

Shaw-Witness Protection Asked

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New Orleans, Feb. 3 — Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, the New Orleans businessman accused of plotting to kill President Kennedy, asked for a court order today protecting a witness—who has declared she fears for her life—from Jim Garrison, the New Orleans district attorney.

Edward F. Wegmann, one of Mr. Shaw's attorneys, asked that Mrs. Lillie Mae (Sandra) Moffet McMaines be guaranteed protection from arrest and other criminal and civil legal processes and be "afforded the protection of this court."

Mrs. McMaines, now the wife of \$200-a-week Des Moines furniture mover, has refused to return to New Orleans from Iowa, from which she cannot be extradited as a witness, although the defense considers her testimony vital to their case.

Ten days ago, she declared in a tele-phone interview that she was certain if she returned and if I live to testify, I'll not live to return home. . . . If I set foot in Louisiana, I'll never get out. You have to have lived there to understand the forces at work."

Russo, Key Witness

The defense motion, accompanied by a sworn statement by Mrs. McMaines, contends that Mr. Garrison and his aides have trailed her across the county, trying to lure her back to New Orleans, offering her bribes, having her arrested on "false charges" and trying to extradite her.

The defense says that Mrs. McMaines can refute the testimony of a key state witness, Perry Raymond Russo, a boyish-faced sometime insurance salesman and cab driver who is now selling encyclopedias door to door.

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