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CBS Interview with Ramsey Clark after his nomination hearing.
March 2, 1967:

Neil Strawser: General Clark, you said two days ago after your nomination was announced that you would hope that District Attorney Garrison would turn over any information he has from his New Orleans probe. Has he turned over any information on the arrest of this latest gentleman?

Mr. Clark: No, he has not. We haven't heard from District Attorney Garrison and I feel that, as I said the other day, if he really has any information or evidence he has an obligation to bring it to the Federal authorities who have been involved in the overall investigation. He has not at this date. I remain doubtful that he has anything.

Neil Strawser: Has the Justice Department made any attempt to contact District Attorney Garrison about this?

Mr. Clark: We have not made any contact in view of his statements over the last week or so.

Neil Strawser: Mr. Clark, do you have information yourself about Clay Shaw?

Mr. Clark: He was involved in an FBI investigation in the investigation in the New Orleans area in November-December 1963. We have the evidence that's there involved and you can assume what their conclusions were from the Warren Commission report.

Neil Strawser: He was not mentioned in the Warren Commission report, was he?

Mr. Clark: He was not.

Neil Strawser: So, you don't believe he did have any connection with the ...

Mr. Clark: On the evidence that the FBI had there was no connection found.

A reporter: You say that he was checked out and found clear, more or less?

Mr. Clark: That's right. That's true.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: 3/3/67

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Wick
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

John F.

The Attorney General called me at 9:55 a.m. today and made reference to the captioned matter. He stated he wanted the FBI to know that he was misquoted in the corridors of the Senate Office Building yesterday following his appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I told the Attorney General that Barefoot Sanders had already called us relative to this matter. The Attorney General stated he planned to send over the verbatim record of what he said so that we would have this for FBI files.

I told the Attorney General very frankly that any statement by him or the Director at this time would very definitely result in counter statements by District Attorney Garrison and, therefore, would revive the entire issue. I stated also that statements by the Attorney General or the Director would give rise to statements by Garrison that the Federal Government was interfering with his investigation and he, therefore, would go no further in the matter. I stated that primarily statements by the Attorney General or the Director would give Garrison a chance to dump his entire load and escape forthcoming embarrassment and disgrace.

The Attorney General stated he agreed; however, he thought his statement yesterday would not result in a name-calling contest by Garrison inasmuch as Garrison had apparently already lost his chance to make counter statements.

The Attorney General told me that apparently Mr. Wick or representatives of his office had made statements to the press, on an off-the-record basis, that the FBI knew nothing regarding Clay Shaw and that the FBI was surprised

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and disturbed over the fact that the Attorney General had made his statements yesterday. The Attorney General mentioned that, while the FBI had every right to make statements, he felt that such statements should not be opposite to what he has previously stated. He indicated that he plans to make no further statements and that he hoped the FBI would follow this same pattern.

I told the Attorney General that I would be more than surprised if Wick or any of his representatives had made statements, inasmuch as they were under very specific instructions from the Director to make no comment. I told him I would make a check regarding this matter and call him back.

I have checked this matter with Mr. Wick. He has talked with the men in his office and they deny making the statements which the Attorney General attributed to the FBI. I have issued instructions to Mr. Wick that in the future he is to personally take all calls pertaining to inquiries concerning the captioned matter. These calls, as in the past, are to be answered with a strict no comment.

ACTION -

That I call the Attorney General back and advise him that the FBI has not made the statements attributed to Mr. Wick or personnel in his office----that it appears the press is attempting to start a controversy between the Department of Justice and the FBI.

OK. But I again stress I want my statements, whether on or off the record, made about the Garrison fiasco.

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