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TO: DIRECTOR, (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, FEB. SIX
INSTANT, REPORTED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L. SHAW FILED A
MOTION TODAY ASKING THAT HIS TRIAL ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY
IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY BE MOVED TO
A LOCATION AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MILES AWAY FROM NEW
ORLEANS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT SHAW'S ATTORNEYS IN THE
MOTION FILED CLAIMED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON
HAS CONDUCTED A DELIBERATE BARRAGE OF PUBLICITY DESIGNED TO
INFLUENCE THE MINDS OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS MAKING IT IM-
POSSIBLE FOR SHAW TO GET A FAIR TRIAL IN THE NEW ORLEANS
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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. SET A HEARING ON MARCH FIVE ON
THE CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION THUS AUTOMATICALLY POSTPONING
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SHAW'S TRIAL WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEB. THIRTEEN NEXT. JUDGE HAGGERTY GRANTED THE STATE A WEEK TO REPLY IN WRITING TO THE CHANGE OF V~~A~~NUE MOTION. JUDGE HAGGERTY ALSO INSTRUCTED DEFENSE ATTORNEY F. IRVIN DYMOND TO HAVE CLAY SHAW PRESENT IN COURT FEB. THIRTEEN AT WHICH TIME THE JUDGE SAID HE WOULD GRANT A CONTINUANCE IN THE TRIAL IN VIEW OF THE MARCH FIVE HEARING.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT DYMOND'S MOTION CHARGED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SPECIFICALLY GARRISON HAVE "MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO KEEP THE CASE IN THE PUBLIC EYE". DYMOND IN THE MOTION SAID THIS HAS "PRESENTED AN ATMOSPHERE OF PREJUDICE, PASSION, EXCITEMENT AND TYRANNICAL POWER SUCH AS TO RENDER IMPOSSIBLE A FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION BY THE POPULACE, MUCH LESS THE PROSPECTIVE JURORS, SO AS TO MAKE THE ATMOSPHERE OF METROPOLITAN NEW ORLEANS INCOMPATABLE WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR FAIR AND ORDERLY ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE." THE MOTION ALSO SAID GARRISON'S ASSOCIATION WITH WARREN REPORT CRITICS MARK LANE AND HAROLD
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WEISEBURG WAS A "WELL PLANNED CONSPIRACY TO POISON THE MINDS OF JURORS ... THAT A CONSPIRACY DID EXIST, THUS PRE-SELLING THE POTENTIAL JURORS ON AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF CRIME ALLEGED." THE MOTION SAID THIS PUTS THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON THE DEFENSE TO DISPROVE A CONSPIRACY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE DEFENSE MOTION CONTENDED THAT LAST YEAR THE DA'S OFFICE AGREED TO A CONTINUANCE AFTER THE DEFENSE EARLIER ASKED FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE ON GROUNDS OF A PREJUDICIAL ATMOSPHERE HERE. THE MOTION CONTENDED THAT THE STATE BY IMPLICATION AGREED THAT THE PREJUDICIAL ATMOSPHERE EXISTED AND MUST NOW SHOW IT NO LONGER EXISTS. THE MOTION ALSO CHARGED THAT AS OF NOV. ONE, SIXTYSEVEN, GARRISON BEGAN A CAMPAIGN TO REVIVE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE CASE. IT SAID LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION STATIONS GAVE "TOP COVERAGE TO THE CASE".

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE MOTION CITED SPEECHES BY LANE, A BOOK BY WEISBURG, AND ARTICLES IN RAMPARTS

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MAGAZINE, PLAYBOY MAGAZINE AND THE NATIONAL OBSERVER AS PART OF WHAT IT CALLED GARRISON'S CAMPAIGN TO KEEP THE CASE IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

THE MOTION CHARGED THAT GARRISON'S SUBPOENAS TO OUT-OF-STATE WITNESSES WERE DESIGNED FOR PUBLICITY AND "FOR NO OTHER REASON" BECAUSE MANY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE DA'S OFFICE. THE MOTION CITED THE BILL OF INFORMATION FILED DEC. TWO CHARGING EUGENE BRADLEY OF CALIF. WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE CASE AND SAID THAT GARRISON HAD A POLICEMAN DELIVER A PRESS RELEASE ON THE CHARGE TO NEWS MEDIA BEFORE THE ARREST WARRANT WAS DELIVERED TO CALIF. "GIVING BRADLEY TIME TO FLEE." DYMOND'S MOTION SAID THE SOLE REASON FOR THE BRADLEY CHARGE WAS "TO LEND SUBSTANCE TO THE CHARGES AGAINST SHAW."

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ALSO CITED WERE GARRISON'S NATIONAL TELEVISION APPEARANCE FEB. THREE, A STORY IN THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER AND WHAT THE MOTION CALLED A "NATIONWIDE

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SPEAKING TOUR" BY GARRISON. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THE DEFENSE
ATTORNEYS SAID THEY INFER THAT "THE DA OPERATES ON THE
AESTHETIC THEORY THAT BY NOT MENTIONING THE NAME CLAY L.
SHAW AT ANY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IT TAKES HIM OUTSIDE THE
COURT GUIDELINES.

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