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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 18 (AP)-A SMILING, CONFIDENT JIM GARRISON EMERGED FROM HIS GUARDED HOME TODAY, PLAYFULLY KISSED HIS CHILDREN ON THE FRONT LAWN, AND TOLD A NEWSMAN THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT FURTHER ARRESTS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN HIS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION.

THE TOWERING DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FRESH FROM A COURTROOM VICTORY THAT WILL MAKE RETIRED EXECUTIVE CLAY L. SHAW THE FIRST MAN TO GO TO TRIAL IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, SAID:

"THIS WHOLE CASE IS A VERY INTRICATE THING. IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE ALL ARRESTS ARE MADE. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT, O.K.?"

THEN HE SQUEEZED HIS 6-FOOT-6 FRAME INTO A TAXI AND RODE OFF.

A PRIVATE PATROLMAN STATIONED OUTSIDE GARRISON'S WHITE BRICK, TWO-STORY HOME SAID AN AROUND-THE-CLOCK GUARD HAS BEEN ON DUTY THERE FOR A WEEK.

GARRISON'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, BILL GURVICH, HINTED BROADLY THAT THE STATE DID NOT PLAY ALL ITS CARDS IN THE FOUR-DAY PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR SHAW THAT ENDED YESTERDAY. "IF WE HAD NEEDED MORE GOODS WE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THEM IN," HE SAID.

AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING, A PROSECUTOR NORMALLY OFFERS JUST ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SHOW PROBABLE CAUSE TO HOLD THE DEFENDANT FOR TRIAL. THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE IS CAREFULLY GUARDED UNTIL THE TRIAL AS A MEANS OF KEEPING THE DEFENSE IN THE DARK.

INDICATIONS WERE THAT A BILL OF INFORMATION, THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING SHAW TO TRIAL, WOULD BE FILED NEXT WEEK BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

GARRISON RELIED CHIEFLY ON THE TESTIMONY OF ONE WITNESS, PERRY R. RUSSO, TO CONVINCe THREE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES THAT SHAW, 54, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART, SHOULD STAND TRIAL FOR CONSPIRING TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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RUSSO, A 25-YEAR-OLD BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN TOLD OF SEEING AND HEARING SHAW, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND DAVID W. FERRIE TALK OF WAYS

TO KILL KENNEDY. THIS TALK, RUSSO SAID, TOOK PLACE AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1963. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION, RUSSO SAID IT WAS NOT HIS "IMPRESSION" THAT THE THREE MEN INTENDED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. DALLAS WAS NOT MENTIONED, RUSSO SAID.

GARRISON SAID ON FEB. 18 HE HAD SOLVED THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND WOULD PROVE IT RESULTED FROM A NEW ORLEANS-BASED CONSPIRACY. AT THE SHAW HEARING, HE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO LINK THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY DESCRIBED BY RUSSO WITH THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATION.

RUSSO TOLD OF ATTENDING ONLY ONE MEETING AT WHICH HE HEARD SUCH TALK.

IN ASKING FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH SHAW'S HOME, GARRISON REFERRED TO "MEETINGS" IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT AT WHICH THERE WAS DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON A PLAN TO KILL THE PRESIDENT.

ONE OF THE PROSECUTION'S SOURCES OF INFORMATION, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID, "IS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO WAS PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS."

GARRISON'S STAFF DID NOT SAY, FOLLOWING RUSSO'S APPEARANCE ON THE STAND, IF HE WERE THE ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY APPARENTLY WAS NOT AWARE OF RUSSO'S INFORMATION WHEN HE ANNOUNCED ON FEB. 18 THAT "ARRESTS WILL BE MADE, CHARGES WILL BE FILED AND CONVICTIONS WILL BE OBTAINED. THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES LEE HARVEY OSWALD INVOLVED. NEW ORLEANS WAS A FACTOR IN THE PLANNING BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT."

IT WAS NOT UNTIL AFTER FERRIE DIED ON FEB. 22, RUSSO SAID, THAT HE DECIDED TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. RUSSO TESTIFIED HE SENT GARRISON A LETTER FEB. 24 AND WAS FIRST INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF GARRISON'S STAFF FEB. 27.

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THE PROSECUTION'S OTHER MAJOR WITNESS AGAINST SHAW, VERNON BUNDY JR., 29, TOLD THE COURT HE DECIDED TO CONTACT GARRISON'S OFFICE ON THURSDAY--THE NEXT-TO-LAST DAY OF THE HEARING. BUNDY TESTIFIED THAT HE SAW SHAW AND OSWALD TOGETHER NEAR LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN IN JUNE OR JULY 1963.

SHAW HAS DENIED EVER KNOWING OSWALD OR FERRIE, A FORMER AIRLINE PILOT WHO SCOFFED AT GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION AS BEING A "BIG JOKE." FERRIE SAID BEFORE HIS DEATH GARRISON HAD HIM PEGGED AS "THE GET-AWAY PILOT."

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