

Defense Rips JFK 'Plot Clues'

'Garrison in Old Shell Game'

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy, say District Attorney Jim Garrison is playing "the old shell game" in sifting clues.

At the same time, the attorneys, F. Irving Dymond and Edward Wegmann, complained Garrison had not filed a copy of his pleadings with them, and "all that we know is what we read in the newspapers."

Garrison claims Shaw, the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald, who was shot to death by Jack Ruby two days after Kennedy was killed, conspired to assassinate the President.

The district attorney said his office has deciphered a code he said was used by Oswald and Shaw in writing memos.

He said a coded phone number — Ruby's unpublished number in Dallas — was in possession of Oswald and Shaw.

The Warren Commission, which concluded Oswald acted alone in the assassination, said it found no connection between Oswald and Ruby.

Garrison said the code yielded a strong clue that Shaw and Oswald had set up some communication with Ruby.

The commission published Oswald's notebook, including a notation "PO 19106," and, said Garrison, a notation in a booklet seized in Shaw's home read "Lee Odom, PO Box 19106, Dallas, Tex."

Shaw's attorneys said there is nothing significant about that — Lee Odom was a business associate Shaw met in 1965, and the "PO Box 19106" referred to Odom's business address in Dallas.

The defense attorneys view the similarity in numbers as a coincidence.