CRISMAN HEARD BY GRAND JURY

JFK Death Knowledge Is Disclaimed Anew

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury Thursday excused a radio commentator from Tacoma, Wash., after hearing little more than one hour of testimony from him in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy death probe.

Fred Lee Crisman, 47, and his attorney, Robert G. Griffin, also of Tacoma, said they plan to spend the rest of the week seeing New Orleans after he was released at 3 p.m.

Crisman expressed bafflement at being called before the jury. He said he knows none of the principals in the case.

However, he said he did know an Omaha, Neb., evangelist, Thomas E. Beckman, who tes-tified in the probe earlier this year.

Garrison claimed that Crisman made many trips to New Orleans and Dallas in connec-tion with "undercover work for manufacturers of military hardware." Garrison also said Crisman acted as a Gypsie minister.

TELLS OF VISITS.

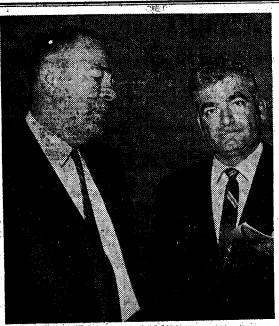
Crisman said that he was last in New Orleans about two years ago for just several days. Before that his last visit occurred while stationed in Florida during World War II, he

Crisman said he was a fighter pilot in World War II and

the Korean War.

A ruddy complexion, square jawed man of average height, Crisman said he won the Distinguished Flying Cross several times, the Purple Heart and other decorations.

He said he is not a minister of any kind, but added that he wrote guidelines for the Office of Equal Opportunity Head



FRED LEE CRISMAN (left), a Tacoma, Wash., radio commentator, and his attorney, Robert G. Griffin, also of Tacoma, arrive at the Criminal Courts Building Thursday to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Crisman had been subpensed by District Attorney Jim Garrison, who is investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Start Program as it applies to Gypsies.

He said he took on the job at the request of a Gypsie whom he has known all his

TAUGHT ENGLISH

Crisman said he was a high school English teacher in his native Tacoma before turning

to radio and writing.

He has worked for the Boeing Co. in Seattle, also, he said. Garrison contends that President John F. Kennedy was

killed by elements of the in-dustrial warfare complex work-ing with individuals in the him's estranged wife, Miriam, government.

Before hearing Crisman, the Dihiam reportedly claimed jury indicted James Ali Di-he mistook Guillot for a prowl-

charge of murdering Gabriel
Guillot Jr., 21, 2212 Rousseau
Guillot died in front of 830 60, 2311 Magnolia. He is charge-Nashville after being shot in ed with murdering Elmer Oat-the back early Tuesday. Di- is, 21, 2309 Magnolia, in the hiam reportedly told police he 2500 block of Magnolia Sunday.

39, 816 Nashville.