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Garrison To Open Shaw Case

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NEW ORLEANS — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison will make one of his rare courtroom appearances to present the state's opening statement in his attempt to prove Clay L. Shaw conspired to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The decision of Garrison to outline the state's case was confirmed today coincident with the arrival in Washington of one of his assistants to renew efforts to obtain locked-up Kennedy autopsy data.

The Washington move was part of Garrison's two-year drive to show that a New Orleans conspiracy in September, 1963, reached its goal Dallas. He has been rebuffed in two previous attempts to get the X-rays and photographs to show Mr. Kennedy was shot from the front as well as rear.

General Sessions Judge Charles Halleck in Washington denied the request for the data on Jan. 17 but gave Louisiana two weeks to show its materiality to the case and that "this is not just a fishing expedition."

That deadline was today. Asst. Dist. Atty. Numa V. Bertel left for Washington Thursday night with written pleadings which he said he hoped "will convince the judge."

The films and clothing, which the state also now seeks, have been sealed in the National Archives until 1971 at the Kennedy family request.

Garrison's "case of the century" entered its 10th day with only one juror and two alternates needed to complete the panel that will hear charges that Shaw conspired with two men now dead, Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie, to murder Mr. Kennedy. The opening statement and start of testimony were expected early next week—probably Monday.