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Ex-Omahan Denies Links
To John F. Kennedy Plot
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Des Moines, Ia. — Mrs. Lillie McMaines repeated Monday her denial that she overheard plotting by Clay Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David Ferrie to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, her attorney said.

She was reported to have made the statement during a deposition taken in the office of Lex Hawkins, her attorney, in the presence of an attorney for Mr. Shaw. Mr. Shaw is on trial in New Orleans for the alleged plotting of the assassination of the late President.

Mrs. McMaines first denied overhearing the plotting in an interview by the World-Herald in the spring of 1967.

The deposition was taken at a closed meeting. The statement will not be made public until it is filed in Federal District Court at New Orleans.

No representative of the Orleans Parish (County) District Attorney Jim Garrison was present for the deposition. Mr. Garrison is prosecuting the Shaw case in Louisiana state court.

Mr. Hawkins discussed testi-

mony by Mrs. McMaines later.

He said Mrs. McMaines, now living "somewhere in Iowa," also made these statements during the deposition:

—That she had never seen Lee Harvey Oswald or Mr. Shaw.

—That she had never attended a party or meeting at which they were present.

—That she did not meet Mr. Ferrie until 1965. President Kennedy was assassinated November 22, 1963.

—That she saw Perry Russo only once in September, 1963, and that was in a half-hour meeting at his apartment in New Orleans. Mr. Russo has testified that he overheard the assassination plot while attending a party at Mr. Ferrie's apartment with Mrs. McMaines, who was known as Sandy Moffitt.

Mrs. McMaines, 23, and her husband Harold moved to Iowa from Omaha in 1967 in an effort to avoid being returned to Louisiana to testify in the Garrison probe.