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SAMOLUKAPRIL 9, 1996 (202) 724-0088, EXT. 227JFK ASSASSINATION
RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES FILES OF JIM GARRISON AND CLAY SHAW DEFENSE ATTORNEYThe
Assassination Records Review Board announced today the release of records from the private files of former
New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and from the files of Edward Wegmann, a member of Clay Shaws
defense team. Garrison conducted an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy in the late
1960's. Shaw was tried by Garrison and acquitted in 1969 on the charge of conspiring to kill the
President. These are the first private records that the Board has made a part of the JFK Collection, said the
Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. The Garrison investigation into the Kennedy
assassination is an important part of the history of this case. As a result of the generosity of both the Garrison
and Wegmann families, the public will be able to gain further insight into the investigation from two very
different views. I hope their contributions will serve as a model for others who possess records that should be
part of the JFK Collection and available to the public. Last year, as part of its effort to make the JFK Collection
as complete as possible, the Review Board focused attention on potential sources of assassination records in
New Orleans. The Board conducted a public hearing in New Orleans in June 1995. After being approached by
the Review Board, the late Jim Garrisons family agreed to donate a collection of records on the assassination
of President Kennedy that Garrison had kept at his residence. The collection includes records from his
assassination investigation and prosecution of Clay Shaw, as well as other files on individuals or subjects that
Garrison thought were connected to the assassination. There are approximately 15,000 pages in the Garrison
collection. The family of the late Edward Wegmann, who was a member of the legal team which defended Clay
Shaw at his 1969 assassination conspiracy trial, agreed to donate Mr. Wegmanns files to the JFK Collection.
Some of the documents in the Wegmann collection came from the office files of District Attorney Garrison.
William Gurvich, an investigator for Garrison, made copies of many internal memoranda and witness
interviews from the District Attorneys files when he left the office after becoming disenchanted with Garrison
and the investigation. He turned the documents over to Shaws attorneys. There are approximately 6,000
pages in the Wegmann collection. The original documents being released today have been transferred to the
National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination
Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland. Copies of
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