

New Orleans Inquiry

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FBI Once Cleared the Man Arrested by Garrison on Charges of Conspiracy to Murder Kennedy

Acting Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said today the FBI had cleared in 1963 a man arrested in New Orleans yesterday on charges of conspiracy to murder President Kennedy.

New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said he planned to file today a bill of information accusing Clay Shaw, 54, former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart.

(Meanwhile, a San Francisco Port Authority official, visiting in Tokyo, today said Mr. Shaw was in San Francisco on the day of the assassination. Done de Lone said he and other authority officials met with Mr. Shaw immediately after the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.)

Mr. Clark told reporters Mr. Shaw was investigated by the FBI in New Orleans in November and December of 1963.

He added that "on the

evidence the FBI had there was no connection" between Mr. Shaw and the assassination.

Mr. Clark spoke with newsmen outside at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on his nomination to be attorney general. The committee, in quick order, unanimously approved his nomination.

The arrest of Mr. Shaw was the first in Mr. Garrison's investigation. He said it would not be the last.

Mr. Shaw's associates said the silver-haired bachelor supported Mr. Kennedy for election in 1960.

Mr. Shaw was booked three hours after his arrest was announced and freed on \$10,000 bond. He would not comment after his release.

Mr. Shaw and a Saturn rocket plant quality control inspector, James Lewallen, 38, were

subpenaed by Mr. Garrison's office and told to appear Wednesday for questioning.

Mr. Lewallen, who works for the Boeing Co. at the space agency's Michoud Saturn rocket

plant, arrived first and left with his attorney a few hours later. Mr. Lewallen was questioned because he once shared an apartment with a key figure in the Garrison investigation, David W. Ferrie.



CLAY SHAW