

NBC and the JFK Plot

'No Evidence' Is Claim

NEW YORK — (AP) — NBC said today it has learned that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's chief private investigator recently told Senator Robert Kennedy that there was "no basis in fact and no material evidence in Garrison's case for an assassination plot against the late President Kennedy."

SHAW INDICTED

Garrison contends the assassination was the result of a conspiracy and disputes the Warren Commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone as the killer.

Clay Shaw, 54-year-old retired businessman, is under

indictment in New Orleans on charges of conspiracy to murder Kennedy, who was assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

Shaw has been bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing at which Garrison alleged that Shaw, Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie plotted to murder Kennedy.

NEWSDAY DENIAL

William H. Gurvich, the private investigator NBC says spoke to Kennedy, could not be reached for comment.

And today Kennedy said he spoke to Gurvich at his request in Washington recently. "I have not discussed the substance of our conversa-

tion and I think it would be inappropriate to do so now," Kennedy added.

Further, in a copyright interview published today, Newsday, the Garden City, Long Island, newspaper, quoted Gurvich as saying he had not told Kennedy the Garrison investigation was "a hoax."

"That is absolutely untrue. I think Mr. Garrison believes in what he is doing. He is sincere," Gurvich was quoted.

But Gurvich added, "There's a difference between a hoax and saying there's nothing to it."

In New Orleans, meanwhile, Garrison announced

plans to summon the director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

TACTICS CHALLENGED

The commission, a non-profit citizen corporation which conducts research and investigates criminal justice and law enforcement in the metropolitan New Orleans area, had attacked Garrison's tactics in the assassination probe.

Yesterday, the crime commission called upon Louisiana Attorney General Jack Gremillion to launch an exhaustive probe into the manner in which Garrison is investigating the assassination.