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AMARILLO, TEX., JAN. 7 (AP)-AN UNIDENTIFIED DALLAS WITNESS WILL ACCOMPANY RUSSELL W. MCLARRY HERE TO DISCUSS WITH A FEDERAL GRAND JURY A CHARGE THAT MCLARRY THREATENED THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, A DEFENSE LAWYER SAID TONIGHT.

THE LAWYER, ARTHUR LEE MOORE OF FORT WORTH, SAID HE AND THE TWO WITNESSES WILL ARRIVE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT. HE HAS ASKED THE GRAND JURY, IN SESSION SINCE MONDAY, TO HEAR HIS CLIENT THURSDAY.

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS CHARGED MCLARRY, 21, A MACHINIST AND PART-TIME STUDENT AT ARLINGTON STATE COLLEGE, LATE LAST MONTH WITH VOICING A THREAT OF BODILY HARM TO THE LATE PRESIDENT BEFORE A SNIPER KILLED KENNEDY LAST NOV. 22 IN DALLAS. MCLARRY SAID HIS REMARKS WERE MADE ONLY IN JEST.

MOORE, IN FORT WORTH, TOLD THE AMARILLO DAILY NEWS HE EXPECTED TO BRING A MYSTERY WITNESS. HE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT THIS PERSON IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD.

ASST. U.S. ATTY. BILL HUGHES SAID MCLARRY'S REQUEST TO GO BEFORE THE GRAND JURY WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE ACCUSED MAN ARRIVES HERE.

MOORE ASSERTED THE CHARGE AGAINST MCLARRY WAS RIDICULOUS. HE SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO PLACE HIMSELF IN A POSITION "CRITICAL OF FEDERAL LAW AND ITS COURTS" BUT THE THREAT ATTRIBUTED TO MCLARRY WAS NOTHING MORE THAN "SILLY REMARKS." THE LAWYER ADDED:

"IF THE LATER TRAGIC EVENT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION HAD NOT UNFOLDED, MCLARRY'S ALLEGED STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN PASSED OVER AS SILLY COMMENT."

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