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WASHINGTON -- THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN CLAY SHAW NEVER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE STATEMENT CONTRADICTED ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
WHO HAD SAID THAT SHAW HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE BUREAU AND
CLEARED OF ANY CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID CLARK'S STATEMENT LAST
MARCH 2. SHORTLY AFTER SHAW HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY NEW ORLEANS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES, WAS IN ERROR.

"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SINCE DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS
ERRONEOUS." THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "NOTHING AROSE (IN THE FBI
INVESTIGATION) INDICATING A NEED TO INVESTIGATE MR. SHAW."

THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT TODAY WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER
TO CLARK FROM SHAW'S ATTORNEY EDWARD F. WEGMANN.

WEGMANN ASKED CLARK FOR A CLARIFICATION OF NEWS STORIES
LAST MARCH IN WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING
SHAW HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI.

THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ONLY DETERMINATION BY THE
FBI, AS A RESULT OF ITS INVESTIGATION, WAS THAT THERE WAS NO
SUCH PERSON AS A "CLAY BERTRAND." GARRISON CLAIMS THAT SHAW
AND BERTRAND ARE THE SAME PERSON AND HAS USED CLARK'S MARCH 2
STATEMENT TO LINK THE TWO.

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