

JFK Plot Details Revealed

Trio Met In '63

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office revealed today it has evidence to show that Lee Harvey Oswald, Clay L. Shaw and David W. Ferrie met in September, 1963, to discuss killing John F. Kennedy.

Oswald has been identified by the Warren Commission as the man who killed the President. Shaw, a prosperous retired executive was arrested last night by Garrison. Ferrie, found dead Feb. 22, was described by Garrison as a key figure in his probe of President Kennedy's death.

A search warrant used to gain entrance to Shaw's French Quarter apartment last night stated this reason for the search:

"Affiant has evidence that meetings were held in the apartment of David W. Ferrie at 33000 Louisiana Avenue Parkway and the people present were David W. Ferrie, Clay Shaw alias Clay Bertrand and Lee Harvey Oswald and an informant and other persons."

"These meetings were held in September, 1963, and the above named individuals . . . were discussing how they would kill John F. Kennedy, President of the United States."

The search warrant was returned to the issuing judge today and was made public.

Shaw, who was released on \$10,000 bond last night, issued a statement today in which he expressed shock at his arrest and denied taking part in a plot to kill Kennedy.



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"I am shocked and dismayed at the charges which have been filed against me," Shaw said. "I am completely innocent of any such charges. I have not conspired with anyone at any time or any place to murder our late and esteemed President, John F. Kennedy or any other individual."

"I've always had only the highest and utmost respect and admiration for Mr. Kennedy . . . I do not know Harvey Lee Oswald (sic) nor to the best of my knowledge do I know anyone who knew him. I have never seen or spoken to Oswald."

In answer to a question about the name "Clay Bertrand" Shaw said, "I don't know of any Clay Bertrand and I never used any aliases."

Asked about Ferrie, he said, "I never met as far as I know Mr. Dave Ferrie. I was never in his apartment."

Shaw said Garrison had first contacted him about last Christmastime.

A preliminary hearing for Shaw has been set for March 14. It was requested by Garrison — an unusual step for the prosecution.

Guy Johnson, attorney for Shaw, said "We do not understand the motivation of Mr. Garrison."

The search warrant showed that the objects taken from Shaw's luxurious home last night included five whips, pieces of chain, two pieces of leather, one black hood and cape, a shotgun and case and an army cartridge belt.

The name Clay Bertrand was first mentioned in 1963 by Dean Andrews Jr., a New Orleans attorney, who only today was subpoenaed by Garrison for questioning.

The search warrant used by Garrison's men last night said that at the meetings between Oswald, Shaw, and Ferrie "There was an agreement and combination . . . to kill John F. Kennedy. At these meetings there was discussion and agreement to carry out this conspiracy."

"One of the sources of information of the affiant is a confidential informant who was present at these meetings and saw the conspirators and heard the plan. This confidential informant saw David W. Ferrie and Clay Shaw alias Clay Bertrand, and Lee Harvey Oswald and others and this confidential informant heard these subjects agree to kill John F. Kennedy and heard these subjects discuss the means and manner of carrying out this agreement."