

FBI Agent Silent at 'Plot' Probe

New Orleans

An FBI agent refused to answer questions from a grand jury yesterday about his role in the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

FBI agent Regis Kennedy invoked executive privilege during the one hour he met with the secret body, according to District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Asst. United States Atty. Jack Ciolino, said that Agent Kennedy was ordered by U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark to invoke executive privilege, which means he would not answer questions.

Alvin Oser, one of Garrison's aides, said agent Kennedy then was dismissed from the subpoena.

The FBI agent left the grand jury room as he entered — smiling.

His appearance was ordered when Criminal District Judge Bernard Bagert ruled the Justice Department lacks authority to block its agents from testifying before the grand jury.

The FBI agent, who is based in New Orleans, had been subpoenaed last week. Governor attorneys had asked Judge Bagert to dismiss the subpoena on grounds that Clark has ordered agent Kennedy not to testify.

The federal attorneys said a Justice Department executive order forbade FBI agents from disclosing information surrounding their official work.

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