

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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The Attorney General told newsmen that the FBI had previously investigated and cleared Clay L. Shaw of complicity in the Kennedy assassination. This is not true and we so informed the Attorney General. However, as a result of the publicity, the New Orleans Office received requests, as indicated in attached, to furnish information the FBI had developed which would clear Shaw of the charges now pending against him.

New Orleans told Charles R. Carson, a Wackenhut Corporation investigator, and Dean Andrews, who is also a defendant in connection with charges brought by Jim Garrison, that the FBI has no comment to make concerning the publicized statement of the Attorney General, but that their request would be relayed to FBI Headquarters. As indicated in attached, both individuals are now making inquiries of New Orleans as to what reply Bureau headquarters had made in response to their request.

Since the Bureau has no intention of telling these or any other individuals that the Attorney General's statement is incorrect, we will, if approved, instruct New Orleans to refer any future requests for such information to the Attorney General and indicate that the Bureau has no comment to make in the matter.

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