

# Doubts on New JFK Inquiry

WASHINGTON — The nation's newly nominated Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, is extremely skeptical about the evidence and ethics involved in a New Orleans investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

President Johnson reported late yesterday he plans to appoint Clark to the Cabinet.

Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, 67, the nominee's father, then announced he will retire from the bench to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

## DOUBTFUL

After Johnson sent his nomination to the Senate, Ramsey Clark, 39, said he is "very doubtful" New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison has uncovered any new evidence about the assassination.

Clark, who entered the Justice Department in 1961 under then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, has been acting Attorney General since last October when Nicholas Katzenbach shifted to Undersecretary of State.

Federal officials privately have expressed a cynical attitude toward Garrison's much-publicized investigation.

But Clark's statement was the first public declaration of disbelief from the executive branch.

## INDORSEMENT

Clark said he regards the Warren Commission investigation of Kennedy's assassination as one of the most comprehensive ever conducted.

He said he agrees with the commission findings.

When Johnson announced Clark's nomination, he said he had not discussed with Justice Clark the possibility of his leaving the Supreme Court.

The younger Clark, likewise, reported he had not conferred with his father about the matter.

Within the hour, however, Justice Clark said he will step down.