

# Kennedy Death Photos Sought

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The archivist of the United States was ordered yesterday to explain in court why New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison should not have access to the photographs taken at President John F. Kennedy's autopsy.

Judge Charles W. Halleck of the Court of General Sessions issued the order late Wednesday. It was served on Dr. James B. Rhoads in his office at the National Archives yesterday morning.

General Sessions judges

have authority under reciprocal interstate witness laws to issue such orders.

Rhoads is to appear before Judge Halleck Jan. 17 to "show cause" why he should not be required to testify at the trial of Clay Shaw, which opens four days later in New Orleans.

Shaw is the businessman who was indicted by an Orleans Parish grand jury for participating in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Garrison has publicly and loudly rejected the official

Warren Commission version of the events that led to President Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The autopsy photographs will show, Garrison's petition said, that "the fatal head wounds were the result of shots fired from the front of President Kennedy" and from "at least two directions," contrary to the Warren Commission findings.

Judge Halleck acted after Garrison's local representatives brought him an order signed by Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. of New Orleans

proclaiming the photos to be "necessary and material evidence" for the Shaw trial.

The pictures were given to the Archives in 1966 by the late President's family, on condition that no one but Federal investigators be allowed to see them until 1971.

Rhoads said nobody from Garrison's office ever asked him for the pictures, but refused to comment further.

He referred the case to Harry R. Van Cleve Jr., general counsel to the Archives' parent agency, the General Services Administration.