOVEMBER OF 1966, THAT NOT ONE SHRED OF EVIDENCE LINKS ANY OTHER CONSPIRATOR TO (LEE HARVEY) OSWALD IN THE ASSASSINATION," CLARK SAID.

"WE CERTAINLY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF NEW EVIDENCE," HE SAID, "AND I WILL BE VERY MUCH SURPRISED IF ANY EXISTS." UNTIL NEW EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED, HE ADDED, "I WILL STAND WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION."

THE NEWLY SWORN ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE FOUND IT "CURIOUS AND I FIND IT DISTURBING AND I FIND IT SADDENING" THAT GARRISON HAS REFUSED TO TURN OVER ANY NEW EVIDENCE ON THE ASSASSINATION TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

"I AM DISTURBED AND SADDENED THAT SO MUCH PUBLICITY, SO MUCH AGITATION, SO MUCH DOUBT IS CREATED," HE SAID. "THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS LEFT A DEEP MARK ON THE LIVES OF ALL OF US AND IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE ABOUT AND WE SHOULD SEEK THE TRUTH IN THE MOST CIRCUMSPECT AND CAUTIOUS METHODS."

CLARK SAID THE FBI MADE A "COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION" FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION INVOLVING "THESE NEW ORLEANS ALLEGATIONS" AND THAT AGENCY REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC "SUPPORT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FBI THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE."

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME FBI REPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE DEALING WITH THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE--ANOTHER FIGURE IN GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION, ARE STILL CLASSIFIED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

"THERE HAS BEEN A POLICY, AND I THINK A WISE ONE, NOT TO RELEASE DATA ABOUT INDIVIDUALS THAT MIGHT AFFECT THEIR CHARACTER OR REPUTATION WHERE IT HAS NO RELEVANCE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND THIS WE HAVE FOLLOWED," CLARK SAID.

HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO FERRIE, IN WHOSE APARTMENT GARRISON SAID SHAW MET BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

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