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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43
FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS-
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE, MARCH SEVEN INSTANT,
REPORTED THAT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY HAS GIVEN HIMSELF
UNTIL MONDAY TO RULE ON A MOTION BY ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L.
SHAW THAT ALL PERSONS IN THE JURY WHEEL, AT LEAST THIRTEEN
HUNDRED, BE SUBPOENAED FOR THE CURRENT CHANGE OF VENUE
HEARING. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUST BEFORE ADJURNING
THE HEARING ABOUT FIVE PM YESTERDAY JUDGE HAGGERTY
ANNOUNCED HE HAD CONFERRED WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JURY
COMMISSION AND FOUND THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN
HUNDRED NAMES IN THE JURY WHEEL. JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID HE
WOULD RESEARCH THE LAW BOOKS AND WOULD RULE ON THE MOTION
AND ANNOUNCE IT WHEN THE HEARING IS RECONVENED AT TEN AM,
MONDAY, MARCH ELEVEN NEXT.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT IN ADDITION TO WITNESSES PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS APPEARED AS WITNESSES:

WILLIAM REED, NEWS-DIRECTOR OF WWL-TV; ED PLANER, NEWS DIRECTOR OF WDSU-TV AND RADIO; ROSEMARY JAMES, REPORTER FOR THE STATES-ITEM AND CO-AUTHOR OF "PLOT OR POLITICS? THE GARRISON CASE AND ITS CAST"; ED DEVENPORT, NEWSMAN FOR WWL RADIO; MARK LANE, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "RUSH TO JUDGMENT", AND PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, GARRISON'S STAR WITNESS IN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING ON THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE AGAINST SHAW.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT MARK LANE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS BOOK AND ALSO ABOUT A MOVIE BY THE SAME NAME AND WAS ASKED IF THE MOVIE WAS SHOWN IN NEW ORLEANS NEAR THE TIME OF SHAW'S PRELIMINARY HEARING. THERE WERE OBJECTIONS BY THE STATE AND JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID HE COULD NOT SEE HOW THE MOVIE WAS RELEVANT TO THE CASE. LANE WAS ALSO QUESTIONED ABOUT PUBLIC SPEECHES HE MADE IN NEW ORLEANS BEFORE THE

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YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS CLUB AND AT TULANE UNIVERSITY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, LANE SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HE EVER SAID PUBLICLY THAT SHAW WAS GUILTY OR INNOCENT BUT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE MAY HAVE SAID HE BELIEVED GARRISON HAD A "SUBSTANTIAL CASE." LANE DENIED EVER HAVING SAID "MR GARRISON HAS SHOWN ME HIS FILE AND IT IS AN IRON-CLAD CASE."

THE ARTICLE STATED THE DEFENSE ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT LANE WAS A MEMBER OF GARRISON'S STAFF AND NO LONGER A PRIVATE CITIZEN AS FAR AS THE SHAW CASE WAS CONCERNED, ADDING THAT "THIS MAN'S CAPACITY, WHEN HE SPEAKS, IS OF IMPORTANCE." LANE DENIED BEING A MEMBER OF GARRISON'S STAFF.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT RUSSO WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS ATTENDANCE AT A LECTURE AT TULANE LAST DECEMBER WHICH WAS GIVEN BY LANE. RUSSO SAID THAT AFTER THE LECTURE WAS CONCLUDED HE ATTENDED A "SHOOT THE BREEZE SESSION" ~~IN A DORMITORY~~ IN A DORMITORY TO WHICH HE WAS INVITED BY SOME OUT - OF-STATE STUDENTS.

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MRS. JAMES VERIFIED THAT SHE WAS CO-AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "PLOT OR POLITICS" AND IT WAS ENTERED AS AN EXHIBIT WITHOUT OBJECTION. HOWEVER, WHEN DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ATTEMPTED TO GET HER TO COMMENT ON PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE BOOK THE STATE OBJECTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT SINCE THE BOOK HAD BEEN ADMITTED IN ITS ENTIRETY THE MATERIAL IN IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. THE DEFENSE ALLEGED THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO SHOW THAT A CIRCUS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED AT SHAW'S PRELIMINARY HEARING.

WILLIAM REED WAS ALSO QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SHAW PRELIMINARY HEARING AND WAS ASKED IF THE ATMOSPHERE WOULD EFFECT HIS JUDGMENT. REED ANSWERED "IT COULD, I DON'T SAY IT WOULD." REED ALSO TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD A FIXED PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT THE CASE BUT PROFESSIONALLY HE HAD AN OPEN MIND.

ED PLANER WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT NEWS RELEASES SENT TO WDSU BY GARRISON WHICH THE DEFENSE WANTED TO ENTER INTO THE RECORD IN THEIR ENTIRETY, HOWEVER, OBJECTIONS ON THE
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GROUND THAT THEY WERE NOT BROADCAST IN THEIR ENTIRETY WERE
SUSTAINED BY JUDGE HAGGERTY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ED DEVENPORT WAS QUESTIONED
BRIEFLY ABOUT HIS DUTIES AS A NEWSMAN FOR VWL RADIO.

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