

Clark Can't Help Shaw In Trial

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The Justice Department contended yesterday that the Federal Courts have no authority to order Attorney General Ramsey Clark to join in the trial of Clay Shaw on charges of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

United States Attorneyouis Lacour of New Orleans said Shaw had no right to ask Clark to help Shaw, and "has not attempted to assert" that he does.

Shaw has been charged by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison with plotting to kill President Kennedy in the months before Kennedy's assassination in Dallas November 22, 1963.

Attorneys for the New Orleans businessman asked a special three-judge Federal panel to join Clark in order to uphold the "integrity" of the Warren ommission report and President Johnson.

Garrison has attacked both the report and the President in his long investigation of the assassination, in which he concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone assassin and that the government has concealed and distorted the facts.

Shaw's suit, noting that Shaw was in a position of having to defend the Warren report findings as challenged by Garrison, had asked that Clark be called in to protect the "integrity" of the President, the Warren Commission, Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court and Clark himself.

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