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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

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(SHAW)
 NEW ORLEANS--A PUDGY LAWYER WITH GREEN SUNGLASSES, AN UNCOLLECTED FEE FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AND A PERJURY CONVICTION ON APPEAL GAVE FOUR ANSWERS BUT NOT THE CRITICAL ONE TODAY TO THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF THE CLAY L. SHAW TRIAL--WHO WAS "CLAY BERTRAND?"

DEAN A. ANDREWS, THE EIGHTH DEFENSE WITNESS IN SHAW'S TRIAL ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, TESTIFIED:

--SHAW WAS NOT THE MAN WHO CALLED ANDREWS THE DAY AFTER THE NOV. 22, 1963, KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND SUGGESTED HE DEFEND LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

--WHEN HE REPORTED THE INCIDENT, HE GAVE THE FBI THE NAME "BERTRAND" INSTEAD OF THE CALLER'S REAL NAME BECAUSE IT WOULD BRING A LOT OF HEAT AND TROUBLE TO SOMEBODY WHO DIDN'T DESERVE IT.

--THE NAME WAS ACTUALLY AN ALIAS USED BY A THIRD PERSON HE MET AT A "FAG'S WEDDING" IN THE FRENCH QUARTER OF NEW ORLEANS IN THE 1950S.

--HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY "BERTRAND" BECAUSE IT MIGHT FURTHER INCRIMINATE HIM IN THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE CAUSED HIM TO BE CONVICTED OF PERJURY.

ANDREWS INDICATED HE ALSO KNEW WHO THE MAN ON THE TELEPHONE WAS, BUT NOT IDENTIFY HIM, EITHER.

DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON CONTENDS "BERTRAND" WAS SHAW, THE 55-YEAR-OLD RETIRED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART, WHO IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING WITH OSWALD AND DAVID W. FERRIE IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1963.

GARRISON'S STAR WITNESS PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, TESTIFIED EARLIER HE SAW SHAW, USING THE NAME "BERTRAND," DISCUSSING THE PLOT WITH FERRIE AND OSWALD AT A FRENCH QUARTER PARTY.

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