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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 4 (AP)-CLAY L. SHAW STEPS BRIEFLY BACK INTO COURT TOMORROW FOR ARRAIGNMENT ON A CHARGE HE CONSPIRED TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY -- BUT TRIAL WAS FAR IN THE FUTURE.

LEGAL STEPS ALONG THE WAY TO TRIAL MAY USE UP ABOUT SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE JUDGE BEGINS PONDERING A TRIAL DATE.

THE ARRAIGNMENT OF SHAW, A 54-YEAR-OLD RETIRED EXECUTIVE, WILL BE BEFORE CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR. IT IS PRIMARILY FOR THE READING OF THE INDICTMENT AND THE ENTERING OF A PLEA.

HOWEVER, EDWARD F. WEGMANN, ONE OF SHAW'S DEFENSE LAWYERS, SAID THAT, AFTER THE PLEA OF INNOCENT IS MADE, THE DEFENSE WILL ASK FOR 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE NEW MOTIONS.

THE JUDGE, SAID WEGMANN, ALREADY HAS INDICATED HE WILL GRANT THE PLEA. AT THE END OF THE 30 DAY PERIOD, A DATE FOR HEARING ON THE MOTIONS WILL BE SET. THEN, IF THE MOTIONS ARE DENIED, APPEAL MAY BE MADE TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

"OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT IT WILL BE THREE TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE COURT REACHES THE POINT OF CONSIDERING A TRIAL DATE," SAID WEGMANN.

MEANWHILE, IN MEXICO CITY, A NEW ORLEANS OIL MAN WHO HELPED DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON RAISE FINANCIAL BACKING FOR HIS CONTROVERSIAL ASSASSINATION PROBE ACCUSED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF TRYING TO HAMPER THE INVESTIGATION.

JOSEPH M. RAULT JR., PRESIDENT OF THE RAULT PETROLEUM CORP., TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE FBI HAS NEW EVIDENCE.

THE FBI, SAID RAULT, COULD "SOLVE" THE CASE AND REFUTE THE WARREN COMMISSION FINDING THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, A FORMER NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT, APPARENTLY ACTED ALONE IN KILLING PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

RAULT, IN MEXICO CITY FOR THE 7TH WORLD OIL CONGRESS, HEADS THE "TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES COMMITTEE," A GROUP OF MORE THAN 50 WEALTHY BUSINESSMEN WHO AGREED TO BACK GARRISON'S PROBE WITH A CASH FUND FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

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THE MOVE CAME AFTER GARRISON COMPLAINED THAT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING OF HIS OFFICE'S EXPENDITURES GAVE A CLUE AS TO THE MOVES OF HIS INVESTIGATORS.

IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, GORDON NOVEL POSTED \$10,000 BOND AND SAID HE WOULD FIGHT EXTRADITION TO LOUISIANA. HE WAS ARRESTED NEAR COLUMBUS ON THE BASIS OF WARRANTS ISSUED BY GARRISON--ONE ACCUSING HIM OF CONSPIRING TO BURGLARIZE AN EXPLOSIVES BUNKER NEAR HOUMA, LA., THE OTHER NAMING HIM AS A WITNESS IN THE ASSASSINATION CASE.

"JIM GARRISON IS THE GREATEST CHARACTER ASSASSIN OF ALL TIME," SAID NOVEL.

WHEN ARRESTED SATURDAY IN GAHANNA, A COLUMBUS SUBURB, NOVEL TOLD NEWSMEN HE ONCE WORKED FOR GARRISON AS CHIEF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SECURITY SECTION. HE WOULDN'T SAY WHEN.

NOVEL DEVLINED TO GO INTO SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT HIS WORK. "I'M GOING TO TELL MY STORY WHEN THE TIME COMES," HE SAID.

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