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Car Dealer Says Garrison Owes \$30,000

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25 (AP)—A New Orleans businessman testified today that he borrowed \$30,000 for District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the assassination of President Kennedy. He said Garrison still owes him for it. It was the first public testi-

mony of the amount of money forwarded Garrison in the controversial trial in which Clay Shaw was acquitted of conspiring to kill the President.

Willard Robertson, a car importer, said he was president of a group that came to be

known as Truth or Consequences Inc., an organization of businessmen formed to help finance Garrison's investigation.

Robertson said he has no knowledge of how the money was used and never asked for an accounting. He said he did

now know the total amount the group gave Garrison.

The testimony came in a hearing in U.S. District Court on a motion by Shaw to prevent Garrison from taking him to court again, this time on a charge of lying to the jury that acquitted him.

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Garrison Gets Setback at Shaw Hearing

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27 (AP) — A U.S. District Court judge heard a key witness refuse to testify against Clay L. Shaw today, then issued a preliminary injunction against District Attorney Jim Garrison, temporarily halting his efforts to get a perjury conviction against the New Orleans businessman.

Perry Raymond Russo, the star government witness in Shaw's 1969 trial on charges of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy, refused at the federal court hearing to repeat his earlier testimony that he had seen Shaw in the company of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Shaw was acquitted of the earlier charge, but Garrison then accused him of perjury because he denied he knew Oswald. Shaw has asked for a federal court order restraining Garrison from continuing the present case.

The preliminary injunction has the same effect as a temporary restraining order.

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Supreme Court Plea By Shaw Expected

Clay L. Shaw was expected to go into the Louisiana Supreme Court today to attempt to block his trial on charges of lying under oath before a jury in last year's case involving an alleged conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy.

The high court will be asked to review the decision of Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara, who last month denied the Shaw motion to throw out the charge.

District Attorney Jim Garrison charged Shaw with perjury shortly after his acquittal on the conspiracy charge

March 1, 1969.

Garrison charged that Shaw lied on the witness stand under oath when he testified he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the Warren Commission says killed President Kennedy, or David W. Ferrie, the mysterious ex-airline pilot who died here Feb. 22, 1967.

Shaw's attorneys contend that the jury which acquitted Shaw in effect ruled is testimony was valid. The matter has been delayed due to the ill health of Garrison, who has been called by the defense as a witness in the perjury case.