

# Garrison Autopsy Plea Linked to 'Conspiracy'

## Judge Says Information Is Not Needed if a Plot Is Not Revealed in Shaw Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Washington judge directed Friday that he be informed by Wednesday whether New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison intends to show that President John F. Kennedy's death resulted from a conspiracy involving Clay L. Shaw.

Judge Charles Halleck ordered the information before he rules on Garrison's plea to obtain release of the autopsy photographs and X rays of the assassinated President from the National Archives.

Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, faces trial on charges of conspiring to kill Mr. Kennedy, but Numa F. Bertel Jr., a member of Garrison's staff, said it is not necessary to show in that trial that Mr. Kennedy's death was a result of the conspiracy.

### Hearing Next Friday

Halleck said that if no effort is to be made to link the conspiracy and the death, then it is irrelevant where the shots that killed Mr. Kennedy came from.

Garrison aides contended in a brief filed Friday that a medical review of autopsy pictures provides new questions as to the number of bullet wounds Mr. Kennedy suffered and the direction from which the bullets came.

Halleck, judge of the Court of General Sessions, set next Friday to hear evidence to back up their contentions that the material should be released.

But he asked for a statement of their intent

in the Shaw trial by Wednesday noon.

Halleck expressed concern about wide publicity that could be given the Kennedy autopsy pictures if they are released.

He said he could understand how the Kennedy family would not want to see them spread "on the front page of Life magazine."

In setting the Wednesday noon deadline, Halleck said that hopefully Garrison, who is prosecuting the Shaw case, will

have made his opening statement to the New Orleans jury by then.

"Then we'll all know what you expect to show," Halleck said.

The autopsy documents were placed in the care of the National Archives in 1966 by Mr. Kennedy's widow, now Mrs. Aristotle Onassis, and his brother, the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

This was done to prevent "undignified or sensational" use of the material. It was not to be made public for five years and then only to government investigators.

Meanwhile, prosecution and defense lawyers in New Orleans ended their 10th day in district court still without a jury impaneled to try Shaw.

The panel lacks a 12th juror and two alternates.