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Clay Shaw arrives for arraignment in New Orleans.

Ferrie's Friend Indicted for Perjury

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NEW ORLEANS, April 5—A music student from Southwest Louisiana State University who once roomed with David Ferrie was indicted for perjury today by the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Layton Martens, 25, was accused of lying when questioned in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Meanwhile Clay Shaw, 54, pleaded innocent to a charge of conspiring with Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald — both now dead—to assassinate the late President.

Charged With Lying

Shaw's attorneys estimated it would take at least three months before a trial date is set. At a news conference Monday, Shaw said he expected to be vindicated.

Martens was charged with

lying to the grand jury under interrogation involving Gordon Novel, a nightclub operator Garrison is trying to extradite from Ohio.

The District Attorney has accused Novel and Sergio Arcacha Smith, a former Cuban exile leader now living in Dallas, of conspiring with Ferrie and others to burglarize a munitions bunker in Houma, La., in 1961.

The indictment against Martens, questioned by the grand jury last week, cited this testimony:

Q. How often, how well do you know Gordon Novel?

A. I don't recall ever hearing or meeting Gordon Novel.

Q. Are you telling me that even when the boxes were being removed from the bunker, you did not know the purpose of the trip?

A. No. As best as I can remember, I was there. Yes, I do remember being there. The

purpose of the trip was not revealed to me.

The alleged burglary plot was devised in August, 1961, to "obtain explosives and other forms of munitions belonging to Schlumberger Well Services" according to warrants issued for Novel's and Arcacha's arrest.

Burglary Called Patriotic

Arrested in Columbus, Novel was reported this week as calling it "the most patriotic burglary in history." He has called Garrison's investiga-

tion a fraud and said that in its earlier stages, the District Attorney had enlisted him as an electronics expert to keep outsiders from bugging the DA and his men.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President Kennedy. Garrison claims the President was killed as the result of "several plots" but was not the initial target.

Martens was indicted after the grand jury heard testimony from Ranny Elchinger, an acquaintance of Novel.