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Shaw Aide Is Questioned In Kennedy Death Inquiry

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigators questioned J. B. Dauenhauer, a onetime assistant to Clay L. Shaw at the International Trade Mart here, for more than an hour yesterday.

Garrison booked Shaw last week on a charge of conspiring to "commit the crime of murder of John F. Kennedy."

Dauenhauer arrived at Garrison's office in response to a subpoena. He was accompanied by a lawyer, Irving Dymond. On leaving, Dymond said his client "cooperated to the utmost."

"In my opinion, Mr. Dauenhauer has nothing to do with any conspiracy if one existed," Dymond said.

The subpoena was the fifth issued in connection with the probe, which Garrison says will prove that a conspiracy here led to Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas. Only Shaw has been arrested.

—UPI

J. B. DAUENHAUER

Dauenhauer is a bookkeeper for the Cross-Country Development Corp., which manages the Trade Mart's new 35-story office building at the foot of Canal Street.

Shaw was managing director of the mart from its creation in 1946 until his retirement Oct. 1, 1965. Dauenhauer was hired as assistant sales manager under Shaw in 1946. They were fellow Army officers in France during World War II.

Le Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as Kennedy's assassin, passed out "Fair Play for Cuba" leaflets outside the Mart in the summer of 1963. Shaw told reporters he had "never seen or spoken to Oswald" nor could he recall knowing anyone who ever knew him.

Garrison has alleged that Shaw, Oswald and free-lance pilot David W. Ferrie met at Ferrie's home in September 1963 and discussed "how they would kill John F. Kennedy."

Shaw, who is free under $10,000 bond pending preliminary hearing March 14, denied ever having met Ferrie or having been in Ferrie's apartment. Ferrie died Feb. 22 while under investigation by Garrison. The coroner attributed death to natural causes. Garrison termed it suicide.

Meanwhile, the American Civl Liberties Union criticized Garrison for the publicity surrounding the investigation.

It appears that Mr. Garrison should be making every effort to make his case as valid as possible, so that the accused conspirators might be brought to justice, rather than giving his role as publicist first priority," the ACLU said.

"His present activities could quite possibly serve to protect those guilty of a conspiracy," the ACLU added.