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253ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD ACQUIRES PERSONAL PAPERS OF CLAY SHAW; ACQUITTED IN 69 FOR CONSPIRACY TO MURDER JFK The Assassination Records Review Board, the independent federal agency overseeing the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, announced today that it has acquired the original personal papers of the late Clay Shaw, the New Orleans businessman charged with conspiracy to murder President Kennedy. Shaw was acquitted after a jury trial in 1969. Shaw, who died in 1974, was charged as part of the Kennedy assassination investigation conducted by the late New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. The papers were kept by one of Shaws friends until two weeks ago when he donated the seven boxes of materials to the Review Board. The Shaw papers will surely add another dimension to this particular chapter of the assassination story, said Judge John R. Tunheim, Board chair. Because we had previously acquired records from District Attorney Garrisons office and one of Clay Shaws defense attorney, the addition of the Shaw personal papers means we now have an even more complete picture of events that relate to New Orleans. All of these materials will enrich the historical record of the assassination for future generations. Judge Tunheim made the announcement of the acquisition of the Shaw papers today at a hearing on H.R. 1553, which would authorize a one year extension for the Board, before the National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Tunheim highlighted for the Subcommittee an excerpt from Shaws diary in which he recounted a pre-arrest interview with a prosecutor from Garrisons office. Shaw wrote: I explained to Sciambra that I had not at any time had an opportunity to see Oswald, and had never met him under any other circumstances and added what turned out to be a very ironic remark that it was perhaps unfortunate that I did not because then I might possibly have been a tiny footnote in history. A copy of the page from the Shaw diary released by the Review Board today is available from the Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530; telephone number: (202) 724-0088. The entire collection of Shaw materials, which includes the diary, records from his criminal case, correspondence, business records, his passports, personal records and photographs, will eventually be available to the public as part of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facility in College Park, Maryland, after it has been processed by a NARA archivist. The Assassination Records Review Board was established by the JFK Act, which Record

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