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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 13 (AP)-A THREE-JUDGE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT PANEL GETS A PEEK TOMORROW AT THE CASE AGAINST CLAY L. SHAW, THE RETIRED EXECUTIVE ACCUSED BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON OF TAKING PART IN A CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

SHAW'S LAWYERS SOUGHT IN VAIN TODAY TO HAVE THE PRELIMINARY HEARING PRESIDED OVER BY A SINGLE JUDGE. THEY ARGUED A THREE-JUDGE PANEL WAS UNUSUAL IN A STATE COURT AND VIOLATED SHAW'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

AT TOMORROW'S HEARING, GARRISON MUST PROVE TO THE JUDGES' SATISFACTION THAT HE HAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY BRINGING SHAW TO TRIAL.

JUDGE BERNARD BAGERT HAS INDICATED HE EXPECTS GARRISON TO PRODUCE THE "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT" WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW AND OVERHEARD DISCUSSIONS IN NEW ORLEANS ABOUT KILLING KENNEDY.

GARRISON HAS SAID HE HAS "SOLVED" THE ASSASSINATION AND WILL BRING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY TO JUSTICE. HE MAINTAINS KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS THE CULMINATION OF A PLOT HATCHED HERE.

THE SO-FAR UNIDENTIFIED INFORMANT, SAID GARRISON, WAS PRESENT WHEN SHAW, DAVID W. FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND OTHERS MET AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1963 AND DISCUSSED "HOW THEY WOULD KILL JOHN F. KENNEDY."

OSWALD, WHO LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1963, WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN. THE COMMISSION SAID IT FOUND NO CREDITABLE EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD ACTED AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

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FERRIE, A ONETIME AIRLINE PILOT WHO DIED FEB. 22, WAS DESCRIBED BY GARRISON AS A CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE 5-MONTH-OLD ASSASSINATION PROBE.

SHAW HAS SAID HE NEVER KNEW FERRIE OR OSWALD AND TERMED HIS ARREST "FANTASTIC." HE IS FREE UNDER \$10,000 BOND.

APPEARING BEFORE THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL TODAY, SHAW'S ATTORNEYS ARGUED THAT A SINGLE JUDGE SHOULD HEAR THE CASE. THEY CONTENDED THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT FOR A SPECIAL PANEL.

ASST. DIST. ATTY. AL OSER CITED A RULE OF CRIMINAL COURT WHICH ALLOWS A JUDGE TO CALL IN TWO OTHER JUDGES AT HIS DIRECTION. BAGERT OVERRULED THE DEFENSE MOTION, POINTING OUT THAT HE CONVENED THE PANEL WITHOUT CONSULTING EITHER SIDE.

BAGERT THEN OVERRULED DEFENSE REQUESTS FOR ITS OWN COURT REPORTER AND THAT SHAW BE ALLOWED TO RECLAIM PROPERTY TAKEN FROM HIS LUXURIOUS FRENCH QUARTER HOME BY GARRISON'S STAFF.

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING WILL BE HELD UNDER STRICT SECURITY. TWENTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SMALL COURTROOM. SPECIAL PASSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO 67 REPORTERS, WITH THE REMAINING 30 SEATS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE THREE JUDGES LIBERALIZED THE RULES THEY ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK FOR PRESS COVERAGE. THEY WITHDREW A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE PREVENTED NEWS MEDIA FROM REPORTING ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT WHICH OCCURRED IN OPEN COURT.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, GARRISON'S STAFF SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR TALKING WITH RAYMON CUMMINGS, A FORMER DALLAS TAXICAB DRIVER WHO CLAIMS HE HAS INFORMATION ABOUT OSWALD AND FERRIE.

CUMMINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LAWYER, FLEW HERE TODAY FROM DALLAS. HE SAID HE RECEIVED THREE TELEPHONE CALLS DURING THE WEEKEND THREATENING HIS LIFE SHOULD BE MAKE THE TRIP. HE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED POLICE PROTECTION.

CUMMINGS CLAIMS THAT EARLY IN 1963 HE DROVE OSWALD AND FERRIE TO JACK RUBY'S NIGHTCLUB. RUBY, WHO SHOT AND KILLED OSWALD TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, CONTENDED UNTIL HIS DEATH FROM CANCER JAN. 3 THAT HE NEVER KNEW OSWALD.

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