United Press International Telephoto DENIES ACCUSATION: Clay L. Shaw, New Orleans businessman, as he told newsmen yesterday that he was not involved in any plot to slay President Kennedy.

Clark Discounts a Shaw Conspiracy

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WASHINGTON, March 2— Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark said today that, on the basis of inquires by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there appeared to be "no connection," between Clay L. between Clay L. Shaw and the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Clark made the statement to newsmen in a corridor of a Senate office building moments after the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved his nomination as Attorney General.

Mr. Shaw, a New Orleans businessman who is retired director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, was arrested yesterday in connection with the investigation of the Kennedy assassination being conducted by the New Orleans district attorney, Jim Garrison.

When Mr. Garrison nounced the arrest, the first in his five-month investigation of the assassination, he said that Mr. Shaw would be charged with "participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Ken-nedy."

Reply From Clark

This morning, when asked whether he had any information regarding Mr. Shaw, Mr. Clark

replied:
"He was involved in an F.B.I. investigation in the New Orleans area in November and knowledge the F.B.L. had not Andrews, on Nov. 23, the day December, 1963. We have the conducted an investigation of after the assassination, asking evidence that's there involved, Clay L. Shaw. The F.B.I. itself Mr. Andrews whether he would and you can assume that their maintained a complete official be willing to defend Lee Harvey [the F.B.I's] conclusions were silence on the matter, and would Oswald.

from the Warren Commission offer only a terse "no comment" Report."

The Warren Commission Report did not mention Mr. The discrepancy between these Shaw's name once in 29 volaccounts and Mr. Clark's statesnaws name once in 29 volumes. Presumably, Mr. Clark ments this morning, however, meant to convey by his remay be more apparent than mark that the F.B.I. and the real. commission did not think the evidence gathered on Mr. Shaw worthy of inclusion.

Says F.B.I. Checked Shaw

was any connection between Bertrand" was an alias used by

tion found."

"He was checked out and Shaw. found clear, more or less?" Mr. A Ju Clark was asked.

"Yes, that's right," he replied.

the F.B.I. had conducted an in-the basis for Mr. Clark's asvestigation of Mr. Shaw caused, sertions this morning. however, a certain amount of Whether the bureau con-bewilderment in some quarters ducted a deep and extensive here.

There is no record either in the Warren Commission Report question. The documents in the or in documents relating to the archives mention Mr. Bertrand assassination in the National on 10 different pages. But no-Archives of an F.B.I. investigation of a man named Clay L.

'No Comment' From F.B.I.

Moreover, usually well-informed Government sources, who asked not to be identified, said that to the best of their

to any inquiries regarding the Shaw case.

An examination of papers in the archives, for example, shows that the F.B.I. did inquire into the activities of a Asked directly whether there Mr. Garrison, says that "Clay was any connection between Bertiant was an area of the Mr. Shaw and the assassination, Mr. Shaw. If this is so, and Mr. Clark replied:

Clay Bertrand and Mr. Shaw "On the evidence that the are the same man, it is thought F.B.I. had, there was no connecthen that the bureau did indeed then that the bureau did indeed inquire into the activities of Mr.

A Justice Department official said tonight that his agency was convinced that Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Shaw were the Mr. Clark's statement that same man, and that this was

> investigation of Mr. Shaw— alias Mr. Bertrand—is another on 10 different pages. But nowhere is he identified as being the same man as Mr. Shaw.

Moreover, the archives shed little light on Mr. Bertrand's activities. His only important role, judging by the archives alone, was that he was said to have placed a telephone call to a New Orleans lawyer, Dean