

FBI Man to Testify at Shaw Trial

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison won a round with the Federal Government yesterday when the Justice Department announced it will allow FBI agent Lyndal Shaneyfelt of Fairfax to testify at the trial of Louisiana businessman Clay Shaw, who is charged with conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

Justice spokesmen declined to say in advance of Maryland circuit court hearings next week whether it will allow two other area men subpoenaed by the New Orleans prosecutor — FBI ballistics expert Robert Frazier of Prince Georges and former Secret Service man Roy Kellerman of Bethesda — to be witnesses.

Indications that were that permission is likely.

In explaining why agent Shaneyfelt can testify, Justice spokesmen said he testified extensively before the Warren Commission on the matter prosecutor Garrison wants his testimony about: the agent's examination of the camera used by Dallas parade spectator Abraham Zapruder, who filmed the assassination scene.

Justice spokesmen said the agent's testimony was public record as part of the Warren Commission Report. Both the other men also testified before the Warren Commission.

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Area FBI Man To Testify at Shaw's Trial

By STEPHEN GREEN
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Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell agreed yesterday to allow an FBI photo expert from Fairfax County to go to New Orleans to testify in the Clay Shaw conspiracy trial now under way.

His decision, announced through a spokesman, marked the first time the Justice Department has cooperated with New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison, who has accused Shaw of participating in a conspiracy to assassinate the late President John F. Kennedy.

The Justice Department, according to sources, also will not object to a Garrison request to let an FBI agent and a former Secret Service man from Maryland testify in the trial.

A consent order sending the photo expert to New Orleans, negotiated by Fairfax Commonwealth's Atty. Robert F. Horan Jr. and the Justice Department, was signed late yesterday by Chief Fairfax Circuit Court Judge Arthur W. Sinclair.

Mitchell's decision was announced only after Horan said he would oppose any Justice Department effort to block the testimony of the photo expert, Landal L. Shaneyfelt of 6125 Vernon Ter., south of Alexandria.

A Justice spokesman said Mitchell agreed to let the three testify because all had testified before the Warren Commission and their testimony was made public in the commission's report.

Mitchell, sources said, also believes that the Justice Department should cooperate more with local state officials in an effort to beef up the war on crime.

A hearing for FBI firearms expert Robert Frazier of Hillcrest Heights will be held in Prince Georges County Tuesday. The third hearing, for retired Secret Service agent Roy H. Kellerman of Bethesda, who was riding in the late President's car when he was killed, will be held Wednesday in Montgomery County.

Shaneyfelt analyzed the 8 mm motion picture film that Dallas amateur photographer Abraham Zapruder took of the assassination.

Before the Warren Commission, Shaneyfelt testified the film had been shot at a speed of 18.3 frames per second.

Garrison hopes to use the testimony to support his contention that more than one person fired at the late President, as the commission found.

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