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Evidence Sought

Garrison Asks Delay in Trial

New Orleans

The long-delayed trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, appeared headed for another delay yesterday — this time at the request of District Attorney Jim Garrison's office.

An aide to the controversial district attorney of Orleans Parish asked an indefinite continuance yesterday, 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.

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James L. 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 Wash-

ington, 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 Attorney General 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.

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

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