

Documents Link Pair And Oswald

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Search documents showed Thursday that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison maintains he has evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald, Clay L. Shaw and David W. Ferrie met in September 1963 to discuss "how they would kill John F. Kennedy, President of the United States."

The documents said the evidence about the meetings came from an unnamed informant, whose statements were corroborated while the informant was under the influence of sodium pentothal, or truth serum.

OSWALD WAS NAMED by the Warren report as Kennedy's lone assassin. Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart here, was arrested by Garrison Wednesday night and booked on conspiracy to commit murder. Ferrie, a pilot, died in bed last week while under investigation by Garrison's office.

In an application for a warrant to search Shaw's French Quarter residence Wednesday night, the district attorney's office stated:

"The reason and facts for the request of this search warrant are:

"Affiant has evidence that meetings were held in the apartment of David W. Ferrie at 3330 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

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named individuals, namely David W. Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay Shaw (alias Clay Bertrand) were discussing how they would kill John F. Kennedy, President of the United States. At these meetings, there was an agreement and combination among Clay Shaw (alias Clay Bertrand), Lee Harvey Oswald, and David W. Ferrie and others to kill John F. Kennedy. At these meetings there was discussion and agreement to carry out this conspiracy."

AT A NEWS conference Thursday, Shaw called his arrest "fantastic." Speaking calmly and at times

smiling broadly, Shaw insisted that he had no part in any plot to kill Kennedy.

"I did not know Harvey Lee Oswald (correct) nor to the best of my knowledge do I know anyone who knew him," Shaw said. "I have never seen or spoken to Oswald. I am shocked and dismayed at the charges which have been filed against me. I am completely innocent of any such charges."

Earlier in the day, the new U.S. attorney general, Ramsey Clark, said the FBI had investigated Shaw late in 1963 and cleared him of any link with the assassination. "On the evidence that the FBI has, there was no connection found," Clark said in Washington.

NO FORMAL CHARGE has been filed against Shaw.

Garrison's application for a warrant to search Shaw's luxurious home was made public Thursday, along with the actual warrant.

The application said:

"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 plans. 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."

"That the said confidential informant, after giving this statement to the affiant, voluntarily submitted to sodium pentothal, commonly called truth serum, which was administered under the care and control and supervision of the coroner for the Parish of Orleans, a medical doctor. That the same confidential informant, while under the sodium pentothal, verified, corroborated and re-affirmed his earlier statements . . ."

SHAW WAS RELEASED on \$10,000 bond Wednesday night.

The search warrant showed that the objects taken from Shaw's luxurious home Wednesday 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 local attorney who only Thursday was subpoenaed by Garrison for questioning. Andrews told investigators that shortly after Oswald was arrested in Dallas, a man named Clay Bertrand telephoned him and asked him to represent Oswald. The Warren Commission said it found no man named Bertrand involved.