
Washington Won't Bother Garrison Case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Sunday he was "disturbed and saddened" by the manner in which New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison is investigating the Kennedy assassination, but that the Justice Department did not intend to intervene.

"I think this is something for the state, and I hope they will proceed with dignity," Clark said on a television program (Face The Nation—CBS).

He declined comment on the case in advance of a court hearing in New Orleans Tuesday to establish whether Garrison has sufficient evidence to hold businessman Clay Shaw. Shaw has been booked but not formally charged with what Garrison says is a "conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

Clark said federal authorities have not asked Garrison for evidence he may have in the case, "in view of the attitude he has taken."

"But as of this time, and without real doubt, I would stand by (FBI Director J. Edgar) Hoover's remarks in November of 1966, that not one shred of evidence links any other conspirator to (Lee Harvey) Oswald in the assassination," Clark said.

"We certainly have no knowledge of new evidence," he said, "and I will be very much surprised if any exists." Until new evidence is submitted, he added, "I will stand with the Warren Commission."

The newly sworn Attorney General said he found it "curious and I find it disturbing and I find it saddening" that Garrison has refused to turn over any new evidence on the assassination to the Justice Department.
