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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 5P

CASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.  
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

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*TAYLOR*

ACCORDING TO THE FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT ISSUE OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM NEWSPAPER, THE MORNING SESSION OF THE CLAY L. SHAW TRIAL ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT BEGAN WITH LT. EDWARD O'DONNELL OF THE NEW ORLEANS PD RETURNING TO THE STAND FOR CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION.

LT. O'DONNELL TESTIFIED THAT THE FIRST TIME HE HAD TALKED TO THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ABOUT THE CASE WAS AFTER THE TRIAL OF SHAW HAD STARTED AND THAT HE HAD NO PRIOR CONTACT BEFORE THIS TIME.

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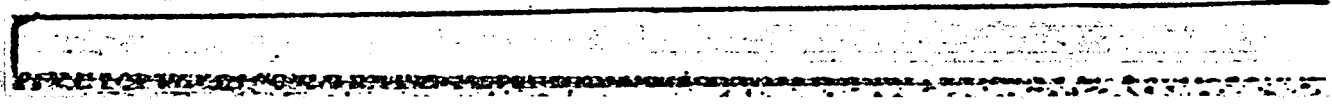
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THE NEXT DEFENSE WITNESS WAS IDENTIFIED AS ARTHUR Q. DAVIS, A NEW ORLEANS ARCHITECT. DAVIS TESTIFIED THAT HE FLIES TO NEW YORK CITY ONCE A WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH HIS BUSINESS. UPON BEING SHOWN THE GUEST REGISTER OF THE

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VIP ROOM FOR EASTERN AIRLINES AT NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR DECEMBER FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, DAVIS IDENTIFIED HIS SIGNATURE AS BEING THE SECOND FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. THE NAME BELOW HIS NAME IS LISTED AS CLAY BERTRAND.

DAVIS TESTIFIED THAT HE KNOWS SHAW AND THAT SHAW WAS NOT IN THE ROOM AT THE TIME DAVIS WAS. HE TESTIFIED THERE WERE OTHER MEN IN THE VIP ROOM ON THIS OCCASION.

UPON CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION, DAVIS TESTIFIED HE REMAINED IN THE VIP ROOM ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES TO A HALF HOUR AND DID NOT RECALL ANYONE SIGN THE REGISTER BOOK AFTER HE DID.

THE NEXT DEFENSE WITNESS WAS CLAY L. SHAW. AFTER ANSWERING ROUTINE QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS BACKGROUND, SHAW DENIED EVER KNOWING LEE HARVEY OSWALD OR DAVID FERRIE. HE DENIED EVER ATTENDING A PARTY AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE OR EVER BEING ACQUAINTED WITH

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PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO. HE DENIED EVER BEING IN CLINTON, LA., OR EVER HAVING ANY ILL FEELINGS TOWARD THE PRESIDENT OR EVER USING AN ALIAS OF CLAY OR CLEM BERTRAND. HE DENIED EVER VISITING THE EASTERN AIRLINES VIP ROOM AT NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE HE SIGNED THE REGISTER AS CLAY BERTRAND. HE DENIED EVER WORKING FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OR ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXCEPT DURING THE TIME HE SERVED IN THE U. S. ARMY. HE DENIED EVER KNOWING CHARLES I. SPEISER, A PROSECUTION WITNESS WHO HAS TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED SHAW AT A PARTY IN THE FRENCH QUARTER. HE TESTIFIED THAT PRIOR TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S COMING TO NEW ORLEANS FOR A DEDICATION CEREMONY IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, HE HAD MET PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON ONE OCCASION PRIOR TO HIS VISIT. HE TESTIFIED THAT IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, CHEP MORRISON HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS AMBASSADOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, AND UPON THE INVITATION OF MORRISON ATTENDED MORRISON'S SWEARING IN CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT WHICH TIME HE

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MET THE PRESIDENT. UPON CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION, SHAW ADMITTED KNOWING TWO OF DAVID FERRIE'S FORMER ROOMMATES, LAYTON MARTENS AND JAMES LEWALLEN, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THEY KNEW FERRIE. HE THEN TESTIFIED AS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS RE HIS TRIP TO THE WEST COAST IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER EIGHT OR NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. HE TESTIFIED HE WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE SAN FRANCISCO WORLD TRADE BUILDING ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, BUT HIS TALK WAS NOT GIVEN BECAUSE OF THE ASSASSINATION. HE TESTIFIED THAT FROM SAN FRANCISCO HE WENT TO PORTLAND, OREGON, AND THEN TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

SHAW WAS THEN EXCUSED AS A WITNESS AND THE DEFENSE RESTED ITS CASE, AND THE COURT WAS RECESSED FOR LUNCH.

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THE PROSECUTION WAS EXPECTED TO CALL SEVERAL REBUTTLE  
WITNESSES; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OR IDENTITIES ARE UNKNOWN.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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