

"...his legal work improves at such a pace..."

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1. Six weeks after the arrest of Shaw, no one had examined five cartons of his personal belongings and papers.
2. In contravention of a Judge's order against discussion or disclosure of evidence, outsiders were invited to go through Shaw's belongings before they were inventoried or evaluated, opening the risk of tampering with or removal of materials and having the case thrown out of court.
3. No check was made on the authenticity of "Lee Odum" and of "P.O. Box 19106."
4. Shaw came under suspicion because he had the same first name as "Bertrand," spoke Spanish, and was homosexual; but after questioning Shaw in December 1966, the D.A. told his staff to "forget Shaw."
5. Failed to use opportunity to stop publication of the James story in the States-Item which made the New Orleans "investigation" public, "prematurely," as was later claimed.
6. Declared that Ferrie 's death was "suicide" without awaiting the autopsy results.
7. Russo originally told the press that he had never met Oswald; he wrongly identified Arcacha-Smith as an actor in a pornographic film which he had viewed many, many times; on his first interview with the D.A.'s office, Russo told Sciambra that he had never met Shaw but had seen him on two occasions in public--once at a service station, and once at a wharf where JFK made a speech. In his first official interview, there was no mention of "Bertrand."
8. When his staff urged him not to place Vernon Bundy on the stand because he lacked credibility and his story was highly dubious, the D.A. said, "If he wants to perjure himself, it's his business."
9. Bradley was arrested solely on the basis of an anonymous letter and a resemblance to a "tramp" seen in photos of Dealey Plaza; the "supporting" affidavit of Roger Craig is inconsistent with the photograph--a small point which the D.A. did not notice.
10. The D. A. proclaimed a pebble-like object in a photograph to be not only a bullet but a ".45 bullet."
11. The D. A. proclaimed the epileptic-seizure victim removed by ambulance from Dealey Plaza a few minutes before the motorcade approached to be the "No. 7 member of the assassination team," and, when it was shown that he was Jerry Belknap of the Dallas Morning News and that he had a legitimate history of such seizures, the D.A. admitted his "mistake" to his staff but continued to claim publicly that he was the No. 7 man.
12. The "secret witness" who would prove that Oswald was a CIA agent, mentioned by the D.A. in the Playboy interview, is Donald P. Norton of Vancouver, an embezzler and jailbird.
13. The "secret witness" whose role in the conspiracy was to kill Oswald is a long-term mental patient, Richard C. Nagell.
14. Charging obstruction and refusal to extradite his witnesses, the D.A. failed to obtain testimony from one witness within his jurisdiction, William Walter, but offered only an affidavit from Mark Lane.
15. D.A. repeatedly describes contents of missing documents and photographs which he has never seen.

16. Announcing that the same Fort Worth phone number was found in both Ruby's and Oswald's records and that this proved a link between them, the D.A. repeatedly withheld the information that the number was that of a TV station.

17. He deliberately instructed Russo to entrap Sheridan and Townley of NBC-TV into offering him "a bribe."

18. He failed to complete the extradition papers for Novel, telling Assistant D.A. Alcock "not to bother," but then blamed "powerful forces in Washington" for the non-extradition.

19. He charged that page 47 of Oswald's address book had been suppressed when, in fact, it is published in the Exhibits, Volume XVI.

"...one of the most sincere and brave persons..."

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1. He continued to claim that Shaw, Oswald, and Ruby were linked by a "code" (P.O. 19106) even after it was exposed as fraudulent and contrived. Claimed that the code had been "authenticated" by competent and disinterested parties, but acknowledged that in the long run it might turn out not to be valid.

2. Continued to claim "destruction" of a CIA secret memo by thermofax, even after it was clear that other copies of the same memo were in the possession of the Warren Commission.

3. He admittedly free-loaded at the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas.

4. He insists that Carlos Marcello is now going straight and need not be investigated.

5. He claimed to have "decoded" three more phone numbers in Oswald's notebook, by completely erratic calculations, and although two of the numbers were listed in the telephone directory.

6. He claimed that he had first become interested in Ferrie on making a check of records in the D.A.'s office; in fact, he was led to Ferrie by a "tip" from Jack S. Martin, who later admitted that he had manufactured his story in malice.

7. He entrapped Dean Andrews and prosecuted him for perjury when Andrews obliged him by equivocating in his identification of Shaw vis-a-vis "Clay Bertrand," thus preventing Andrews from testifying at the Shaw trial for the defense.

8. A Shaw/Bertrand "library card" claimed by Turner in Ramparts as part of the "evidence" against Shaw is a crude fabrication.