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Foreman of Grand Jury Replies to Question

Contributions by members of the Orleans Parish grand jury to Truth and Consequences Inc. would constitute a conflict of interest, the foreman of the jury said Thursday.

Albert V. LaBiche denied that he or any member of the jury contributed to the private organization that finances District Attorney Jim Garrison's assassination investigation.

The question of jurors' contributing was raised by attorneys for Clay L. Shaw in a motion field with Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.

The motion asked whether members of the jury contributed to the organization and requested disclosure of membership.

"I have definitely not made any contribution, and I have asked every member of the jury if they have made contributions," LaBiche said.

"They said they have not. I feel it would be a definite conflict of interest," he added.

The jury's investigation of an alleged presidential assassination conspiracy has resulted in its indictment of Shaw for conspiring to murder president John F. Kennedy.

Garrison charged that Shaw conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin, and the late David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot, to kill Kennedy.