Preliminary Hearing Before Three Judges

Garrison Witness Identifies
NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—
A jittery state witness told a
three-judge state panel Tuesday
he was in a New Orleans apart-
ment in September 1963 and
heard Lee Harvey Oswald and
two other men plotting to assas-
sinate President John F. Kenne-
dy.

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Russo, 25, a
Satan Rouge insurance man,
said Oswald, Clay L. Shaw and
D vid W. Fere were the con-
spira rs.
Under the questioning by Dist.
Atty. Jim Garrison, Russo said
Oswald was introduced to him
as "Leon Oswald" and Shaw as
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Shown a photograph by
Garrison, Russo identified Leon
as Lee Harvey Osw:fld — the

man the Warren Commission
named as the assassin.
Asked if Clem Bertrand was
in the courtroom, Russo pointed
at Shaw. At Garrison's direc-
tion, he stepped from the wit-
ness chair. walked around the
defense table and held his hand
over Shaw's silvery white hair.
Shaw, 54, caimly smoking a
cigarette, didn't move, Former
managing director of the Inter-
national Trade Mart here, he
has denied any part in an assas-
sination conspiracy.
President Kennedy was killed
by high-powered rifle bullets in
Dallas Nov. 22, 1963 — some two
months after the alleged meet-
ing heretThe rare three-judge
Criminal District Court panel
was called to hear the prelim:-

nary case and decide whether
there is enough evidence to
warrant formal charge and trial
for Shaw, now retired.

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Russo said he first met Os-
wald at a party and the next
time he saw him was in Ferrie's
apartment where Oswald was
"wiping or cleaning a rifle, bolt
action, It had a sight on it for
hunting."
Garrison showed Russo a rifle
and asked if it had similarities
to the one Oswald held in Fer-
rie's apartment.
Russo said: "The difference
to my mind is that this end
(front) was not nearly so bubble
shaped." He said the weapon
had the same bolt action, but a
shinier stock, and its telescopic
sight was larger than the one on

Shaw As 'Bertrand'
the rifle Oswald had.

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Russo said he had seen Ber-
trand in May 1962 when Kenne-
dy dedicated a new wharf in
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'That's the man,' " Russo said,
referring to Bertrand.
The hearing recessed at 3:30
p.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday.
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