

'Truth and Consequences' Name Becomes a Captive

A name change is in the offing for Truth and Consequences — a group of financial backers of District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

A legal maneuver by attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr., a key figure in the Garrison probe, may lead to a name change for the four-month-old organization.

Seems Andrews called the secretary of state's office in Baton Rouge on May 19 and reserved by phone the corporate name of "Truth and Consequences Inc." for 90 days. A formal charter request must be made by Aug. 19 in order for Andrews to retain the name.

Andrews, under indictment for perjury in the Garrison investigation, said he plans to

"sit" on the name for the time being although he has a client who might make a formal charter request. He said the move on his part was a "defensive" measure, but did not elaborate.

Garrison has charged Andrews with lying before the grand jury on certain aspects of the assassination probe. The accusations resulted in Andrews' suspension from his assistant district attorney's post in Jefferson Parish.

Willard E. Robertson, an official of the Truth and Consequences fund-raising group, said Andrews' action in Baton Rouge is legal. He said the attorney general had informed him that anyone can apply to the secretary of state's office for any name. The name is given to the first person applying for it, the attorney general reportedly added.

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