

IN JFK PLOT

'Conspirator' Asks Proof of Testimony

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to murder President Kennedy, said Tuesday they will try to force Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to unveil the "confidential informant" who Garrison says heard the alleged plot.

William J. Wegmann and Edward F. Wegmann confirmed they will ask Garrison at a March 14 hearing on Clay's case to adhere strictly to the rules of evidence in that no hearsay testimony would be allowed.

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EDWARD F. Wegmann said rules of evidence are not always held to in a preliminary hearing in that hearsay testimony is allowed.

William J. Wegmann said if criminal Dist. Judge Bernard J. Bagert agrees to the "no hearsay" stipulation, then Garrison or members of his staff could not relate at the hearing what others had told them.

"It is our position that he (Garrison) must present testimony from witnesses who have personal knowledge of the events involved in his allegations," William J. Wegmann said.

This would mean Garrison's "confidential informant" who allegedly overheard Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie plot to kill President Kennedy, would have to testify or Garrison would be in danger of having his case thrown out of court.

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THE ALLEGED conspiracy between the three men "and others" was alluded to in an

affidavit for a search warrant of Shaw's French Quarter apartment.

Shaw was released on \$10,000 bond. Four others have been subpoenaed in connection with the world-headlined investigation by Garrison into the death of President Kennedy, but Shaw's is the only arrest so far.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana called Garrison's investigation a "Roman Circus," charging that his handling of the probe "could quite possibly serve to protect those guilty of a conspiracy" if one in fact ever existed.

The ACLU said Garrison "committed serious breaches of professional ethics." It quoted from Canon 20 of the Louisiana Bar Association's code of ethics: "Newspaper publications by a lawyer as to pending or anticipated litigation may interfere with a fair trial in the courts" and "generally are to be condemned."