

Drugs Aid Truth, JFK Probe Told

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NEW ORLEANS — A coroner testified today that "confidential informant" Perry R. Russo would "Tend" to tell the truth in the drug-induced hypnosis under which prosecutors tested his story of a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

But Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta also testified that patients under sodium pentathol also could "joke, lie, and have fantasies."

Russo testified earlier during the preliminary hearing for businessman Clay L. Shaw that he witnessed Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and pilot David Ferrie plotting Kennedy's death in September, 1963.

He said he first came to District Attorney Jim Garrison with the story Feb. 27, 1967, and underwent so-called "truth serum" sessions three times.

Chetta also said subjects

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under truth serum would have a heightened ability to recall events in the past if the session were properly handled and they were "regressed" hypnotically to relive the past.

As Alvin Oser, an assistant to Garrison, continued questioning Chetta, the defense objected.

"Your honor, he's getting out of the realm of sanity of this witness and is trying to bolster the credibility of the witness and I object," said F. Irvin Dymond.

The preliminary hearing was called by Garrison to determine if sufficient evidence exists to take Shaw, to trials.

TWO DOCUMENTS

At the start of today's hearing, C. W. Johnson, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, brought two documents into the court after being subpoenaed by the defense.

They were of a Cuban named Manuel Garcia Gonzales who entered this country as a refugee and another of a Manuel Garcia Gonzales who came to the United States as a temporary visitor. It was not clear if the records pertained to the same individual.

Johnson testified that he had no records in his office of a Julio Busnedo or Buxnedo — the other name the defense had requested information on. The court allowed the records to be made part of the evidence.

Earlier Russo had testified that two Spanish-speaking men were at a "party" in

Ferrie's apartment the night he said he heard the conspiracy talk. He said he thought their first names were Manuel and Julio.

INDICTMENT

Today is Shaw's 54th birthday. The tall, distinguished-looking former director of New Orleans International Trade Mart arrived for the fourth day of the hearing apparently in good spirits.

His cheerful demeanor contrasted sharply with his somber mood of yesterday, when his bloodshot eyes betrayed fatigue.

Down the hall in another courtroom in the New Orleans Criminal Courts building, a grand jury also investigating the assassination yesterday indicted Dean Andrews, a suspended Louisiana prosecutor, for perjury.

Andrews had appeared before the Warren Commission and previously before the grand jury in addition to being interrogated by Garrison earlier in his new investigation of Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.

He was free in \$1000 bond today. He was the first person to be indicted who was connected in any way with the Garrison investigation or the various court proceedings which grew out of it.