ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DAILAS, TEXAS

Perry Russo Says He Saw Oswald, Shaw, Ferrie Together

Witness Tells of Hearing Murder Plot

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19 60PD — Perry Raymond Russo, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's star witness in the case against Clay L. Shaw, testified today he witnessed Mr. Shaw discussing how to assassinate President John F. Kennedy with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.

He said Mr. Ferrie told Mr. Shaw and Oswald it would be "easy."

Mr. Russo, 27. Baton Rouge, La., said he attended a party in New Orleans a few weeks before the Nov. 22 Kennedy assassination in Dallas, and heard the plot discussed in detail.

He said Mr. Ferrie was obsessed with the as-

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"He paced back and forth that night while some kind of Spanish speech was playing on his record machine, telling how the projected assassination would be done," Mr. Russo said. "He told about a triangulation of cross fire. He said one of the participants would have to be captured as a scapegoat or patsy. He said all three would shoot but the first shot he called the diversionary one.

"The diversionary shot would be to attract attention. The last two would be to kill, fired almost simultaneously."

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Mr. Russo was the second witness in Mr. Shaw's trial on charges of conspiring to kill Mr. Kennedy to say he heard Mr. Shaw plotting the murder. But he also said — as he had at Mr. Shaw's preliminary hearing in 1967 — that Oswald was also there.

Oswald, the presidential assassin according to the Warren Commission, is named along with Mr. Ferrie as a "co-conspirator."

Both Oswald and Mr. Ferrie are now dead. ..

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