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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MARCH FOURTEEN LAST.

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE OF MARCH FIFTEEN INSTANT,
CARRIES A LEAD ARTICLE WHICH SETS FORTH A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF
THE HEARING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT
ON MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, CONCERNING THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE
AGAINST CLAY L. SHAW. A SUMMARY OF THIS LEAD ARTICLE IS AS
FOLLOWS:

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR SHAW DELAYED CROSS EXAMINATION OF
PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, BATON ROUGE, INSURANCE SALESMAN, UNTIL
TEN A.M. ON MARCH FIFTEEN INSTANT, AND INSTEAD, FILED THREE
MOTIONS FOR WRITS OF SUBPOENA, IN THE NAMES OF FRANK J. STASS,
FOUR ZERO ZERO FAYE AVENUE, METAIRIE, LA., THE REGISTRAR AT
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY WHERE RUSSO STUDIED A YEAR OF-LAW; ENDICOTT
A. BATCHELDER, REGISTRAR AT TULANE UNIVERSITY WHERE RUSSO DID

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SOME UNDERGRADUATE STUDY; AND JAMES J. KENNEDY, PERSONNEL MANAGER AT EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE, THE FIRM PRESENTLY EMPLOYING RUSSO. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE INSTRUCTED TO BRING ALL RECORDS TO COURT PERTAINING TO RUSSO.

RUSSO IN TESTIMONY ON MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD SEEN OSWALD ON ONE OCCASION PREVIOUS TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN NEW ORLEANS, AND TWICE AFTER THIS MEETING. RUSSO ALSO TESTIFIED HE SAW BERTRAND AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NASHVILLE AVENUE WHARF WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY CAME TO NEW ORLEANS TO SPEAK AT THE CEREMONIES.

IN ADDITION, RUSSO TESTIFIED HE SAW BERTRAND WITH FERRIE ONE TIME AFTER THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT A SERVICE STATION ON VETERANS HIGHWAY, WHICH RUSSO SAID FERRIE EITHER OWNED OR OPERATED. HE SAID HE SAW BERTRAND AND FERRIE SITTING TOGETHER IN A CAR AT THIS SERVICE STATION AND THAT THE TIME WAS "SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS" AFTER THE MEETING IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT.

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THIS EDITION OF THE TIMES PICAYUNE CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WHICH IT IS REPORTED THAT PERRY RUSSO, ACCORDING TO WDSU-TV, NEW ORLEANS, WAS INTERVIEWED BY WDSU SHORTLY AFTER THE DEATH OF DAVID FERRIE. RUSSO REPORTEDLY SAID IN THE INTERVIEW THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF OSWALD UNTIL ON TELEVISION AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND THAT FERRIE HAD NEVER MENTIONED OSWALD'S NAME.

THE TIMES PICAYUNE ALSO CARRIES A SEPERATE ARTICLE WHICH CONTAINS BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE NEAR PERRY RUSSO IN BATON ROUGE OR WHO KNEW HIM IN THE PAST. THESE INTERVIEWS DESCRIBE RUSSO AS BEING INTELLECTUAL, BRILLIANT BUT UNPREDICTABLE AND A NATURAL LEADER. HE IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LEANING TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN ELECTIONS, AS A RADICAL THINKER, AND AS A PERSON WHO CAN DO ANYTHING IF HE PUTS HIS MIND TO IT. ONE INDIVIDUAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE ONCE SAW "CUBA PAMPHLETS" IN RUSSO'S HOME.

PETE BARROUQUERE, JR., SPORTS WRITER FOR THE TIMES...
PICAYUNE, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE MET RUSSO IN THE SPRING

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OF NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE IN CONNECTION WITH BASEBALL ACTIVITIES.

BARROUQUERE DESCRIBED RUSSO AS A KEEN POLITICAL STUDENT BUT RADICAL IN POLITICS AND THAT BARROUQUERE HAD, IN A VISIT TO RUSSO'S BUNGALOW, SEEN "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA" PAMPHLETS STREWN AMONG RUSSO'S LAW BOOKS.

BARROUQUERE RECALLED THAT ON ONE OCCASION, RUSSO MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE KENNEDYS WERE STARTING A POLITICAL DYNASTY AND HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT IT. RUSSO ADDED, ACCORDING TO BARROUQUERE, THAT THE ONLY WAY TO BEAT KENNEDY WAS TO KILL HIM AT THE POLLS. BARROUQUERE ALSO RECALLED THAT RUSSO WAS INTERESTED IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND PARTICIPATED WITH NEGRO FRIENDS IN SEVERAL SIT-INS AT LUNCH COUNTERS.

PROSECUTORS FOR THE STATE, ACCORDING TO THE TIMES PICAYUNE, ARE IDENTIFIED AS JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY; FIRST ASSISTANT DA CHARLES R. WARD; AND ASSISTANT DA'S ALVIN V. OSER AND JAMES ALCOCK.

ATTORNEYS DEFENDING SHAW ARE F. IRVIN DYMOND, WILLIAM
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~~WEGMANN, AND EDWARD F. WEGMANN.~~ ALSO LISTED AS ASSISTING IN

THE DEFENSE IS ~~SALVATORE PANZECA~~

attorney: Cing L. Shaw
New Orleans, La

RUSSO TESTIFIED THAT THE ONLY OTHER OCCASION HE HAD OBSERVED BERTRAND WAS AFTER HE CAME TO NEW ORLEANS AT THE REQUEST OF THE DA'S OFFICE AND THAT HE HAD WAITED WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS IN A CAR BY SHAW'S APARTMENT. RUSSO SAID HE IDENTIFIED BERTRAND WHEN BERTRAND CAME OUT AND THAT THEN HE WENT TO BERTRAND'S DOOR PRETENDING TO BE AN INSURANCE AGENT. BERTRAND CAME TO THE DOOR AND BERTRAND INDICATED HE HAD ADEQUATE LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE. RUSSO SAID HE WAS ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT HE HAD SEEN BERTRAND BEFORE AT FERRIE'S AND AT THE NASHVILLE AVENUE WHARF.

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