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GARRISON IS TOLD TO LIST BACKERS

Shaw's Lawyers Win Fight on Private Group's Rolls

NEW ORLEANS, June 8 (AP)—Lawyers for the man accused of plotting to assassinate President Kennedy won their fight Thursday to expose the private fund behind the investigation conducted by District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty signed a subpoena ordering a group of businessmen financing the investigation to produce its membership rolls and money records at a hearing Monday.

Defense lawyers wanted the records in time for the hearing on their motions to quash the indictment charging Clay Shaw, a New Orleans business executive, with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy, who

was shot from ambush in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The judge also ordered Mr. Garrison to produce records of receipts and disbursements of the privately donated funds.

The businessmen, who called themselves Truth and Consequences, Inc., organized after Mr. Garrison complained that public records of money spent by his office were hampering the inquiry.

Thus far the names of only a few of the 50 members have been revealed. Reportedly, each has pledged \$100 monthly to Mr. Garrison for the duration of his investigation.

Meanwhile, Gordon Novel withdrew his \$50-million damage suit against Mr. Garrison and the businessmen rather than return here from Columbus, Ohio, to make a deposition on the case.

Sought as Material Witness

Mr. Novel, wanted as a material witness in the investigation, had filed the Federal court suit contending that he had been deprived of his constitutional rights and that his reputation was damaged by Mr. Garrison as a result of the

funds given by Truth and Consequences members.

The decision to withdraw was announced at a news conference Wednesday by Mr. Novel's attorney, Steve Plotkin, who said an identical suit would be filed at a later date.

Federal District Court Judge James A. Comiskey refused a motion Wednesday to permit Mr. Novel to make the deposition in Ohio, where he is fighting extradition to Louisiana. Mr. Novel is subject to arrest in Louisiana on a warrant by Mr. Garrison's office, charging conspiracy to commit burglary of a Houma, La., explosives bunker.