

Watch Andrews!



DALLAS, April 13 — This city, not New Orleans, is the place to evaluate factually the developments in Atty. Gen. Jim Garrison's probe into President Kennedy's assassination.

The men who have the knowledge are the Federal and local officials who commanded the investigating teams that supplied material here for the Warren Commission report. The real eye-opener, they say, is the indictment for perjury of New Orleans lawyer Dean Adams Andrews Jr.

Seeking the truth about Lee Harvey Oswald, you find that the FBI first began a file on him in October, 1959, when Moscow news dispatches mentioned his defection to the Soviet Union. Calculating he would one day want to come back, or would be somehow reintroduced into the United States, the FBI arranged with our immigration officials to be notified.

It worked, and regional FBI chief J. Gordon Shanklin ordered special agents John W. Fain and B. Tom Carter to interview Oswald as a suspected subversive on June 22, 1962, in Ft. Worth.

AFTER the assassination, Mr. Shanklin conducted the investigation against this background, and on Nov. 10 New Orleans agents Regis L. Kennedy and Carl L. Schlaeger were instructed to talk with lawyer Dean Andrews at 627 Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans.

This brought the first mention of a Clay Bertrand, whom Atty. Gen. Garrison insists is prominent New Orleansian Clay L. Shaw.

Mr. Andrews declared that after only once meeting Bertrand several years earlier this man had become a "telephone voice" to him by having him bail out and get paroled certain of the apparent homosexuals "scooped up by the police, especially on Friday nights."

MR. ANDREWS told the FBI he assumed Bertrand sent him Oswald. This was about July 10 of the assassination year, the first of four visits, and Oswald came regarding immigration matters.

Agents Kennedy and Schlaeger reported to Shanklin here that Andrews said that the day after the assassination (a Saturday) he was in the Hotel Dieu Hospital with pneumonia when "the phone rang and a voice I recognized as Clay Bertrand asked me to go to Dallas to help defend Oswald. Sick, I said I would get somebody else."

Mr. Andrews phoned Attorney Monk Zelden at the New Orleans Athletic Club but didn't reach him until Sunday noon. Mr. Zelden replied: "Don't worry about it. Your client just got shot."

After the assassination when several of the scooped-up people who — among 50 arrested — were released thru Andrews did not pay him, Andrews started looking for Bertrand. He told the FBI he located Bertrand in the Cosmos Bar. They recognized each other immediately and Bertrand avoided him by "running into the street." "I never could find Bertrand again," he stated. And the FBI has never located a Clay Bertrand.

Top investigators here aren't predicting what will come out of New Orleans. But, they say, watch carefully — very carefully — what happens to Dean Adams Andrews.

By Henry J. Taylor