

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: March 17, 1967

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. D. E. Moore

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63
INFORMATION CONCERNING

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. D.E. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. T.J. Smith

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A hearing before a three-judge panel has been in progress in New Orleans, Louisiana, since 3/14/67, as the result of the arrest of Clay L. Shaw by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, on a charge of conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63. The principal witness to date has been Perry Raymond Russo, an insurance company employee with a past record of mental instability. On 3/16/67, the hearing developed that Russo had been placed under the influence of "truth serum" by doctors.

The following is a summary of information reported in teletypes from the New Orleans Office 3/17/67, concerning the latest developments at the hearing. It is to be noted that the panel of judges rendered a decision that sufficient evidence has been produced to determine that a crime has been committed and that sufficient evidence has been produced to justify bringing further criminal proceedings against Clay L. Shaw.

On 3/16/67, defense attorneys for Shaw subpoenaed District Director of Immigration C. W. Johnson to produce records relating to Manuel Garcia Gonzalez and Julio Buzenero. Earlier testimony by Russo had brought out names similar to Gonzalez and Buzenero as having been at a party when Shaw, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald conspired to assassinate the President. Johnson's testimony apparently was inconclusive as to the identity of these two persons.

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The next witness was Dr. Edmond A. Fatter, a private practitioner who proceeded to qualify himself as an expert in the field of hypnosis. He also claimed to have had nine years' training in psychiatry. Fatter then testified that on March 1, 9 and 12, 1967, he had placed Russo in a hypnotic trance. He said that on 3/12/67, while Russo was in a hypnotic trance, he made the following post-hypnotic suggestion to Russo:

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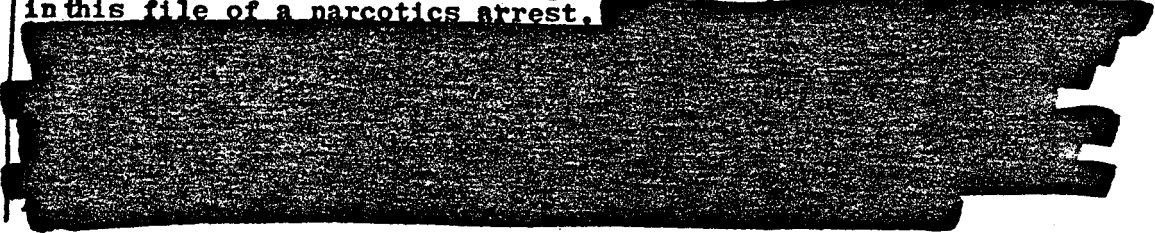
"That's right. Go deeper. Relax. Anytime you want to, you may permit yourself to be cool, calm and collected. This is a task you have voluntarily entered into. Let yourself do this task well. You'll be amazed how acute your mind will be in the next few weeks. You will be telling only the truth without fear or remorsefulness. All you are doing is telling the truth. Nothing more, nothing less. Count to five. Let your eyes spring open. Remember, you have a task you elected to perform. You can do it well. You will do it well. Remember, the truth always rings out."

Garrison then introduced another surprise witness, who was identified as Vernon Bundy (phonetic), aged twenty-nine, an admitted narcotics addict, who after having been convicted, on a narcotics charge, is presently being held in Orleans Parish prison on a charge of violating his parole.

Bundy testified that one day in June or July, 1963, he had been on the lakefront and had seen an older man meet a younger man and had overheard some conversation. Bundy identified the younger man as Lee Harvey Oswald and the older man as Clay L. Shaw. He also testified that the older man gave the younger man a roll of bills and the younger man put the bills in his back pocket and in so doing dropped some papers from his pocket. Bundy claimed that he later located a piece of yellow paper with the word "Cuba" on it.

Garrison then had Bundy point out Shaw as the man he saw on the lakefront. He then had Bundy go dramatically over and hold his hand over Shaw's head.

On the basis of information available at this time, Bureau indices are negative concerning Vernon Bundy. However, Identification Records contain a record of one Vernon William Bundy who was born 2/24/38 in New Orleans, Louisiana. This individual is described as a Negro. However, there is no record in this file of a narcotics arrest.



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ACTION:

Since the testimony reported above was taken from news media, this is not being disseminated. We will check further concerning the identity of Vernon Bundy, mentioned herein.

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Vernon Bundy

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