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Court Studies Move To Clear Gremillion

Federal District Judge Fred J. Cassibry today took under study moves to dismiss a five-count perjury indictment against Louisiana Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion. The indictment grew out of Gremillion's involvement with the Louisiana Loan & Thrift Corp.

Judge Cassibry said counsel for the government and Gremillion met this morning to work out stipulations on what the testimony of two final witnesses would be. The judge said he considered as submitted motions to dismiss the indictment.

The last two witnesses in the hearing which began yesterday would have been John M. Kelly, chief enforcement officer of the Securities Exchange Commission's Dallas office, and George Callahan, an investigator for that office.

Gremillion was indicted July 6 for testimony given before a previous grand jury which was investigating the affairs of LL&T.

It is claimed that Gremillion lied under oath Jan. 21, 1969, when he denied that he:

—Had stock in the corporation.

—Had an "economic interest" in LL&T.

—Granted a proxy for his shares of LL&T stock for a July 11, 1967, corporation shareholders meeting.

The indictment also charged that Gremillion testified false-

ly when he stated that a \$700 check dated April 15, 1967, from LL&T and noted "Dividend No. 1," which he received, was a campaign contribution.

The attorney general has pleaded innocent to both the perjury charges and the original indictment against him and four others for conspiracy, mail fraud and fraud in the sale of securities.

The others under indictment include State Rep. Salvador Anzelmo, a former LL&T attorney; Earnest A. Bartlett Jr., Fort Smith, Ark., former chairman of the board of the corporation; Charles H. Ritchey, ex-LL&T president, and Joseph Kavanaugh, Baton Rouge attorney.

AS THE HEARING opened yesterday H. Alva Brumfield, counsel for Gremillion, questioned U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse, whom he placed on the witness stand, concerning evidence he had in the perjury case.

Gallinghouse testified the evidence included a certificate for 10,000 shares of LL&T stock that Gremillion allegedly owned, a check for \$700, LL&T ledgers and books and the firm's stock stubs.

Brumfield asked the prosecutor for documents showing Gremillion's alleged "economic interest" in the corporation. Gallinghouse asked Brumfield to be specific, and this set off a legal skirmish.

JUDGE CASSIBRY inter-

rupted:

"I'm not sure you are entitled to any of these documents."

Gallinghouse said it was

premature for the government to name witnesses and show documentary evidence because it would endanger the original charges filed against Gremillion.