

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DATE: 3/15/67

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63  
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Attached is a chronological running log of news reports on 3/15/67 concerning the preliminary hearing re CLAY L. SHAW.

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NEWS REPORTS, 3/15/67  
PRELIMINARY HEARING RE CLAY L. SHAW  
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9:30 a.m.

WDSU reported that JAMES LISCOMB, 708 1/2 Bourbon, had been arrested last night on a charge of making threatening phone calls in connection with the GARRISON probe. It was reported that LISCOMB called the Orleans Parish Prison and said that he intended to make headlines in the GARRISON investigation. LISCOMB was reported as having a criminal record in Michigan. WDSU said other individuals, not identified, connected with the SHAW case, had been receiving threatening phone calls since yesterday's hearing.

9:45 a.m.

WDSU radio - Bill Slater reporting - The first man on the witness stand this morning will likely be PERRY RUSSO, DA GARRISON's surprise witness of yesterday. It was RUSSO, you'll remember who dramatically identified CLAY SHAW as the man he claimed he saw in 1963 with DAVID FERRIE & LEE HARVEY OSWALD. RUSSO told court yesterday he heard the three men plot the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The defense takes its turn today for the first time. Obviously, SHAW's attorneys are going to be trying to discredit RUSSO, GARRISON's key witness up to this point, and apparently the man GARRISON has previously referred to as his confidential informant. They subpoenaed registrars of both Tulane and Loyola Universities where RUSSO attended school, as well as personnel manager of Equitable Life Assurance Society where RUSSO is now employed in Baton Rouge. Defense is also expected to question RUSSO about a TV interview two weeks ago in which he denied ever knowing LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Two of GARRISON's scheduled witnesses will be Parish Coroner NICHOLAS CHETTA, who is expected to testify about giving RUSSO a lie detector test and truth serum, and Dr. EDMOND FATTER, who presumably is an expert on hypnosis, and we understand RUSSO went under hypnosis to tell this same story to JIM GARRISON several weeks ago.

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