

Woman Who Disputed 'Plot' Story Arrested

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OMAHA, Neb., March 28—Sandra Moffit McMaines was arrested today and held as a material witness in the New Orleans investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Mrs. McMaines has contradicted testimony of Perry R. Russo, who told a court hearing this month that he witnessed businessman Clay L. Shaw plotting the assassination of Kennedy with Lee Harvey Oswald and pilot David W. Ferrie.

Mrs. McMaines, now an Omaha minister's wife, was arrested on a fugitive warrant and placed under \$1000 bond. She said she would like to go to Louisiana and testify, but said she fears things in her past will be made public that are not relevant to the conspiracy investigation.

Mrs. McMaines is one of three persons who have contradicted aspects of District Attorney Jim Garrison's case against Shaw, the 54-year-old former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart.

The other two are Layton

Martens, a former roommate of Ferrie's and Gordon Novel, an elusive lounge operator who claims the whole Garrison inquiry is a fraud. Martens goes before a grand jury Wednesday to tell his story.

Judge Refuses Mistrial In North Dakota Case

BISMARCK, N.D., March 28 (UPI)—A Federal judge refused today to declare a mistrial for four defendants in a \$3-million insurance fraud case because of publicity about a fifth defendant's claim that he knows who killed President Kennedy.

The fifth defendant, David Kroman, 43, was granted a mistrial Monday and ordered to a hospital for a mental examination after he told the court he had been threatened because he had conducted an investigation of the presidential assassination and was carrying documents that "tend to prove and in some cases do prove that (Lee Harvey) Oswald did not assassinate President Kennedy and that other persons did."