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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.

AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM FINAL EDITION,  
MARCH TWENTYSIX INSTANT, STATED - CRIMINAL JUDGE EDWARD A.  
MAGGERTY, JR. SAID TODAY, AFTER HEARING ORAL AGRUMENTS,  
THAT HE WILL RULE FRIDAY ON A BID TO HAVE THE KENNEDY -  
ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW MOVED AT  
LEAST ONE HUNDRED MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ASSISTANT DA JAMES  
L. ALCOCK SAID THAT A MOTION PICTURE FILM OF THE KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION TAKEN BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER WILL BE TURNED OVER  
TO THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY. ALCOCK STATED THAT HE  
HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY TIME THAT THE FILM WILL BE SENT TO  
NEW ORLEANS FOR DELIVERY TO THE JURY THURSDAY.  
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE ORIGINAL FILM NEVER WAS SHOWN TO THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH USED COPIES IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

GARRISON CONTENDS THE ORIGINAL FILM WILL SHOW THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT FROM THE FRONT; THE COMMISSION SAID HE WAS SHOT FROM THE BACK.

IN ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROBE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, MRS. RUTH PAINE IN IRVING, TEXAS, SAID SHE IS "NOT TERRIBLY KEEN" ABOUT COMING TO NEW ORLEANS TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. L

ASKED ABOUT A PART OF THE SUBPOENA THAT ALLEGES SHE TOOK OSWALD'S GUN FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS MRS. PAINE SAID "SURE, I CARRIED ALL OF OSWALD'S WORLDLY POSSESSIONS FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS IN SIXTYTHREE. FOR ALL I KNOW, THE RIFLE WAS IN THERE." HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE STATED THAT SHE MAINTAINED SHE COULD NOT TELL THE JURY ANYTHING THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WARREN REPORT.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT DURING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS ON THE SHAW CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION BEFORE JUDGE HAGGERTY TODAY DEFENSE ATTORNEY WILLIAM WEGMANN ARGUED THAT THE QUESTIONING OF EIGHTY PROSPECTIVE JURORS IN COURT LAST WEEK PROVED ONE THING: "THEY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THIS CASE. THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH PUBLICITY AND CONTROVERSY THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE INCAPABLE OF ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM."

ON A SECOND POINT WEGMANN INSISTED THAT SHAW IS DUE A CHANGE OF VENUE BECAUSE AT LEAST ONE WITNESS THE DEFENSE FEELS IS NECESSARY TO ITS CASE HAS REFUSED TO COME TO NEW ORLEANS TO TESTIFY, PROFESSING FEAR.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ASSISTANT DA ALCOCK ANSWERED FOR THE STATE BRIEFLY SAYING THAT HE FEELS THAT THE ORDINARY PERSON IS NOT AS INTERESTED IN THE CASE AS THE DEFENSE CONTENTS AND THAT THE EIGHTY MEMBERS OF THE JURY PANEL QUESTIONED PROVED HIS POINT. ALSO, THAT THE STATE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT ITS OWN CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION IF IT

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P. BELIEVED A FAIR TRIAL HERE FOR THE STATE WAS IMPOSSIBLE  
AND WOULD HAVE JOINED THE DEFENSE IN ITS MOTION IF IT  
BELIEVED THAT A FAIR TRIAL FOR SHAW WERE IMPOSSIBLE.

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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN