

ADMISSION BY SHAW IS DENIED

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Lawyer Says He Didn't
Say He Used Alias

One of Clay Shaw's attorneys branded as "an absolute lie" a televised report that Shaw had previously told a New Orleans policeman that he had used the alias of Clay Bertrand.

In a statement, Edward F. Wegmann said:

"The story is an absolute lie and a falsehood. Mr. Shaw stands on the statement made by him at a press conference on March 2, 1967, at which time he said that he had never used any alias nor had he ever used the alias Clay Bertrand or Clem Bertrand.

"Appropriate action will be taken at the earliest possible date against the people who are responsible for this falsehood."

Wegmann's attack was leveled at Ptn. Aloysius Habighorst who said Friday that Shaw told him on March 1, 1967, that he had used the alias identity. On that date, Ptn. Habighorst was reportedly guarding Shaw who was in police custody at central lockup.

Ptn. Habighorst, who was not working Friday night, could not be reached for comment.

The name Clem Bertrand is an important link in the Kennedy assassination investigation, according to District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Garrison has charged Shaw with conspiracy in the murder of President Kennedy, contending that Shaw has used the alias Clem Bertrand.

Asked if planning to take "appropriate action . . . against the people responsible for this falsehood" Wegmann meant that he was considering a suit for libel against Ptn. Habighorst, and the television station, he said, "I will not elaborate on my statement."