

Garrison Case Figure's Denial

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The taking of the deposition was closed to the press. Mrs. McMaines' lawyer, Lex Hawkins, said she had denied attending the party or knowing Shaw or Oswald. She also said she did not meet Ferrie until January, 1965, when Russo introduced her to him,

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Hawkins said.

in Iowa since March, 1967, when the New Orleans district attorney's office attempted to have her extradited from Omaha as a material witness in the case. Iowa has no agreement with Louisiana for extradition of material witnesses.

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