

Shaw Spent Assassination Day Here

Clay L. Shaw, the New Orleans businessman accused of participating in a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy, was in San Francisco the day of the assassination.

He was then managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, which was planning to build a skyscraper.

He had written J. Monroe Sullivan, then executive director of the World Trade Center, saying he planned to be in San Francisco a couple of days and could Sullivan arrange a luncheon of businessmen?

Sullivan, now assistant to the executive director of the Port of Oakland, did so.

"On the morning of that Friday, November 22, we showed him around the center and the World Trade library," Sullivan recalled.

"Then came the news from Dallas — too late to call off the luncheon."

Shaw briefly told of plans for their new skyscraper.

Sullivan said he could recall "nothing untoward, nothing abnormal in his (Shaw's) behavior," then added: "But, of course, we weren't looking for anything untoward. The day itself was abnormal."