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## WOMAN DENIES RUSSO'S CLAIM

Attorney Speaks for Mrs.  
McMaines

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A woman subpoenaed in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination refuted Monday the testimony of one of Garrison's star witnesses, according to her attorney.

Lex Hawkins of Des Moines said Mrs. Sandra Moffett McMaines, 23, denied that she attended a party in New Orleans in September, 1963, at which Garrison claims the assassination of John F. Kennedy was plotted.

Lawyers for Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans, who is charged with conspiring to murder President Kennedy, took deposition testimony from Mrs. McMaines during a 40-minute session in Hawkins' office.

Mrs. McMaines, a former girl friend of Perry Raymond Russo, one of Garrison's chief witnesses, has refused to return to New Orleans.

"She testified that she met Russo in the fall of 1962 and dated him but that she did not attend a party in September of 1963 where the conspiracy allegedly took place," said Hawkins.

"In effect, she completely refuted the testimony of Mr. Russo," he said.