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Box 19106 Not Created in Dallas Till Late 1965

Name in Shaw Notebook Not in Directories

Official sources at the Dallas, Tex., post office said Saturday that the post office box numbered 19106 came into existence in late 1965. The number was found in the notebook belonging to Clay L. Shaw, who has been accused by the district attorney's office as participating in a conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Prior to 1965, there was no such box listing in Dallas.

The post office box now being used under that number is in the Medical Center Station at Knight and Maple sts. Dallas sources said the area is in Oak Lawn, which is across town from the onetime residences of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby.

District Atty. Jim Garrison said that Shaw's notebook contained the notation, "Lee Odom, P. O. Box 19106, Dallas, Tex." He said this same notation, "P. O. 19106," was found in a notebook belonging to Oswald and was exhibited in the Warren Commission Report. Garrison contended the "19106" was decoded to provide Ruby's unlisted telephone number.

Dallas newsmen could find no Lee Odom listed in any standard telephone or city directory. Postal officials said it would require a search of files to find who now leases P. O. Box 19106 and this cannot be done until Monday.

Shaw, through his attorney, said late Friday that "Lee Odom" is a business associate.

Postal Officials Probing Frauds

Fraud schemes perpetrated through the mails are being carefully watched by the Post Office Department, Postmaster A. Frank Fairley stated.

Complaints of alleged mail fraud activities are currently running ahead of the 1966 fiscal year record of 130,457, and this year's total is expected to double the number logged just five years ago.

Some of the most prevalent swindles are aimed at persons with money to invest. Fraudulent real estate developments and phony franchise distributorships are the major examples of this type of scheme, Fairley quoted the Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien. In the past five years he said, about 500 real estate promotions have been investigated, resulting in 50 convictions. Public loss was estimated at more than \$50 million.