

Court Order

Garrison Asks Delay in Trial

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — District Attorney Jim Garrison's office asked today for a delay in the trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy. The trial was scheduled to begin Tuesday.

James L. Alcock, assistant district attorney, said "this case cannot be brought to trial" if the Federal government blocks attempts by his office to get evidence.

The announcement came a short time after Federal Judge Charles Halleck in Washington, D.C., ordered Garrison's office to produce evidence in order to obtain release of Kennedy's autopsy photographs and X-rays.

The federal judge said Garrison's office would have to back up its claim that Kennedy was fired upon from at least two directions before he would order the release of autopsy materials.

It is Garrison's thesis 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 maintains at least one of the bullets which struck Kennedy came from the front; the Warren Commission said he was shot from the rear only."

Only yesterday a panel of medical experts which met in secret last year said the autopsy findings were correct as detailed in the Warren report and prove he was shot twice from behind.

The panel report, cealing with autopsy photographs and X-rays, was made public by the Justice Department.