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

AT TWO TEN P.M. THIS DATE, LAYTON MARTENS, SEVEN ONE
EIGHT FRENCHMAN ST., NEW ORLEANS, VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT
THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND ADVISED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY
OF HIS BEING CALLED AS A DEFENSE WITNESS FOR CLAY SHAW IN THE

FORTHCOMING TRIAL.

IT IS NOTED THAT MARTENS IS A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF THE
LATE DAVID FERRIE WHO SUBSEQUENT TO HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY WAS INDICTED FOR PERJURY.

MARTENS ADVISED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR SHAW HAVE TOLD HIM
THERE IS A CHANCE HE MIGHT BE USED TO REPUDIATE TESTIMONY
OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES.

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MARTENS EXPRESSED HESITANCY IN TESTIFYING IN VIEW OF
POSSIBLE PROSECUTION CROSS-EXAMINATION CONCERNING THE DETAILS
OF CIA AFFILIATION WITH THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (CRF)

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IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE. MARTENS INDICATED HE MIGHT BE FORCED UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION TO REVEAL DETAILS OF CIA AND THE LATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY'S INVOLVMENT WITH FCR WHICH ACTUALLY HAS NO BEARING IN DA GARRISON'S ASSASSINATION PROBE.

MARTENS STATED THAT PROSECUTION WITNESSES MIGHT ATTEMPT TO SHOW A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FCR, DAVID FERRIE AND HIMSELF TO SUBSTANTIATE DA GARRISON'S THEORY THAT ANTI-CASTROITES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. MARTENS CLAIMED THAT BOTH HE AND FERRIE IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE WERE ASSOCIATED WITH FCR AND CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FROM THE LATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE IDENTIFYING MARTENS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FCR.

MARTENS STATED HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SHAW'S ATTORNEYS AND HE WAS SEEKING ADVICE FROM THE FBI AS TO WHAT COURSE TO FOLLOW. MARTENS WAS INFORMED THAT THE FBI HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE.

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THE FINAL EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, JANUARY FOURTEEN INSTANT, CARRIES AN ARTICLE WHICH SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT INFORMATION:

ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK ANNOUNCED THAT ORLEANS PARISH DA JIM GARRISON WILL MAKE "INTERMITTENT BUT RARE" COURTROOM APPEARANCES IN THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW WHICH IS TO START NEXT WEEK ON CHARGES AGAINST SHAW OF CONSPIRING TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. ALCOCK IS TO SERVE AS CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA^A DURING THE TRIAL ASSISTED BY ANDREW SCIAMBRA, ALVIN OSER, AND WILLIAM ALFORD.

ALCOCK SUGGESTED TO REPORTERS THAT GARRISON BE ASKED HIMSELF WHY HE WILL NOT HANDLE THE CASE AND WHEN A REPORTER POINTED OUT THAT GARRISON IS RARELY ACCESSIBLE TO NEWSMEN, ALCOCK STATED "YOU'LL SEE HIM BEFORE THE TRIAL STARTS."

REPORTS FROM SOURCES CLOSE TO THE DA'S OFFICE WERE TO THE EFFECT THAT GARRISON PLANS TO MAKE THE OPENING STATEMENT TO THE JURY IN THE SHAW TRIAL.

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HUGH AYNESWORTH, A "NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE" REPORTER FROM THE MAGAZINE'S HOUSTON BUREAU, CLAIMED THAT GARRISON'S OFFICE "IS TRYING TO MAKE IT APPEAR WE'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG" IN INTERVIEWING WITNESSES IN THE SHAW CASE. AYNESWORTH CLAIMED THAT HE AND REPORTER KEN BIFFEL HAVE BEEN IN NEW ORLEANS WORKING ON THE CASE BUT HAVE VIOLATED NO LAW.

ALCOCK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL INSTIGATE AN ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLAINTS OF WITNESSES THAT TWO NEWSMEN AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM GURVICH HAVE BEEN QUESTIONING THEM. ALCOCK STATED HE PLANS TO QUESTION THE WITNESSES CLOSELY TO SEE IF ANYONE HAS BEEN TRYING TO "COLOR THEIR TESTIMONY" AND THAT HE PARTICULARLY WANTS TO KNOW WHERE NEWSMEN GOT STATEMENTS THE WITNESSES PREVIOUSLY GAVE THE DA'S OFFICE. AYNESWORTH CONFIRMED THAT GURVICH WHO FORMERLY WORKED ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE WITH GARRISON HAS "GIVEN ME SOME HELP" IN WORK ON THE SHAW CASE.

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AYNESWORTH STATED HE IS CONCERNED WITH THIS NEW ATTEMPT BY GARRISON'S OFFICE TO INTERFERE WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND ALCOCK ACKNOWLEDGED THERE IS NO LAW AGAINST TALKING TO WITNESSES BUT THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOURCE OF STATEMENTS HE SAID THE REPORTERS POSSESSED. ALCOCK IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A LEAK IN THE DA'S OFFICE AND NOTED THAT THE REPORTERS HAD THE NAMES OF SOME WITNESSES "EVEN SOME OF OUR STAFF DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT."

CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. TODAY LAID DOWN A SET OF GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW, SECHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE JUDGE BANNED RELEASE OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROPOUNDED TO POTENTIAL JURORS "THAT MIGHT TEND TO DISCOURAGE FUTURE JURORS FROM ACCEPTING SERVICE ON THE JURY."

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUDGE'S FIVE -PAGE ORDER INCLUDED:

NO PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN OR SOUND RECORDING DEVICES USED ANYWHERE IN THE COURTHOUSE.

ALL ENTRANCES TO THE COURTHOUSE MUST BE KEPT CLEAR FOR FREE ACCESS BY TRIAL PARTICIPANTS.

ALL PERSONS IN THE COURTROOM MUST BE SEATED .

NO ONE MAY ENTER OR LEAVE THE COURTROOM DURING TESTIMONY. ENTRY AND EXIT MUST BEING DURING OFFICIAL RECESSES OR BETWEEN WITNESSES.

CREDENTIALS ISSUED TO NEWS MEDIA ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

ONLY TRIAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE RAIL SEPARATING THE SPECTATORS' SECTION FROM THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE.

EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE HANDLED BY ANYONE EXCEPT COURT OFFICIALS.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF JURORS MAY BE TAKEN ANYWHERE WITHOUT COURT PERMISSION.

LISTS OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS WILL NOT BE RELEASED.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EXCUSED JURORS MAY BE PUBLISHED, BUT DETAILED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROPOUNDED TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS THAT MIGHT TEND TO DISCOURAGE FUTURE JURORS FROM ACCEPTING SERVICE ON THE JURY SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED.

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF JURORS SELECTED CAN BE RELEASED AFTER THEY ARE SELECTED.

FORMER SA REGIS L. KENNEDY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AS OF FOUR FORTY P.M. THIS DATE THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A SUBPOENA IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. KENNEDY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT UPON RECEIPT OF A SUBPOENA, HE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND IN ADDITION, GET IN IMMEDIATE TOUCH WITH USA LOUIS C. LA COUR, NEW ORLEANS. KENNEDY STATED HE WILL COMPLY IN THIS RESPECT.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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