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Dear Mr. MacFarlane:

We have received your letter of January 3, 1975, containing your request for information about the Clay Shaw trial, etc.

Specifically to answer your questions, the information you requested is as follows.

First, no transcript of the Clay Shaw trial, to my knowledge, is available. Clay Shaw was acquitted. Since the State cannot appeal the not guilty verdict, and since Clay Shaw did not appeal, there was no need to transcribe the testimony of that case.

Second, Mr. Garrison was prosecuted in the Federal District Court in the city of New Orleans on two federal charges. One involved the allegation that he defrauded the federal government on his income tax. The other involved the charge that he was corruptly influenced. He was acquitted on both of these charges and is currently practicing law as a private practitioner in the city of New Orleans.

Third, since I have been in office since April 1, 1974, this office has not conducted any further investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

I would like to make a few personal observations about this general subject matter. It is my opinion that at no time did the State of Louisiana, through the Orleans

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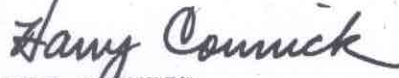
Parish District Attorney's Office, have any evidence to substantiate the allegations of any conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

As a former Assistant United States Attorney in the U. S. Attorney's Office here in New Orleans during the period of 1965 through 1969, and being somewhat familiar with the activities of the agents who investigated the assassination; I have concluded that many of the statements concerning the New Orleans-based conspiracy are totally without foundation.

I do not know whether the above information is exactly in response to your questions, but I feel that it may be of some benefit to you.

With my very best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



HARRY CONNICK

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