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Investigator Says He Had No Idea What Shaw Hunt Would Turn Up

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NEW ORLEANS, June 12— District Attorney Jim Garrison's chief investigator testified today that he had no idea of what they might find when they searched Clay Shaw's home.

The investigator, Louis Ivon, said that the nighttime search of Shaw's luxurious apartment in the French Quarter last March was based almost exclusively on information supplied by Perry Russo, who claimed he once heard Shaw plotting President Kennedy's assassination.

Ivon took the witness stand at the day-long hearing on motions by Shaw's attorneys, including one to have the search ruled illegal.

Shaw, a 54-year-old New Orleans civic leader, had been arrested just a few hours before the raid on a charge of conspiring to kill the late President.

Seized Items Listed

Seized in the raid was a long list of items ranging from a 1961 copy of the Wall Street Journal to whips, a piece of

chain, and a black hood, cape and gown.

Under questioning by Shaw's lawyer, Ivon said Garrison's office had no reason to believe any of the property they picked up actually existed. The relevance of most of them has yet to be explained although Garrison claimed to have found a secret code in one of Shaw's address books.

"We were searching for things of an evidentiary nature," said Assistant District Attorney John Volz.

At one point, Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. accused Ivon of misleading the courts in obtaining the search warrant.

It was based on an affidavit Ivon signed, stating that the D.A. and his men had evidence of several conspiratorial meetings to kill the late President.

Heard of One

Ivon acknowledged that he had heard of only one, alleged by Russo to have been held in the cluttered apartment of free-lance pilot David W. Ferrie in September of 1963. His memory jogged by hypnosis

and sodium-pentathol, Russo has claimed that Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald were both there.

The hearing ended inconclusively with Haggerty withholding his ruling. The only one he issued today kept under lock and key and the records of Garrison's secret financing for his controversial investigation. The money is being put out by a group of New Orleans businessmen to keep his expenditures from being uncovered by the press.

Shaw's attorneys, in turn, postponed their efforts to quash the indictment against Shaw until the Judge makes his decision on their other motions. Haggerty said he doubted Shaw could be brought to trial before September.

Whenever Shaw's trial comes up, however, it was made clear, as a matter of law, that Garrison will be under no obligation to prove his claims that he has the assassination "solved."

"Who killed President Kennedy?" The judge asked out loud from the bench. "They don't need to go into that."