Witness in Kennedy 'Plot' Says N.B.C. Tried to Wreck Inquiry

NEW ORLEANS, June 20 would never get me extradited (AP) - A witness in District back to Louisiana." Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of "side with N.B.C. and the de-President Kennedy said today fense [of Mr. Shaw]. that members of a National Broadcasting Company news ard Townley of WDSU-TV here team had sought his help "to and James Phelan of The Saturwreck the Garrison investiga- day Evening Post had also tion."

At a news conference in Mr. N.B.C. Garrison's office, the witness, him the team had been "work-perry R. Russo, said the N.B.C. ing closely with the defense"

On the program, N.B.C. said, tation unless he cooperated. "Russo's answers to a series of questions indicate, in the lan- [F. Irvin Dymond, a defense guage of the polygraph opera-tor, 'deceptive-criteria.'" The apart on the stand, and that

knew this.

Leonard Gurvich, a private investigator, who said he supervised the test, said that Mr. Russo said.

In New York, an N.B.C. spokesman said Mr. Townley had talked with Mr. Russo on said the polygraph operator was unable to get specific readings because Mr. Russo "was highly nervous" during the two test with the defense or threatening. nervous" during the two test with the defense or threatening attempts.

Clay L. Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, is under that Townley should act as a indictment on charges of content to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between Russo and spiring to kill President Kenther that Townley should act as a go-between Russo and spiring that the that the

party in September, 1963, at ing Clay Shaw."

the home of David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot. After the party, he said, he heard Mr. cult for him to distinguish beferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Mr. Shaw plot President Ken. Mr. Shaw plot President Ken-spokesman added. nedy's death. He also said th

now dead.

Mr. Russo said that Walter Sheridan. Sheridan of the N.B.C. news Mr. Rus staff had offered to help him if members of the N. B. C. team

Mr. Russo asserted that Richspoken to him on behalf of

He said Mr. Townley had told team had alternated promises ing closely with the defense" and threats to persuade him to and had been trading informa-appear on a television show with Mr. Shaw's attorneys. appear on a television show last night about the Garrison threatened to wreck his repu-

"He said that Mr. Dymond tor, 'deceptive-criteria.'" The after the trial was over I would be discredited in everyone's

to ruin Russo's reputation."

"Russo suggested to Townley man said. "Russo said if defense Mr. Russo, 25 years old an lawyers ask him the right quesinsurance salesman, told a tions at the trial, then he would grand jury he had attended a voice his doubts about identify-

He also said there was "ab-Mr. Ferrie and Oswald are solutely no truth" to Mr. ow dead.

Russo's statements about Mr.

Mr. Russo said he was told by he cooperated. He said:

"Sheridan offered to set me up in California, protect my job and guarantee that Garrison rison investigation."

that both the network and the Central Intelligence Agency were "out to wreck the Garrison rison investigation."