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Shaw Jury To Weigh 2d Plot--An Alleged Bid To Hide 1st

U.S. FBI, CIA, Warren Panel Are Unofficial Defendants

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New Orleans, Feb. 9--The jury considering the conspiracy charges against Clay L. Shaw, the retired businessman accused of plotting to murder President Kennedy, is getting a second conspiracy to resolve--the prosecution's allegations of attempts to cover up the first.

The defendants in this second unofficial case, which may affect the verdict in the first, are the FBI, the CIA, the Warren Commission, the eastern establishment, former President Johnson and the federal government as a whole.

Repeated Allegations

In his opening statement last week, Jim Garrison, the district attorney, implicitly repeated his earlier allegations that the federal government has hindered his investigation at almost every turn.

The implication was clear: Where there is smoke, there is fire.

Or, as a Garrison assistant put it today: "Why is the federal government so anxious that this case not be given a full and open examination? Their very opposition is extremely suggestive."

The standard reply has been that the assassination findings of the special presidential commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, are conclusive.

But the prosecution has been showing the bagging question of federal opposition and the motive for it in the jurors' mind at every opportunity.

It started during the selection of jurors, when prospective members of the 12-man panel were asked whether they had any opinions on whether the federal government should release 69 X-rays and photographs taken at President Kennedy's autopsy.

Three of those eventually chosen said they believed they should be released; one was very adamant about it.

While questioning eight witnesses who testified last week that they had seen Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Shaw or another of the alleged co-conspirators in Clinton or Jackson, La., three months before the assassination, the prosecution asked each whether he was ever questioned by the FBI about this.

FBI Actions

All but one said no. This one said he volunteered the information to the FBI shortly after the assassination but never heard from them again.

One of the witnesses told of the "mysterious" disappearance of a job application by Oswald from the personnel files of a state hospital in Jackson, but she admitted that old applications are often weeded out.

James L. Alcock, the chief prosecutor, observed last week that as far as can be determined, the FBI never looked into Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in Clinton and Jackson.

The second conspiracy theme became even more involved with the testimony of Charles I. Spiesel, a 50-year-old New York tax accountant who says he believes he has been followed and hypnotized by Communist spies off and on for 20 years.

Mr. Spiesel, who believes himself the victim of a conspiracy that has forced him out of business and led him into "simply incredible situations," testified that he attended a party given by Mr. Shaw at which the "need for" President Kennedy's assassination and methods to accomplish it were discussed.

Mr. Spiesel, pictured as extremely paranoid during cross examination, went on to say that he is now "being tailed and is probably in danger" because of his testimony here.

A similar theme is expected to run through the testimony of Perry Raymond Russo, another key prosecution witness, scheduled to testify tomorrow.

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Mr. Russo, a boyish-faced insurance salesman-cab driver-encyclopedia salesman, testified at a preliminary hearing two years ago that it took several sessions of hypnosis and sodium pentothal, the so-called truth serum, to focus his recollection upon a party he attended where Mr. Shaw, Oswald and others purportedly worked out detailed plans to assassinate the President.

It seems Mr. Russo said, that memories of this party had been "mysteriously buried deep in my subconscious."

The prosecution has referred several times to the mysterious death of one of the alleged co-conspirators, David W. Ferrie, 48, a local pilot who died two years ago in the midst of Mr. Garrison's investigation. The district attorney called it suicide; the coroner attributed it to natural causes—a burst blood vessel.

The prosecution has also noted the long list now totaling more than 50 of other mysterious and not-so-mysterious deaths of persons connected with the assassination and the Garrison investigation.

A hearing is scheduled in the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions Friday on Mr. Garrison's continuing attempts to secure the autopsy photographs and X-rays and other exhibits sealed in the national archives for the case.

He wants them to prove his contention that the President was killed in a crossfire from high-powered rifles and not by Oswald acting alone.

If his request is not approved, an aide said last week, Mr. Garrison plans to make federal opposition an even more important element in his case against Mr. Shaw.

Always lurking in the background is Mr. Garrison's implied threat to prove his charges that President Kennedy was killed by assassins trained by the CIA and originally ordered to murder Cuban Premier Fidel Castro until something went haywire.

This continual second-conspiracy counterpoint, almost impossible to disprove, has made the defense edgy.

"Any hint of a government cover-up," concedes F. Irvin Dymond, the chief defense counsel, "tends credibility that their