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TO DIRECTOR 62-10906 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

CASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.
MISC - INFO CONCERNING . 00: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, JANUARY TWENTYONE INSTANT,
REPORTED THAT THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW OPENED IN ORLEANS
PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT BEFORE JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY,
JR. TODAY. THE TRIAL OPIENED WITH A LEGAL HASSLE OVER WHETHER
THE STATE OR THE DEFENSE HAS THE FIRST CRACK AT QUESTIONING
POTENTIAL JURORS. THE DEBATE ENDED WITH JUDGE EDWARD A.
HAGGERTY, JR. RULING THAT THE STATE WILL QUESTION JURORS FIRST.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK
OUTLINED THE STATE'S CASE AGAINST SHAW. IN THE PROCESS OF
QUESTIONING A POTENTIAL JUROR, ALCOCK EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER
TO CONVICT, THE STATTE MUST ESTABLISH THAT A CONSPIRACY EXISTED
AND THAT AN OVERT ACT WAS COMMITTED IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE
OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY. ALCOCK SAID THE STATE WILL ATTEMPT
TO PROVE SIX CHARGES, ANY OF WHICH HE SAID WOULD SUFFICE FOR A

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CONVICTION IF FOUND TO BE AN ACT COMMITTED IN FURTHERANCE OF
THE CONSPIRACY. ALCOCK LISTED THE SIX CHARGES:

ONE. THERE WAS A MEETING BETWEEN SHAW, LEE HARVEY OSWALD,
AND DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE IN FERRIE'S NEW ORLEANS APARTMENT IN
SEPTEMBER SIXTYTHREE, AT WHICH THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY
WAS DISCUSSED.

TWO. AT THE MEETING AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT, A DISCUSSION
TOOK PLACE OF THE MEANS AND WEAPONS USED IN THE MURDER,
PARTICULARLY THE SELECTION OF HIGH-POWERED RIFLES TO BE USED
SIMULTANEOUSLY TO PRODUCE A CROSS FIRE.

THREE. SHAW MET OSWALD AND JACK RUBY IN THE CAPITAL HOUSE
MOTEL IN BATON ROUGE AND MONEY WAS EXCHANGED.

FOUR. SHAW TOOK A TRIP TO THE WEST COAST IN NOVEMBER,
SIXTYTHREE.

FIVE. FERRIE TOOK A TRIP TO HOUSTON IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYTHREE.

SIX. OSWALD TOOK THE ALLEGED MURDER RIFLE TO THE TEXAS
BOOK DEPOSITORY.

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE STATE AND DEFENSE TENTATIVELY^T
AGREED UPON IRVIN MASON, FIFTY YEAR OLD ENGINEER, EMPLOYED BY^A
THE FREEPORT SULPHUR CO. AS THE FIRST WITNESS IN THE TRIAL.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED
SIXTYNINE POTENTIAL JURORS IS AVAILABLE AND MORE CAN BE ADDED
IF NECESSARY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE DEFENSE AND STATE ARE
ARMED WITH TWELVE PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES BY WHICH THEY CAN
DISCHARGE A JUROR WITHOUT GIVING A REASON. AFTER THESE ARE
EXHAUSTED, IT WILL BE UP TO THE JUDGE TO DECIDE WHETHER A
JUROR IS FIT TO SERVE.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JUDGE HAGGERTY ANNOUNCED THAT
ONCE TWELVE JURORS AND TWO ALTERNATES ARE SELECTED, EACH^C WILL
BE ALLOWED ONE TELEPHONE CALL TO HIS HOME AND THEN WILL BE
SEQUESTERED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TRIAL.

THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT ADMISSION TO THE COURTROOM
IS BY CREDENTIALS ONLY AND ALL PERSONS ENTERING WILL BE FRISKED.
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A SOUNDLESS CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERA HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE COURTROOM WITH AN OUTLET IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS A SECURITY MEASURE.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED TODAY BY THE DEFENSE FOR MRS. MARINA OSWALD PORTER OF IRVING, TEXAS. THE STATE ISSUED A SUBPOENA FOR A FILM TAKEN OF THE ASSASSINATION BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER AND BULLET FRAGMENTS FOUND AT THE SCENE, WHICH MATERIALS ARE IN THE NATION ARCHIVES AT WASHINGTON.

FORMER SPECIAL AGENT REGIS L. KENNEDY ADVISED HE APPEARED CRIMINAL DIST. COURT TODAY IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA AND WAS EXCUSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. KENNEDY ADVISED THAT ALL STATE AND DEFENSE WITNESSES WERE EXCUSED TODAY.

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