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910PM 3/19/68 URGENT WHD

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.

THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM  
FOR MARCH NINETEEN INSTANT CONTAINS A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE  
WHICH STATES THAT A WIDE MAJORITY OF JURY PANEL MEMBERS  
TESTIFYING INSTANT DATE WERE STATING THAT THEY  
COULD <sup>G</sup> GIVE CLAY L. SHAW A FAIR TRIAL ON CHARGES OF  
CONSPIRING TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT TWELVE MORE OF THE PANELISTS  
TESTIFIED INSTANT DATE BEFORE CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE  
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. WHO IS HOLDING A HEARING ON A  
DEFENSE MOTION TO MOVE SHAW'S TRIAL AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED  
MILES OUTSIDE NEW ORLEANS ON GROUNDS THAT WIDESPREAD  
PUBLICITY HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DEFENDENT TO GET  
A FAIR TRIAL IN NEW ORLEANS.

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MR. DELGACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "Blair", "B", "Laird"]*

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OUT OF THE TOTAL OF TWELVE PANELISTS WHO HAD TESTIFIED INSTANT DATE, EIGHT SAID THEY COULD RENDER AN IMPARTIAL VERDICT AND FOUR ADVISED THEY COULD NOT AND THESE WERE IMMEDIATELY EXCUSED BY HAGGERTY.

.. A TOTAL OF FIFTYTWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE TESTIFIED THUS FAR, INCLUDING THE TWELVE WHO TESTIFIED INSTANT DATE AND OF THIS TOTAL FORTYTWO HAVE TESTIFIED THAT THEY COULD GIVE CLAY SHAW A FAIR TRIAL. NINE TESTIFIED THEY COULD NOT AND ONE REMAINED UNDECIDED.

THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEARING PROCEDURE OF THE PREVIOUS DAY, EACH JUROR WAS FIRST QUESTIONED BY THE JUDGE THEN CROSS EXAMINED BY ATTORNEYS FOR SHAW AND THE STATE. PRIOR TO THE FIRST WITNESS TAKING THE STAND INSTANT DATE, DEFENSE ATTORNEY IRVIN F. DYMOND SOUGHT TO HAVE THE PROCEDURE FOR QUESTIONING CHANGED WHEREBY THE STATE WOULD CROSS EXAMINE FIRST AND THEN THE DEFENSE. HAGGERTY DENIED DYMOND'S MOTION STATING THAT THE BURDEN

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IS ON THE DEFENSE TO PROVE THE-NEED FOR-A CHANGE OF VENUE  
AND THAT THE DEFENSE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY CROSS  
EXAMINE EACH WITNESS. DYMOND TOOK A BILL OF EXCEPTION  
TO THIS RULE.

*Memo*  
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN