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NEW ORLEANS AP - The long-delayed trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, appeared headed for another delay Friday this time at the request of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office. There was a strong hint the case might never come to trial.

An aide to the controversial district attorney of Orleans Parish asked an indefinite continuance Friday, shortly after a federal judge demanded additional evidence before he would order the release of autopsy photographs and X-rays.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who had scheduled the Shaw trial to start Tuesday in Criminal District Court here, said he would rule on the motion Monday morning.

James D. Alcock, Garrison's top assistant in the Shaw case, filed a motion for the continuance after Judge Charles Halleck of the Court of General Sessions in Washington, D.C. ordered Garrison's aides to back up their claim that Kennedy was fired upon from at least two directions.

At a news conference, Alcock charged the federal government with withholding evidence vital to the case and criticized Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark for releasing Thursday night the findings of a panel of medical experts who examined the autopsy material.

Alcock called the panel report "only a small portion of the evidence, and only that which favors the defense and the Warren Report."

Garrison contends that Kennedy was assassinated in a conspiracy by several men and not by Lee Harvey Oswald alone, as found by the government commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Garrison has charged Shaw, a 55-year-old bachelor businessman, with conspiring to assassinate Kennedy. Shaw has been out on \$10,000 bond since he was charged March 1, 1967.

"I am today filing a motion requesting a continuance of this case to be reset only after receipt by this office of all of the evidence called for in our subpoenas, of the evidence used in the autopsy report and all other evidence secretly held by the federal government," Alcock said.

"In the event the federal government does not honor our subpoenas and blocks our attempts to present all of the evidence, this case cannot be brought to trial," Alcock said.

Shaw's attorneys were surprised and said they would fight the continuance. They have previously sought numerous delays in the case.

"This comes as a shock, obviously," said Salvatore Panzeca, one of Shaw's lawyers.

"We are going to oppose any motion for a continuance and ask for a speedy trial," said another Shaw lawyer, F. Irvin Dymond. "We want to get this thing behind us. We are delighted that we are being given the benefit of a hearing and we will strenuously oppose the motion."

Garrison's office has several other avenues of delay available if Judge Haggerty rules against the motion Monday. Alcock said that in such a case he could appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court. The prosecution also could drop the charge against Shaw and reindict him at a later date.

Alcock once was quoted as saying, "We can and will try him (Shaw) without the autopsy report and X-rays."

He acknowledged making the statement Friday but added, "However, since Ramsey Clark has released only a small portion of the evidence, and only that which favors the defense and the Warren Report, it is absolutely necessary that we obtain that evidence upon which the panel based their opinion of the autopsy before proceeding to trial."

Judge Halleck said in Washington Friday that he would not order presentation of the autopsy documents at the Shaw trial until he is convinced that Garrison is not simply conducting a fishing expedition and trying to get "what surely must be sensational photographs."

He said he would not delay the matter more than two weeks.

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