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Delay Asked In Clay Shaw Perjury Trial

Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw today asked the Louisiana Supreme Court to delay Shaw's trial on perjury charges now scheduled to begin Monday before U.S. District Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.

In pleadings filed today, Shaw's lawyers asked that the trial be delayed until the high court has time to rule on their appeal from Judge O'Hara's refusal to dismiss the charge.

Shaw was charged with perjury by District Attorney Jim Garrison on the basis of his testimony in Shaw's 1969 trial on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw was acquitted of the conspiracy charge, but Garrison claims he lied under oath when he testified that he never knew accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald or David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot who died under mysterious circumstances here Feb. 22, 1967.

The dismissal was asked on the basis of Shaw's contention that the jury which acquitted him in effect passed on the veracity of his testimony. Judge O'Hara overruled this contention.