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Announcer Appears In Kennedy Probe

A Tacoma, Wash., radio announcer went before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury shortly before 2 p. m. today in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's continuing probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Fred Lee Crisman, who Garrison claims was an "undercover agent of the industrial warfare complex," went before the jury at 1:54 this afternoon after waiting outside the jury room for almost three hours.

Crisman was originally scheduled to appear at 10:30 this morning, but the jury elected to investigate two murder cases first.

The 47-year-old newsman was accompanied by his at-

torney, Robert Griffin, also of Tacoma, but when Griffin tried to enter the jury room with his client, Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock told him he would have to leave.

ALCOCK TOLD Griffin Louisiana law did not permit a person testifying before the jury to have an attorney present.

"I wonder what the constitutionality of that law is," Griffin said, following his ejection.

Before Crisman was ushered before the jury, Garrison

himself made an appearance with the jury, reportedly to confer with his three assistants handling the cases.

The DA remained closeted with the jury for about 10 minutes, then emerged and Crisman was taken into the room.

CRISMAN TOLD newsmen he had no idea why the DA had subpoenaed him and that he "had nothing" he could tell Garrison pertaining to the case.

Crisman said, however, that he did know an Omaha, Neb., evangelist, Thomas E. Beckham, who testified in the case earlier this year.

Garrison says Beckham was

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FRED LEE CRISMAN

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an associate of the late David W. Ferrie, who the DA charges was one of the men who conspired to gun down Kennedy in Dallas five years ago tomorrow.

IN THE SUBPENA, the district attorney said Crisman, working as a gypsy minister, had made many trips to New Orleans and Dallas in connection with "undercover work for manufacturers of military hardware."

Garrison contends Kennedy was murdered by elements of the "industrial warfare complex working with individuals in the government."

Crisman, who says he appears on Tacoma radio station KAYE under the name of Jon Gold, said he did not know any of the figures in the case, including Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's accused assassin, and retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, one of two men indicted by Garrison for conspiracy to murder the President.