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new orleans ap -Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiracy in the assassination of president Kennedy, said Friday that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison was playing "the old shell game" in sifting clues.

At the same time the attorneys, f. irvin Dymond and Edward Wegmann, complained that 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 had deciphered a code which he said was used by Oswald and Shaw in writing memos. He said a coded telephone number Ruby's unpublished telephone number in Dallas, Tex.-was in possession of both Oswald and Shaw.

The Warren Commission, which concluded that Oswald acted alone in the assassination, said it found no connection between Oswald and Ruby. Garrison said the code yielded a strong clue that both Shaw and Oswald had set up some communication with Ruby.

The Warren Commission published Oswald's note, ^{book,} 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 was nothing significant about that-Lee Odom was a business associate Shaw met in 1955, and the "po box 19106" referred to Odom's business address in Dallas. The defense attorneys viewed the similarity in numbers as a coincidence, and not a clue.

But Garrison said that number was not an address, that there was no such post office box in Dallas, and that it actually was Ruby's telephone number disguised.

Garrison said Oswald habitually used the telephone dial for conversion of letters to numbers, and vice versa, combined with a scrambling of letters of the alphabet. The net result was, Garrison said, that "PO 19106" came out "Whitehall 1-5601," and that, the district attorney said, was Ruby's unpublished telephone number in Dallas in 1963.

in Detroit, Ruby's brother, Earl Ruby, said, "I don't believe it. I didn't know about any such listing for him and I believe he would have told me. As far as I'm concerned, there's not one bit of truth in it. I don't believe Jack was involved in any plot."

shaw, retired new Orleans businessman, is awaiting trial on the conspiracy indictment. He has pleaded innocent. His lawyers said Friday Garrison had told the newspapers about his code theory before advising them.

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