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ALVIN BEAUBOUF, left, who says he was offered a bribe to testify in the President John F. Kennedy assassination probe, is shown with his attorney, BURTON KLEIN, at a press conference today.

Beaubouef 'Knows Nothing'

'Tape of Bribe Try' Given to Authorities

An attorney said today he has turned over to authorities a tape recording of what he called an attempt to bribe a witness in the Kennedy assassination probe.

Burton Klein, with client Alvin Beaubouef at his side, said he has given the recording to Jefferson Parish District Attorney Frank H. Langridge and Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion.

The attorney said Beaubouef was offered \$3,000 and a job if he would "help substantiate the alleged plot" against President Kennedy.

KLEIN SAID the offer was

made by members of the staff of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who initiated the investigation into the death of Kennedy.

Referring to an affidavit released by Garrison, Klein said Beaubouef signed the affidavit denying the attempted bribe

"because of threats and coercion."

The attorney, at a press conference, said Langridge was supplied with a transcript of the tape recording because he

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has "jurisdiction over the locale of the attempt." However, Klein said he doubts that Langridge is going to take any action "because he's already had sufficient time."

"BEAUBOUF'S MAIN concern at this time is for the safety of his family and himself, and we have taken steps which we hope will provide that protection," Klein said.

"A polygraph (lie detector) test was administered by an expert and the results show conclusively that all statements made by Mr. Beaubouef were the truth," Klein said.

When Beaubouef took the polygraph test, Klein said, "other questions involving the assassination were asked, but will not be revealed at this time."

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, that his client "knows absolutely nothing in the district attorney's investigation."

Asked whether he had taken the matter to federal authorities, Klein said he had no comment at this time.

"As to the future, we must simply await action by the proper authorities to take whatever steps may be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances," he concluded.

Garrison, asked to comment on the remarks by Klein, said, "I know about that. It's not worth commenting on. The only thing important is the truth."

A story of the alleged bribe attempt was published this week in the magazine Newsweek.

Phillip Carter, the magazine's Southwest bureau chief in Houston, said at the press conference that his magazine had paid nothing for the tape recording.