

Bagert to Rule On Mandatory FBI Agent Call

Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert was due to rule today on whether FBI agent Regis Kennedy must appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination probe.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark has ordered Kennedy not to testify, claiming immunity for the agent from questioning on matters pertaining to evidence gathered in the line of duty.

GARRISON CLAIMED yesterday there was no legal ground for assuming what the line of questioning would be, but assistant U.S. attorneys filed a sheaf of newspaper clippings which, they said, illustrated a common knowledge that Kennedy would be questioned about the assassination.

Regis Kennedy's name appears frequently in the FBI report made to the Warren Commission, which investigated President John F. Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Judge Bagert said yesterday he would hear any further oral arguments in the matter today, then make his ruling.

Kennedy's attorneys said he would be in court in case the ruling is in the district attorney's favor and the FBI agent is ordered to go before today's session of the grand jury.

THE JURY is expected to receive a return today on a subpoena for a Central Intelligence Agency photograph and to interrogate at least one witness in the investigation.

Garrison issued a subpoena

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last week ordering CIA Director Richard Helms to send to the jury a photograph taken in Mexico during the summer of 1963.

Garrison contends the picture shows accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald walking out of the Cuban embassy in Mexico with an unidentified Cuban.

THE CUBAN, he alleges, is a powerfully built man whose identification is important to the probe.

The witness scheduled to appear today is Carlos Quiroga, a slight, handsome Cuban refugee who belonged to several anti-Castro groups in New Orleans during the early 1960's.

Quiroga was listed as a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, headed by Sergio Arcacha Smith, and as chairman for youth of the Friends of Democratic Cuba, of which Arcacha was a leader.

ARCACHA, LIVING in Dallas, is sought as a fugitive material witness by Garrison in the investigation. His extradition papers have been tied up on technical matters.

Quiroga was scheduled to appear before the grand jury last week, but was sent home when it was discovered the jurors would be tied up questioning other witnesses. He was told to report back today.

IN ANOTHER development yesterday, the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana said that publicity has hurt the chances of Clay L. Shaw, the only man yet charged in the investigation, of receiving a fair trial.

Garrison says that Shaw, 54-year-old retired manager of the International Trade Mart, conspired with Oswald and others in 1963 to assassinate the President.

A spokesman for ACLU said he thinks there is a good chance Shaw's right to a fair trial has been seriously endangered by comment about Garrison's investigation.

\$350,000 Asked In Bringuier Suit

A Cuban exile leader who scuffled with Lee Harvey Oswald here in 1963 has filed a \$350,000 slander suit in Civil District Court against a Cuban bar owner in New Orleans who testified before the Warren Commission.

Dr. Carlos Bringuier, who operates a French Quarter store, named in the suit Oreste Pena, owner of the Habano Bar, 117 Decatur.

Bringuier, New Orleans delegate to the Anti-Castro Cuban Student Directorate, charged that Pena gave "slandering and defamatory testimony" before the Warren Commission which portrayed Bringuier as "an enemy and traitor to the United States, a Castro sympathizer and a vulgar opportunist."

Bringuier said his attention was called to the testimony—which appears in the Warren Report—by an article in the April issue of Saga magazine entitled "Kennedy's Murder—Buried Proof of a Conspiracy," written by Maryland author Harold Weisberg.

The suit alleges that "malicious accusations" have exposed Bringuier to disrepute and ridicule and have crippled his career. Bringuier came to New Orleans in 1959 as a refugee from the Castro revolution.