

DATA ON AUTOPSY FREED BY COURT

W. T. Garrison
Garrison Request Granted,
but U.S. Plans Appeal

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—A Federal judge ordered the director of the National Archives today to produce the autopsy X-rays and photographs of President Kennedy at the Clay Shaw conspiracy trial in New Orleans.

The Justice Department, which has resisted the attempt by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison to subpoena the material, announced that it would file an appeal tomorrow morning.

The Department has already drafted its appeal in anticipation of the Federal judge's order, and Government lawyers expressed assurance that they would be able to get a hearing by the appeals court before the material was made available to Mr. Garrison.

One Federal lawyer asserted that the Government was prepared to raise the full range of reasonable objections in the appeals court to block the lower court's ruling. He indicated that a very strong effort

was planned, if necessary, and black and white photo-X-rays, color transparencies

If the order stands, the 69 graphs taken of President Kennedy's body will pass for the first time outside the close control of the Government or the Kennedy family.

The items were given to the President's brother, Robert F. Kennedy, who was slain in 1968, immediately after the autopsy. They were later delivered to the National Archives, subject to an agreement that they would be kept secret until 1971 at least.

However, General Sessions Judge Charles W. Halleck today ordered Dr. James B. Rhoads, the National Archivist, or representative designated by him, to take the pictures to New Orleans for the Shaw trial.

Must Take Rifle, Too

In addition to the X-rays and pictures, Judge Halleck instructed Dr. Rhoads to take the rifle that the Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald had used to kill President Kennedy, plus a "spent pellet" said to be from the death rifle; X-rays of Gov. John B. Connally Jr., who was wounded at the same time, and two bullet fragments.

Under the order, Mr. Garrison is required to give Dr. Rhoads 48 hours' notice before he is to appear in court with the items.