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# JFK DEATH PLOT SUSPECT FREE UNDER \$10,000 BOND

### Clay Shaw Now Faces Conspiracy Count

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Clay L. Shaw, the 54-year-old former managing director of the International Trade Mart, was released on \$10,000 bond at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday after being arrested earlier by District Attorney Jim Garrison on an accusation of participating in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

Shaw was released from the central lockup by Criminal District Judge Thomas M. Brahmey after Judge Brahmey said he felt Garrison's recommendation of \$25,000 was excessive.

The bond was posted by Summit Fidelity Surety Company. Records showed Bernard Pettinillo, a representative of General Bonding Agency Inc., also signed the release order.

After being released, Shaw quickly left the lockup with one of his attorneys, Edward F. Wegmann. Neither man issued a comment to newsmen as they left.

### ONCE HANDCUFFED

The calm, gray-haired Shaw was handcuffed when taken to the lockup from Garrison's office at about 8:30 p.m., less than three hours after the district attorney said Shaw was arrested for participation in the purported conspiracy.

Shaw made no comment during his dramatic transfer from Garrison's office to the new lockup facility. He was surrounded by assistant DAs and investigators.

It was not specified if Shaw was being charged in connection with a conspiracy resulting in the late President's death.



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.  
JAMES LEWALLEN  
Questioned by DA.

or more simply, a conspiracy to commit the murder.

Asked about this, Garrison said: "I don't want to get involved in semantics."

Shaw's arrest was announced nearly six hours after he appeared alone at Garrison's office for questioning after having been subpoenaed. Out-of-town newsmen lining the hallway in front of Garrison's office did not recognize Shaw, and his appearance practically went unnoticed.

### ATTORNEY CALLED

At some point during the questioning, according to Garrison, Shaw asked that he be allowed to contact his attorney. Garrison said Shaw did, and the attorney was present at the questioning which followed.

During pauses in the questioning, when office doors were open and Shaw could be seen, events did not appear to be taking the serious turn which resulted.

At one point, soft drinks and cookies were brought into the room; and Shaw was

seen standing, drinking a soft drink, and carrying on conversation. A short while later, however, a reporter asked Shaw if he would say anything; and Shaw stared straight ahead without acknowledging the question.

Shaw was one of two people ordered to appear by subpoena Wednesday. The other was James Lewallen, a former roommate of the late David W. Ferrie, a man Garrison has



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.  
PERRY R. RUSSO  
Questioned by DA aides.

said was "one of history's most important individuals" as far as President Kennedy's death is concerned. A third person, Perry Raymond Russo, was also questioned.

Announcement of Shaw's arrest was made by William Gurvich, Garrison's chief aide in the investigation, who read from a printed statement carrying Garrison's name.

It said that Shaw, who resided at 1313 Dauphine, was the first arrest in the investigation, and said he would be charged on a conspiracy count.

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### 'ARRESTS TO FOLLOW'

Less than an hour later, Garrison emerged from his office and reemphasized that he has no doubts about the case and that other arrests will be made.

He would not go into any details about the questioning of Shaw, asserting he did not want to say anything that might hurt his case. He did say that "a considerable number" of arrests is expected.

Garrison also said that Shaw had been questioned previously. He did not elaborate.

Just prior to Shaw's transfer from the DA's office to central lockup, an assistant DA warned newsmen and photographers that no one was to stop or touch Shaw, and that no questions would be permitted.

As an added precaution, officials checked to see that only accredited news representatives were in the hallway, which is on the second floor of the Criminal District Courts Building.

As Shaw was led away from the DA's office, it appeared he thought he was to walk down a flight of stairs to his right; but officials quickly steered him toward an elevator in which the group rode to the basement. There Shaw was placed in a waiting car for the short trip to central lockup.

### WALKED STIFFLY

Shaw was wearing a conservative brown suit accented by a green and light orange striped tie. Except for the apparent stiff walk, he did not appear nervous.

Shaw, who retired Oct. 1, 1965, after having been managing director of the ITM since 1946, had been undergoing questioning by Garrison's investigators since shortly after noon Wednesday.

In reading the announcement of Shaw's arrest, which bore Garrison's signature, Gurvich said:

"The first arrest has been made in the investigation of the New Orleans district attorney's office into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Arrested this evening in the district attorney's office was Clay Shaw, age 54, of 1513 Dauphine st., New Orleans, La.

"Mr. Shaw with participatory conspiracy to murder Kennedy.

"It should be pointed out, however, that the nature of this case is not conducive to an immediate succession of arrests at this time. However, other arrests will be made at a later date."

Asked what was meant by the "immediate succession of arrests" statement, Gurvich explained that "no other arrests are imminent."

"However," he added, "an arrest may occur tomorrow, or an arrest may occur a month from now."

Gurvich said the phrasing of the announcement was such so that newsmen would not be led to believe other arrests would follow immediately.

Asked how long it would be before formal charges are filed against Shaw, Gurvich answered that he did not know.

"Special cases take special handling," he stated. "For all I know it could be several days." He said Shaw's attorneys were checking to see if bond would be set in the case.

### BOND SUGGESTED

Later, however, it was learned that Garrison recommended bond of \$25,000.

Garrison, who said Shaw had an attorney with him during the long afternoon of questioning, said he would be booked on the authority of the district attorney. He added that he would file a bill of information against Shaw.

Under state law, a DA can bring a prisoner to trial under one of two methods: by filing a bill of information with a judge, or by a grand jury indictment.

At about 7 p. m. Wednesday at Shaw's residence, a television cameraman was hit in the chest after he began taking pictures of a man there who said he is a friend of Shaw.

Arrested later at the Port of Call was Owens Wright, 25, 5021 Iberville. He was booked with simple battery.

Police said Wright drove up to Shaw's home and, as he ap-

proached the door, asked a group of newsmen if Shaw was there. When they told him that Shaw was in Central Lockup, Wright was asked why he wanted to know. "I've come to bail him out," police quoted him as saying.

Erby Aucoin, 25, 700 Miradito, WVUE cameraman, then began taking pictures of Wright, police said; and Wright swung at him, hit him in the chest and tore his shirt. Aucoin's injuries were minor, police said.

At 11:15 p. m., about a dozen investigators who had driven to Shaw's home with a search warrant signed by Judge Matthew S. Braniff of the Criminal District Court departed the home, with five cardboard boxes filled with Shaw's possessions.

The investigators had entered the house at 8:40 p. m., carrying with them a wooden box. The box, sealed with a padlock, was removed shortly thereafter. Investigators would not say what the box contained. While inside they also took photographs.

Shortly after 11 p. m. they began leaving with the cardboard boxes which appeared to contain mostly books.

### GUN MENTIONED

It also appeared that a weapon, either a shotgun or a rifle, was confiscated. Newsmen overheard one of the investigators saying, "Put the gun in the trunk." Another man carried the weapon which was contained in a cloth gun case.

Asked if they had found anything specific, one searcher replied, "No comment." The same answer was given when he was asked if they had found what they were looking for.

Asked if all of the searchers were with Garrison's office, the man answered with a simple "yes."

### LIVED IN NEW YORK

Shaw, a large man, came to New Orleans from Kentwood at the age of 5. He once lived in New York City where he worked in advertising and public relations.

He rose to the rank of major in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received the Croix De Guerre of France and the

Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star from the United States.

In 1965, he resigned from the ITM saying that his goals had been fulfilled with erection of the ITM's new building.

Retirement, he said, would give him time to manage his real estate holdings and pursue other personal interests.

Shaw was presented a plaque and the International Order of Merit of the City Of New Orleans Medal at a ceremony at his retirement.

Shaw arrived at the DA's office about 12:15 p. m. and was still talking with the district attorney's investigators when an aide asked waiting newsmen to leave, explaining that the office was being closed for the day. Judge Braniff signed the sub-

pena for Shaw earlier Wednesday.

Garrison, who was reported sick earlier in the day, finally arrived at his office at 4:05 p. m.

After telling reporters, "I have nothing to say," Garrison was asked if the investigation into an alleged plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy was proceeding on schedule.

"Of course," he replied. "We see no problems."

When asked why Shaw was subpoenaed, the district attorney, feigning surprise, questioned, "Mr. Shaw? That's a familiar name." He offered no further comment.

It was established earlier that Lewallen, 38, 4406 Paris ave., a former Air Force pilot, had once roomed with Ferrie. Ferrie, who died in his apartment here last week and was buried Wednesday, was termed by Garrison as "one of history's most important individuals." Lewallen arrived with his attorney, George Piazza II.

### REMEMBERS OSWALD

Shaw said in an interview last week that he never met or spoke to Lee Harvey Oswald, said by the Warren Commission to have single-handedly killed President Kennedy. However, Shaw said he did remember seeing Oswald passing out leaflets outside the International Trade Mart.

In 1963, Oswald was arrested here after he was engaged in a brawl that stemmed from his efforts to pass out leaflets supporting a pro-Castro cause, "Fair Play for Cuba."

Russo, 25, of Baton Rouge, who did not come forward until after Ferrie's death, said previously that Ferrie, who worked as a flying instructor at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, talked to him about the late President.

A former Loyola University student, Russo appeared at the DA's office with a young girl, remained about 30 minutes, and replied, "I cannot comment on that" when asked what was discussed.

Lewallen, who has been with Boeing since 1961, left Garrison's office with his attorney at 2:20 p.m. Piazza answered newsmen's questions in his client's behalf.

Asked what they had done in the DA's office, Piazza said, "All we did was answer questions." He repeated that Lewallen appeared earlier and was questioned at that time also.

In stating why the subpoena was issued for Lewallen, Piazza said that "no one explained, but it certainly is the district attorney's prerogative."

"The report that Mr. Lewallen was subpoenaed because he refused to take a lie detector test was not true," the attorney added. "The subject of a lie detector test did not come up today."

#### ASKED NOT TO TALK

Piazza said that he and Lewallen were "asked not to discuss any of the questions about the investigation."

"We don't want to jeopardize what they are doing," he said. Asked if they expected to be recalled for more questioning, the attorney replied, "We can't tell. It will depend on what comes up in the future."

Questioned if Lewallen knew Shaw, Piazza repeated that they were asked not to comment.

"Mr. Lewallen knew David Ferrie as many others did," Piazza offered. However, he

declined to comment when asked when was the last time Lewallen and Ferrie talked.

Piazza told newsmen earlier that the subpoena "came as a great surprise" to his client and himself.

Lewallen, who is single and holds a security clearance for his confidential work, has been on loan by Boeing to the Mississippi Test Facility for the past two months. A supervisor at Michoud said he is a member of the Air National Guard and has a "relatively good background in aircraft repair" and said he was almost sure the experience had been acquired at the Lakefront Airport where Ferrie worked.

Lewallen's subpoena was served on him at 7:10 p. m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the state police's Troop B headquarters. Criminal District Judge Bernard Bagert, who signed the subpoena, said that Lewallen refused to take a lie detector test.

#### FIRST OF KIND

Judge Bagert said Lewallen's subpoena was the first issued under a new state law which became effective Jan. 1 and allows the DA's office to issue

binding subpoenas with the consent of a district judge.

Other developments Wednesday in Garrison's expanding investigation included the knowledge that the DA's staff has been questioning patrons of a former French Quarter coffee shop which was frequented by Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The shop, named the Ryder Coffee House, was located at 910 N. Rampart before being demolished. The site is now used as a motel parking lot.

A newspaper investigation was able to place Oswald at the coffee house on at least two separate occasions. At one time, he was to have made a talk on the "Fair Play for Cuba" movement at the Ryder.

One New Orleans resident who patronized the shop said he was introduced to Oswald there. A woman who lived

above the shop but now resides on the Gulf coast said she too met Oswald, but not in the coffee house itself. She said she was questioned by Garrison's investigators.

The woman said that Oswald indicated to her that he was lonesome in New Orleans. She recalled him saying that there were a lot of people here, but "it's really a cold city . . . God it's cold."

She quoted one investigator as saying, "We're investigating the Lee Harvey Oswald case. We were told . . . that you might know something about it because you were living in the coffee house."

"I hope you realize this is a very serious matter," she said one of the men told her.

Another development in the case Wednesday was a final one—the burial of Ferrie one

week after his body was discovered beneath a sheet on the bed in his apartment. Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas Chetta ruled that Ferrie's death was due to natural causes, thus ruling out murder or suicide.

Services for Ferrie were held at St. Matthias Church, followed by interment in St. Bernard Memorial Cemetery. Only two persons, a man and a woman, were present for the Low Requiem Mass and interment.

Pallbearers who carried Ferrie's casket to the grave were hired.

#### Best News So Far, Mrs. Oswald States

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the alleged assassin of President Kennedy, said Wednesday night the arrest of Clay Shaw in New Orleans was "the best news I've heard so far."

Mrs. Oswald, who visited Cincinnati to appear on a woman's program, sent a telegram congratulating District Attorney Jim Garrison and saying, "Hard work and effort will solve the case."

She told a newsmen she never heard her son mention either Shaw or David W. Ferrie, another figure in the investigation. Mrs. Oswald said her son never mentioned any of his New Orleans acquaintances by name.

During the show earlier in the day, Mrs. Oswald said she offered to help Garrison with his probe, but received no reply.

#### Dallas Officials

#### Disclaim Knowledge

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Dallas officials Wednesday night disclaimed any knowledge of Clay Shaw, arrested but not charged

in New Orleans in that city's investigation of President Kennedy's 1963 assassination.

"The name doesn't mean anything to me," said Dallas County Dist. Atty. Henry Wade. "I don't know him," Wade said. "I don't know whether he's been interviewed by the FBI or the Secret Service or anybody. I don't even know who the man is."

"We don't know anything

about it," said Asst. Dist. Atty. William F. Alexander.

Sheriff Bill Decker said Shaw's arrest was New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's business. "I'm not going to do anything about it," said Decker, who also denied any knowledge of Shaw. "He (Garrison) says the whole thing happened down there, so we're going to leave it alone until we know something."

## Accused Conspirator Taken to Jail



RIDING TO CENTRAL LOCKUP from the Criminal Courts Building Wednesday night is Clay L. Shaw (center), who was arrested on charges of participating in a conspiracy to

murder President Kennedy. At left is Edward F. Wegmann, Shaw's attorney. Lynn Loisel, an investigator for the district attorney's office, is at right.