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CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA . 198-059
VS. . 14:26 (30)
CLAY L. SHAW . SECTION "C"

PROCEEDINGS IN OPEN COURT OF
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21, 1969

Testimony of Lloyd J Cobb, Goldie Nannie Moore, Rex Kommer

B E F O R E:

THE HONORABLE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR.,

JUDGE, SECTION "C"

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WITNESS	DIRECT	CROSS	REDIRECT	RECROSS
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MISS GOLDIE NAOMIE MOORE	33	58	66	
REX L. KOMMER	67	71	74	75

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AFTERNOON SESSION

THE COURT:

Please note that the Jury is present, the

Defendant is present, and all

Counsel are present for both sides.

Are you ready to proceed?

MR. DYMOND:

Yes, sir.

MR. ALCOCK:

Yes, sir.

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LLOYD J. COBB,

a witness for the Defense, after first being duly

sworn by The Minute Clerk, was examined and testified

as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DYMOND:

Q Mr. Cobb, for the record would you kindly state
your full name.

A My name is Lloyd J. Cobb.

Q Mr. Cobb, what is your occupation?

A I am a lawyer.

Q Are you now or have you ever been associated
with or affiliated with the International

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Trade Mart here in New Orleans?

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A Yes.

Q In what capacity, sir?

A Well, I was original founder of the Trade Mart back in 1946 and served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and as a Vice-President until the death of Mr. William Zetzmann, Sr. in March 1962 shortly after which I became President.

Q That is President of the Trade Mart?

A Of International Trade Mart.

Q Are you still the President of the International Trade Mart?

A Yes.

Q Now, Mr. Cobb, are you acquainted with Mr. Clay Shaw, the Defendant in this case?

A Yes.

Q How long have you known him, sir?

A Since about 1946 when the Trade Mart was in its original organizational stages.

Q At that time was Mr. Shaw affiliated with the Trade Mart?

A No.

Q When if ever, did he become affiliated with the Trade Mart and in what capacity?

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1 A He became affiliated with the Trade Mart about 4
2 1946 to facilitate the remodeling of the
3 old Baldwin Building on Camp and Common
4 Streets until it became the original
5 Trade Mart and he participated in the
6 original financing and organization of the
7 Trade Mart.

8 Q Now did he become affiliated with the Trade Mart
9 after you became President or before?

10 A I became President in 1962, in March 1962, and
11 he had been affiliated with the Trade Mart
12 since 1946, approximately.

13 Q Now when you became President of the Trade Mart
14 in what capacity was Mr. Shaw affiliated
15 with the Trade Mart?

16 A He was Managing Director.

17 Q And how long did he continue in that position
18 to your knowledge, sir?

19 A Until October 1965.

20 Q Did he leave this position voluntarily or if not
21 under what circumstances?

22 A He left it entirely voluntarily. I think that
23 answers the question.

24 Q Now as Managing Director of the Trade Mart in
25 general and more particularly during the

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year 1963, what was the nature of his
duties?

A In 1963 he was acting as he had acted previously as Managing Director of the Trade Mart and as such he was in charge of the rental space and attention to exhibits in the Mart there and publication of the Mart's image generally.

In June of 1963 a contract was made with Blyth & Company in New York which had to do with the financing of the new Trade Mart which has been built at the head of Canal Street. After June of 1962, after June of '63 his responsibilities were directed towards handling his old job as I described and also facilitating in every way possible the creation of the new International Trade Mart complex.

Q Now, during the months of August, September and October 1963 was there anything unusual going on in connection with the new Trade Mart Building?

A We think it was unusual.

Q Will you please describe that.

A About June, about July 1963 this financing

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1 contract was entered into between the
2 International Trade Mart and Bloomfield
3 Building Industries, which later built the
4 building, and Blyth & Company for the sale
5 of bonds to finance the new 33-story
6 structure and the contract provided that
7 the closing date would be October 8, 1963,
8 a period of 90 days.

9 During that time the Trade Mart was
10 under the obligation when the bonds were
11 to be issued to do many things, one of
12 which was to get bonafide leases to support
13 the bond issue. The bond issue was to be
14 for \$12,800,000.00 and it was necessary to
15 inaugurate a crash campaign to get leases
16 from tenants, which leases were to
17 produce \$1,425,000.00 as I recall it,
18 gross annual rental to support the
19 \$12,800,000.00 bond issue, and the bond
20 issue ultimately concluded on October 10,
21 1963 in New York.

22 Q Now during the say three months preceding
23 October '63, did Mr. Shaw have any duties
24 in connection with the negotiating of
25 these leases for the proposed Trade Mart?

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1 A Well, as I have described it, it was a crash 7
2 operation and as President of International
3 Trade Mart, and the man responsible for
4 putting the deal together and bringing
5 about the issuance of the bonds to make
6 the Trade Mart possible, it was my respon-
7 sibility to delegate work, and the work
8 load of obtaining the leases was delegated
9 to Mr. Shaw for many reasons. There were
10 about 40 or 44 foreign consuls here in
11 New Orleans and Shaw had been working with
12 them over a long period of years so natur-
13 ally he was delegated to try and obtain
14 leases from them, which in turn meant in
15 many instances the changing of the offices
16 then occupied into the new building. He
17 was also in direct charge and was respon-
18 sible for obtaining other leases to make
19 up the total the investment company and
20 the insurance company standing by would
21 require before they would buy the bonds.

22 Q Would you or would you not term that a busy
23 period, Mr. Cobb?

24 MR. ALCOCK:

25 Object, Your Honor, as the question is --

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1 THE COURT:

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2 I will permit the question under the
3 circumstances. You may answer.

4 THE WITNESS:

5 It was busy to this extent. I practice
6 law and during that period of time I
7 worked on the project every day, I
8 don't recall even if I took a day off
9 during that whole period. We had a
10 dedicated team and had a job to do
11 and I had delegated it and everybody
12 knew what his responsibility was and
13 we were working under adverse condi-
14 tions because many civic and public
15 institutions in New Orleans and the
16 press were not in favor of the
17 project and, and it was a crash pro-
18 gram in every sense of the word.
19 There wasn't a moment when it was
20 left unattended.

21 Q Now, you say that you worked every day on this.

22 How many days a week?

23 A I personally worked probably around the clock
24 except for a little time out at home on
25 Sundays I worked around the clock.

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1 Q You worked on Saturdays?

2 A I worked on Saturday, on Sundays, I can't tell
3 you how many Sundays, but Sundays,
4 Saturdays, holidays.

5 Q Mr. Cobb, in connection with the work you were
6 doing on the project and Mr. Shaw, was it
7 necessary for you to contact him
8 frequently or not?

9 A Well, in the nature of things it was absolutely
10 necessary. Shaw had the responsibility for
11 obtaining leases from the counsels and
12 foreign governments; had responsibility
13 for obtaining other leases; and in addition
14 to that we were dealing with many public
15 agencies. For instance, we were dealing
16 with the Board of Commissioners for the
17 Port of New Orleans which involved the
18 demolition of the Dock Board Headquarters
19 at the head of Canal Street and the ex-
20 change of that property for two squares
21 that the Trade Mart owned that now form a
22 part of Rivergate. We were busily
23 engaged at that time working out with the
24 New Orleans Public Belt Railroad the
25 relocation of all railroad tracks of the

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1 Public Belt on the riverfront. We were 10
2 engaged with Southern Pacific Railroad
3 moving that railroad after 100 years clean
4 off the riverfront. We were engaged with
5 the Dock Board too in revamping the ferry
6 landing at Canal Street and then we were
7 working almost constantly with
8 Edward Durel Stone, the architect of the
9 Trade Mart, on the plans and specifications
10 which had to be submitted to the investment
11 house at the time of the closing, and
12 Mr. Shaw was, Shaw did more of that work
13 I think than anybody else deciding what
14 would go into the building and where and
15 what the cost would be and so forth.
16 Q When you say "we," in your testimony, to whom
17 are you referring?
18 A In connection with the Trade Mart project?
19 Q That is correct. In outlining what you had to
20 do.
21 A The whole project was put together by a good
22 many people but the responsibility in the
23 final analysis rested on, I would say,
24 three people.
25 Q Who were those three people?

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1 A It rested on Clay Shaw to obtain the leases

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2 and Mr. Jimmy Coleman and his office who
3 worked with me on a day-to-day basis,
4 working out all the legal details in con-
5 nection with the Mart and they were
6 considerable because when I went to New
7 York on October 8 to conclude the issue I
8 carried with me 44 separate legal documents
9 and over 100 leases all of which had to be
10 approved by counsel here, Mr. Coleman and
11 his associate, Mr. Yuratich and myself. 3.
12 Others worked on the project but the great
13 bulk of the work virtually all was done by
14 that small team.

15 Q You say you were working with Mr. James

16 Coleman on a day-to-day basis. On what
17 basis were you working with Clay Shaw?

18 A I was working with Clay Shaw during that period
19 almost on a constant basis. I don't mean,
20 I was with him but my office is in the
21 Whitney Bank Building and his office was
22 in the International Trade Mart Building
23 and we were talking back and forth through-
24 out the period in the negotiation of
25 leases and I was calling on him and he was

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1 asking me for advice with respect to
2 approaches to be made to this tenant or
3 that tenant and more or less constantly
4 dealing together.

5 Q Do you recall any work days during that approxi-
6 mate three-month period that you were not
7 in touch with Clay Shaw?

8 A Well, I recall there was one day during that
9 period when I was not in touch with him
10 because he had requested me --

11 MR. ALCOCK:

12 I'm going to object to anything Shaw said
13 to him.

14 THE WITNESS:

15 One day, then.

16 THE COURT:

17 I think he could say what Mr. Cobb would
18 do as a result of a conversation with
19 Mr. Shaw. You may rephrase your
20 question.

21 BY MR. DYMOND:

22 Q My question was whether you remembered any days
23 you had not been in contact with him dur-
24 ing that three-month period.

25 A I do remember one day.

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1 Q Do you know where he was during that one day? 13
2 A Yes, I do.
3 Q To your knowledge, was any representative of
4 the Trade Mart able to reach him on that
5 day?
6 A To my knowledge, yes.
7 Q Where was he reached?
8 A In Hammond, Louisiana.
9 Q Hammond, Louisiana?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Do you know what day that was, Mr. Cobb?
12 A The date was September 25, 1963.
13 Q Mr. Cobb, you are pretty familiar with
14 Louisiana?
15 A Yes.
16 Q How far approximately is Hammond, Louisiana from
17 Clinton, Louisiana, roughly?
18 A I would say about 90 miles.
19 Q Now, Mr. Cobb, in view of the nature and inten-
20 sity of the work you and Mr. Shaw were
21 performing at that time if he had been
22 absent from work on a work day would you
23 have noticed it?
24 A I would have done more than noticed it.
25 Q What would you have done?

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1 A Well, all of us were working as a dedicated 14
2 team and there would have been a point
3 made as he was being paid and I wasn't.
4 We had a job to do and we were out to get
5 it done.

6 Q Now Shaw -- Mr. Cobb, in view of the length of
7 time you have known Mr. Shaw would you say
8 you are familiar or not familiar with his
9 manner of dress?

10 A I am familiar with it to the extent of what I
11 have seen in his business contacts.

12 Q Have you ever known him to wear a hat?

13 A No.

14 Q Have you ever known him to wear tight pants?

15 A No.

16 Q Would you tell us how he customarily dressed for
17 business occasions?

18 A He dressed like any ordinary businessman in all
19 his contacts with the Trade Mart.

20 Q By any ordinary businessman, how would you
21 describe that?

22 A On the conservative side.

23 Q According to your definition of "conservative"
24 style would a striped sport coat fit in
25 that?

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1 MR. ALCOCK:

2 I object, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT:

4 What was your question?

5 MR. DYMOND:

6 According to his definition of conservative
7 side would a striped sports coat
8 fit in that.

9 THE COURT:

10 Let him tell it to you. Let Mr. Cobb tell
11 you.

12 BY MR. DYMOND:

13 Q How would you describe the conservative
14 businessman's dress?

15 A Like these gentlemen, like you are dressed
16 like I am dressed, there was n
17 unusual about his dress and
18 notice particularly.

19 Q Now, Mr. Cobb, were you on t
20 committee that greet
21 when he visited t
22 assassination?

23 A Yes, I was.

24 Q Do you know wheth
25 committee?

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1 A He, he was.

2 Q Did you see him at any time during the
3 reception of President Kennedy or the
4 festivities or proceedings that took
5 place in connection with it?

6 A Yes, I saw him.

7 Q Did you notice anything unusual about his
8 dress at that time?

9 A No.

10 Q Could you say whether or not he was wearing
11 tight pants at that time?

12 A If he had been wearing tight pants I would have
13 noticed it so my answer is no.

14 Q Mr. Cobb, would you say that in view of your
15 knowledge of Mr. Shaw that you were and
16 are familiar with his political views and
17 feelings?

18 A Well, from time to time there were discussions --
19 MR. ALCOCK:

20 Your Honor, any discussions with Mr. Shaw
21 or any political views expressed by
22 Mr. Shaw to Cobb would of necessity
23 be hearsay.

24 THE COURT:

25 You are correct.

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1 BY MR. DYMOND:

2 Q Did Mr. Shaw ever do anything that indicated to
3 you his political feelings were liberal or
4 conservative?

5 A Yes, he indicated on many occasions --

6 MR. ALCOCK:

7 I object, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT:

9 I sustain the objection.

10 BY MR. DYMOND:

11 Q Do you, Mr. Cobb, have any opinion as to what
12 Mr. Shaw's political beliefs were?

13 MR. ALCOCK:

14 I object again, Your Honor.

15 MR. DYMOND:

16 If The Court please, that is something
17 upon which an ordinary individual
18 could have an opinion.

19 MR. ALCOCK:

20 He could only have it by having conversa-
21 tions with him.

22 MR. DYMOND:

23 It could have been gained through actions
24 and other things. I am sure Your Honor
25 has opinions --

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1 THE COURT:

2 It could have been gained in ways other
3 than what was said by Mr. Shaw to
4 Cobb.

5 MR. ALCOCK:

6 I think that ought to be established before
7 the area is explored.

8 THE COURT:

9 See if you can find out.

10 BY MR. DYMOND:

11 Q Mr. Cobb, upon what do you base your opinion as
12 to Mr. Shaw's political beliefs?

13 MR. ALCOCK:

14 He hasn't expressed an opinion.

15 THE COURT:

16 He asked if he had one.

17 THE WITNESS:

18 I have an opinion in answer to that ques-
19 tion and it is based on discussions,
20 and his general reputation with
21 respect to his beliefs concerning
22 political parties and the trend of
23 the country.

24 BY MR. DYMOND:

25 Q Do you know other people that knew him?

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1 A Naturally, yes, of course.

2 Q Among those people did you know what his
3 reputation was about political beliefs?

4 MR. ALCOCK:

5 Any political beliefs professed by the
6 Defendants are results of conversa-
7 tions by him and others and is all
8 hearsay.

9 MR. DYMOND:

10 Your Honor, the witness testified it was
11 based basically on reputation.

12 THE COURT:

13 Mr. Alcock, Mr. Dymond has rephrased his
14 question to bring it in the realm of
15 general reputation alluding to
16 character, and one of the traits,
17 honesty, would be political thoughts
18 or beliefs. It is a trait in a human
19 being and since you laid a predicate
20 I will permit it.

21 MR. ALCOCK:

22 Your Honor, I would like to suggest to The
23 Court that if we are going into
24 character traits that only that
25 character trait is what is generally

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1 known and not this man's appreciation 20
2 of the character trait was.

3 THE COURT:

4 Will you explore that further?

5 MR. DYMOND:

6 Yes.

7 BY MR. DYMOND:

8 Q Mr. Cobb, did Mr. Shaw bear the reputation of
9 being a conservative or a liberal?

10 A In my judgment he very definitely bears a
11 reputation of being a liberal.

12 Q Have you ever known him to bear the reputation
13 of a conservative?

14 A No, just the opposite.

15 Q Mr. Cobb, do you know whether or not Mr. Shaw
16 ever took any active part in the Civil
17 Rights movement?

18 THE COURT:

19 This is of his own knowledge.

20 THE WITNESS:

21 Of my own knowledge he did not and in his
22 capacity of Managing Director of the
23 Trade Mart if he had taken part it
24 would have been objected to.

25 MR. DYMOND:

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BY MR. DYMOND:

Q Mr. Cobb, I show three, I show you a photograph which has been marked for identification State-40, and ask you whether you recognize that as anyone in whose company you have ever seen Clay Shaw?

A I do not recognize it.

Q I show you a photograph marked for identification State-1 and ask you the same question.

A No, I do not recognize him.

Q I show you a photograph marked State-3 and I will ask the same question.

A No.

Q I now show you a photograph marked for identification State-16-T and ask you the same question.

A It looks like a corpse.

Q It is a corpse. Have you ever seen this person
in the company of Clay Shaw?

A No.

Q Mr. Cobb, I show you a photograph marked for identification State-19, and ask you if you have ever seen that man in the company

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1 of Clay Shaw?

2 A I have never seen this man anywhere at any time.

3 Q Now, of the people depicted in the photographs
4 which I have just shown you, Mr. Cobb, have
5 you ever seen any of those people in the
6 International Trade Mart to your knowledge?

7 A I have no recollection of ever having seen any
8 one of them anywhere any time.

9 Q Have you ever known Mr. Clay Shaw to go under
10 any aliases or any other than his true
11 name of Clay L. Shaw?

12 A No.

13 Q Have you ever known of him being known as
14 Clay Bertrand?

15 A Not until this case arose and these allegations
16 of that fact were made, prior to that I
17 never have.

18 Q Have you ever known him to be known as Clem
19 Bertrand?

20 A I would give the same answer to that.

21 Q Are you acquainted with an attorney named
22 Dean Andrews?

23 A No. I know who he is.

24 Q Do you know him when you see him?

25 A No, I don't think I would but perhaps I would

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1 from the newspaper publicity but I don't 23
2 recall ever having met him or being in his
3 presence.
4 Q Have you ever seen his pictures published?
5 A Yes, I have seen it in the press.
6 Q Answer this question on the basis of the picture
7 you have seen in the press. Have you ever
8 seen him in the company of Clay Shaw or in
9 the International Trade Mart Building?
10 A No.
11 Q Now, Mr. Cobb, referring back to November of 1963
12 were you aware of any arrangements
13 having been made by Mr. Shaw to go to the
14 West Coast of this country?
15 A Yes.
16 Q To the best of your knowledge when did you
17 become aware of such arrangements?
18 A In the early part of September, it may have
19 been the late part of August but about
20 that time.
21 Q Do you know what was the purpose of that trip?
22 A The purpose of the trip was to make an address
23 on the West Coast having to do with the
24 International Trade Mart of New Orleans
25 and world trade.

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1 Q Did you give any permission in connection with 24
2 this trip or approve this trip?
3 A I approved it.
4 Q What was the proposed date of the trip,
5 approximately, Mr. Cobb?
6 A I didn't know at the time I approved it. It
7 was to be in November.
8 Q Did you have any question in your mind whether
9 you would approve it or not and if so,
10 why?
11 A Well, at that time I wasn't approving any trips
12 at all unless they appeared to be
13 absolutely necessary, and we had one ob-
14 jective and one objective alone and that
15 was to consummate the sale of the bonds
16 that were set for October 8 and delay
17 extended to October 10. I during that
18 period of time, I accepted no speaking
19 engagements and I think I requested Shaw
20 not to accept any, but this was going to be
21 after the closing date and either we would
22 have a deal or wouldn't have one, so it
23 didn't make any difference and I approved
24 it.
25 Q Would you have approved an out of town trip for

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1 Mr. Shaw during August, or September, or 25
2 October of 1963?

3 A On a speaking engagement?

4 Q That is correct.

5 A I would not have approved it and I think I
6 mentioned to Mr. Shaw that I did not want
7 him to accept any speaking engagements
8 during that period. My recollection is I
9 told him that several times during the
10 year because under prior administrations
11 he accepted speaking engagements as in his
12 discretion seemed appropriate.

13 Q Was there anything unusual about Clay Shaw
14 accepting out of town speaking engagements?

15 A No, it had been going on for years.

16 Q Now, Mr. Cobb, of your own knowledge do you know
17 who paid for this trip to the West Coast
18 by Mr. Clay Shaw?

19 A Well, I have seen the correspondence and from
20 the records of the Trade Mart the trip was
21 paid for by the people in Portland direct
22 to Travel Consultants.

23 MR. DYMOND:

24 I tender the witness.

25 CROSS-EXAMINATION

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1 BY MR. ALCOCK:

2 Q Mr. Cobb, did you have occasion, let's limit
3 this to 1963, did you have occasion to see
4 Clay Shaw, the Defendant in this case much
5 after working hours?

6 A I didn't hear the question.

7 Q Did you have occasion to see the Defendant much
8 after working hours during the year 1963?

9 A Clay Shaw and I were never social friends and
10 I had little or no social contact except
11 in the performance of his duties with the
12 Trade Mart. He had in charge visiting
13 dignitaries or others and then I was in
14 contact with him but I had, I may have had
15 a drink with him or a group after office
16 hours on occasion but other than that, no.

17 Q Have you ever been to his apartment?

18 A No, never.

19 Q I take it then, that in the summer of 1963 that
20 after working hours you had little or no
21 contact with him, is that correct?

22 A That is exactly what I said.

23 Q Do you recall what he was wearing on the
24 Nashville Street Wharf that day when
25 President Kennedy spoke?

1 A I don't recall what his apparel was on that
2 occasion but it wasn't any different than
3 what it was on other occasions or else I
4 would have noticed it.

5 Q I take it then by your answer relative to no
6 social contact that you don't know what
7 he wore generally when he was away from
8 the Trade Mart?

9 A No, I do not.

10 Q Do you recall what time you and Shaw arrived
11 at the Nashville Street Wharf on the day
12 the President spoke?

13 A I went out to the airport with, in a car I
14 think our car was fourth or fifth and
15 Mr. Nicholas Trist of St. Bernard Parish
16 was in the car. It was an open sports
17 car and my guess, and I'm only guessing,
18 is that we arrived at the Nashville Street
19 Wharf around 11:30 or so, but I don't
20 remember particularly what time it was. I
21 know the parade was a little delayed.

22 Q Were you with Mr. Trist?

23 A I was with Nicholas Trist and one or two other
24 people but I don't recall who they were.

25 Q You stayed there the entire time the President

spoke?

A Yes. I think I was on the platform and nobody left the platform until the President left for security purposes.

Q Do you know, Mr. Cobb, or did you know, Mr. Cobb, whether or not the Defendant had relatives in Clinton, Louisiana?

A Relatives in what?

Q Clinton, Louisiana.

A I don't know.

Q Have you ever made any trips outside the City of New Orleans with the Defendant by automobile?

A You are going back over a long period of years.

Q Let's limit it to 1963.

A I am sure I did not.

Q I take it you knew he was from Hammond, is that correct?

A I knew he lived in Hammond but I didn't know his family and never met his mother or father.

Q Do you know Mr. Jeff Biddison?

A Yes.

Q Where did you know him from?

A I am a poodle lover.

1 Q A poodle?

2 A Yes. I have poodles and we had a poodle that
3 was giving trouble around the house
4 because we were trying to raise two male
5 poodles in the same house and that didn't
6 work, so my wife decided to get rid of one
7 of them and we tried to pawn it off on
8 many people and somehow or another we
9 found out Jeff Biddison liked poodles and
10 we maneuvered to get him to take it.

11 Q Is that the only occasion you met him on?

12 A I saw Jeff Biddison for a moment a couple of
13 nights ago just to say hello and I don't
14 think I've seen him in years.

15 Q Do you know whether or not the Defendant, Clay
16 Shaw, was friendly with Jeff Biddison?

17 A I do not of my own knowledge, no, sir.

18 Q Do you know of your own knowledge what type of
19 automobile Jeff Biddison drives?

20 A No, I have never seen his automobile. -- You
21 said Biddison?

22 Q Yes.

23 A I have never seen him in an automobile.

24 Q Now did the Defendant come to you and request of
25 you that he be allowed to make this

speaking engagement on the West Coast?

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A There was a discussion between him and me in the latter part of August or September and these people from Portland had previously contacted the Trade Mart and they wanted Shaw, as I understood it at the time, and he said he would like to go about that time and there was to be some celebration out there, and I said "All right."

Q This was unusual because I think you testified you were against speaking engagements at that time?

A I was against speaking engagements while the Trade Mart financing was taking place but this was to take place in November. The Trade Mart processing had a deadline of October 8 and as I said before it didn't make any difference one way or the other whether he went, that is, from the Trade Mart viewpoint.

Q Do you know a gentleman by the name of Gordon Novell?

A No.

Q Do you ever recall his negotiating for a concession at the International Trade Mart?

1 A I don't know Novell. I have never been in con- 31
2 tact with him and I have absolutely no
3 knowledge that he ever approached the Trade
4 Mart for any kind of concession.
5 Q Did you know a Mr. Mario Bermudez in the summer
6 of '63 and fall of '63?
7 A Yes.
8 Q What was his position?
9 A In the fall of '63?
10 Q In the fall of '63, correct.
11 A In the fall of '63 I think Mr. Bermudez was --
12 at first he was Executive Director or
13 Executive Vice-President of the Cordell
14 Hull Foundation and he was -- He may have
15 been Secretary of the International
16 Relations Committee of the City of New
17 Orleans, but if he was not then he had
18 been appointed Secretary General of the
19 Inter-American Municipal Organization.
20 I would have to look in the records to
21 tell you precisely what his position was
22 at that time.
23 Q Do you know whether or not he knew the Defendant
24 at that time, during that time?
25 A Whether he was aware?

1 Q Whether or not he knew the Defendant Shaw dur- 32
2 ing that time period.
3 A I am sure he did know Shaw. They worked
4 together.
5 MR. ALCOCK:
6 No further questions.
7 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION
8 BY MR. DYMOND:
9 Q One thing. You have testified you didn't have
10 any contact with Mr. Shaw after working
11 hours. What were your normal working hours
12 during August, September and early
13 October '63?
14 A Mr. Dymond, I don't have any normal working
15 hours and if I have work to do I do it and
16 when I don't have work to do I do something
17 else.
18 Q Well, was your contact with Mr. Shaw confined
19 to the hours say between 8:00 and 5:00
20 o'clock, 8:00 in the morning and 5:00 in
21 the evening?
22 A Not during that period. During that period I
23 suppose I got down to my office innumer-
24 able times before 7:00 o'clock and maybe
25 I didn't get home until 10:00 or 11:00 at

1 night. We were working right on through
2 and I am not saying Shaw was there all the
3 time, but he was always available to me,
4 I could reach him, I knew where he was
5 during the regular day and we were talking
6 back and forth and agreements were coming
7 over to me and I was either approving or
8 sending them to Mr. Coleman's office for
9 revamping and something was happening
10 almost every minute of the day during that
11 period. It was perhaps the busiest period
12 during my entire life.

13 MR. DYMOND:

14 Thank you.

15 THE COURT:

16 Is Mr. Shaw released from the obligations
17 of the subpoena -- I mean Mr. Cobb?

18 MR. DYMOND:

19 Yes, Mr. Cobb is.

20oo...

21 MISS GOLDIE NAOMIE MOORE,
22 a witness for the Defendant, after first being duly
23 sworn by The Minute Clerk, was examined and testified
24 as follows:

25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. DYMOND:

2 Q Mrs. Moore, would you try to speak right in the
3 end of that microphone and I don't think
4 we will have any trouble.

5 A Yes.

6 Q For the record, Mrs. Moore, what is your name?

7 A Miss Goldie Naomie Moore.

8 Q Goldie Naomie Moore?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Where are you employed?

11 A I am employed as the Executive Secretary of the
12 Plimsell Club and International Trade
13 Mart.

14 MR. ALCOCK:

15 I ask that the witness speak a little
16 louder.

17 THE COURT:

18 A little louder, Miss Moore.

19 BY MR. DYMOND:

20 Q How long have you been connected with the
21 International Trade Mart, Miss Moore?

22 A Since February 6, 1946.

23 Q Are you acquainted with this Defendant,
24 Mr. Clay L. Shaw?

25 A Yes, I am.

1 Q Did you ever know him to be employed by
2 International Trade Mart?

3 A Yes, he was our Managing Director.

4 Q Who was there first, you or Mr. Shaw?

5 A Mr. Shaw, perhaps a few days after I came.

6 Q Now when Mr. Shaw was Managing Director of
7 International Trade Mart, what was your
8 position?

9 A I was his secretary.

10 Q And for how long were you his secretary?

11 A Oh, for 19 years, from the time I started until
12 Mr. Shaw left the Trade Mart.

13 Q So when he left the Trade Mart, left his
14 employment there, you were still his
15 secretary, is that correct?

16 A That is correct.

17 Q So then, were you his secretary during the
18 entire year 1963, Mrs. Moore?

19 A Yes, I was.

20 Q Will you please tell us as best you can the
21 extent of your duties as secretary to
22 Mr. Shaw?

23 A I handled his correspondence. I opened mail.
24 I helped answer the telephone. I took all
25 his dictation. I attended Board and

Executive Meetings and took minutes there-
of. I answered some of the mail on my
own as he instructed me to. I guess the
usual duties of most executive secretaries.

Q Sort of a "Girl Friday" would you say?

A I think so.

Q Miss Moore, did you have occasion to handle any
correspondence in connection with a trip
by Mr. Shaw to the West Coast of this
country, more particularly Oregon, in the
year 1963?

A Yes, sir, I did.

Q Do you have with you any files or any written
information?

A Yes, I do.

Q Miss Moore, from your file, if you have this
information, what was the first correspon-
dence concerning that trip?

A Well -- Thank you -- Mr. Shaw had been in cor-
respondence with a Mr. Little -- I'm sorry
-- in Portland.

THE COURT:

Don't you want the date of the correspon-
dence?

BY MR. DYMOND:

1 Q In Portland?

2 A My first correspondence is May 10, 1963.

3 Q May I see that, please?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 MR. DYMOND:

6 Now, you want to see this, Mr. Alcock?

7 MR. ALCOCK:

8 Yes.

9 BY MR. DYMOND:

10 Q Miss Moore, you testified --

11 THE COURT:

12 May I have a look at it, Mr. Dymond. The

13 other day they were talking about an

14 exhibit and everybody saw it but me.

15 BY MR. DYMOND:

16 Q Miss Moore, I ask you to read this letter and

17 tell me if it was in connection with that

18 trip.

19 THE COURT:

20 Just read it to herself.

21 MR. DYMOND:

22 Right.

23 THE WITNESS:

24 I would say that it is. They, they had

25 in mind building a Trade Mart and

1 then -- I am sorry, -- and later on
2 when the people wanted to convince
3 the public they then invited Mr. Shaw
4 in the fall of the year as a speaker.

5 Q Is it a fact that this letter of May 10 does
6 not specifically refer to that trip?

7 A That is right.

8 Q May I see the next letter you have.

9 A Yes, sir.

10 (Document is exhibited to Counsel
11 for the State and The Court.)

12 THE COURT:

13 Would you mark that letter.

14 MR. DYMOND:

15 We are not going to use this other letter.

16 Mark it "D-21" as long as we talked
17 about it and I will give the letter

18 "D-21" which is the letter of May 10.

19 BY MR. DYMOND:

20 Q Now, Mrs. Moore, I show you a letter dated
21 September 11, 1963, from the First
22 National Bank of Oregon, Portland, Oregon,
23 marked for identification "D-22" and I ask
24 you whether you can identify this is as
25 a letter received at the International

Trade Mart?

A I can.

MR. DYMOND:

If The Court please, in connection with
this witness I would like to offer,
file and produce this letter marked
D-22 in evidence.

THE COURT:

Did you see it, Mr. Alcock?

MR. ALCOCK:

Yes, sir.

MR. DYMOND:

With The Court's permission I would like
to read the letter to the Jury.

MR. ALCOCK:

No objection.

THE COURT:

No objection, so you may read it.

MR. DYMOND:

I would first read the letterhead, which
of course is not part of the letter,
its First National Bank of Oregon,
Portland, International Banking
Department, 400 S.W. Sixth, Post
Office Box 3457, Portland 8, Oregon.

1 Cable Address: MULTNOMAH. It is
2 dated September 11, 1963 addressed to
3 Mr. Clay Shaw, Executive Director,
4 New Orleans International Trade Mart,
5 New Orleans, Louisiana.

6 "Dear Mr. Shaw:

7 "As President of the Columbia
8 Basin Export-Import Conference I am
9 very pleased to learn that you have
10 accepted our invitation to be the
11 Tuesday Noon, November 25 speaker
12 before Portland Rotary and the Con-
13 ference. I know that your experience
14 in the promotion of international
15 trade will do much to make your talk
16 a highlight of this Conference and
17 will certainly leave many ideas with
18 us. As Bob Sweaney told you, the
19 theme of our Conference, 'Is Europe,
20 Our Market?', is quite pertinent
21 since we traded \$110 Million with
22 that area in 1962 through the Oregon
23 Customs District. This trade is
24 about three to one in our favor and
25 for the most part runs in basic

1 commodities, although manufactured
2 items are showing some increase. I
3 would hope that your talk could make
4 major reference to the European mar-
5 ket but conclude on a positive note
6 that will influence people to think
7 of the potential of establishing a
8 Columbia Basin World Trade Center in
9 Portland.

10 "The Columbia Basin Export-
11 Import Conference has been a very
12 loosely-knit, volunteer group of
13 people putting on a program once a
14 year for the purpose of promotion of
15 international trade in our area. Al-
16 though we are now incorporated not
17 only to maintain this function but
18 also to take on additional activities
19 such as possibly a world trade center,
20 our finances are quite limited since
21 we have existed only from the regis-
22 tration fees of the Conference.
23 However, recognizing the importance
24 of your presence, not only toward a
25 successful Conference, but also to

1 the furthering of a World Trade
2 Center idea, we will be pleased to
3 reimburse you for your actual
4 expenses.

5 "I am leaving today for an ex-
6 tended trip to Europe, and I would
7 hope that you would send necessary
8 photos and biographical sketch to
9 Robert Sweaney, Manager, Chamber of
10 Commerce, Portland, Oregon who is the
11 program chairman of our conference.

12 "Sincerely yours,

13 "/s/ Bill Wells

14 "William R. Wells

15 "Vice-President in Charge

16 "International Banking Depart-
17 ment."

18 BY MR. DYMOND:

19 Q Now, Miss Moore, this letter marked for identi-
20 fication D-22 refers to Mr. Wells having
21 learned that Mr. --

22 MR. ALCOCK:

23 I object, Your Honor, as the letter speaks
24 for itself.
25

1 THE COURT:

2 I sustain the objection.

3 BY MR. DYMOND:

4 Q Very well. Will you refer to the letter in
5 connection with my question, Miss Moore.
6 Do you know of any written correspondence,
7 or correspondence of another type, that
8 is, telephonic, telegraphic or otherwise,
9 that preceded this letter but covered the
10 same subject?

11 A I received a call from Mr. Sweaney in which he
12 asked for a photograph and biographical
13 sketch of Mr. Shaw and I wrote him on the
14 18th, sending this material.

15 Q Let me ask you this: Did you participate in
16 any conversations or know of any conver-
17 sations before the date -- oops, excuse
18 me, -- before the date of this September
19 11 letter?

20 A There was, I don't recall the exact date but
21 our records, our telephone records show
22 there was calls between Mr. Shaw and
23 Portland.

24 Q Could you tell us approximately how long before
25 September 11, 1963?

1 MR. ALCOCK:

2 Unless we get the records it is hearsay.

3 THE COURT:

4 I think, Mr. Dymond, if the witness spoke
5 on the telephone she can state yes
6 or no she did have conversations
7 without going into what the conversa-
8 tions were.

9 BY MR. DYMOND:

10 Q Did you participate in any phone calls, or
11 receive any phone calls, concerning this
12 subject matter prior to September 11, '63?

13 A Not I, sir.

14 THE COURT:

15 Mrs. Moore --

16 THE WITNESS:

17 This is the only telephone I had direct
18 with Oregon.

19 THE COURT:

20 That is what he is asking and the answer
21 is "Yes, you did."

22 BY MR. DYMOND:

23 Q The phone calls you received were after this
24 date, is that correct?

25 A On this date, sir.

1 MR. ALCOCK:

2 The 18th.

3 BY MR. DYMOND:

4 Q The 18th. Miss Moore, do you have in your
5 possession any brochures concerning this
6 trade conference referred to in the letter
7 D-22?

8 A Yes, sir, I do.

9 Q And --

10 THE COURT:

11 Miss Moore, I can't hear you because you
12 are speaking to Mr. Dymond but it has
13 to go to the Jury.

14 THE WITNESS:

15 Yes, sir, I do.

16 BY MR. DYMOND:

17 Q Now how did you come -- Just one moment,
18 Miss Moore. Miss Moore, I now show you a
19 brochure you have just handed to me and
20 which I have marked D-23 and I ask you
21 how you came in possession of this?

22 A Uh, I wrote the Harbor News on November 13.

23 I understood Mr. Edward A. Leeland --

24 MR. ALCOCK:

25 I object, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT:

2 The objection is well taken.

3 Did you receive that in the

4 mail?

5 THE WITNESS:

6 Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT:

8 Personally or in the mail?

9 THE WITNESS:

10 In the mail, yes.

11 BY MR. DYMOND:

12 Q Was that at the International Trade Mart that
13 you received this?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 MR. DYMOND:

16 In connection with the testimony of this
17 witness I'd like to offer, file in
18 evidence the brochure marked D-23.

19 MR. ALCOCK:

20 If Your Honor please, I think The Court
21 ought to look at the brochure. It is
22 totally irrelevant except for one
23 small portion.

24 THE COURT:

25 I will permit it as corroborative evidence.

1 You might note for the record it is
2 the October '63 issue.

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3 MR. DYMOND:

4 That is correct.

5 THE COURT:

6 I will admit D-23 for corroborative
7 evidence.

8 MR. DYMOND:

9 All right. May I show it to the Jury?

10 THE COURT:

11 Yes.

12 MR. DYMOND:

13 Pass this down the line, please.

14 BY MR. DYMOND:

15 Q Now, Miss Moore, were you Mr. Shaw's secretary
16 during the negotiation of the leases for
17 the new Trade Mart Building back in '63?

18 A Yes, sir, I was.

19 Q Was there anything unusual about the work load,
20 at that time during the say 90 days pre-
21 ceding the windup of the leasing?

22 A It was a tremendous task we had to accomplish.

23 Q Now when you say "tremendous task we had to
24 accomplish," whom are you referring to?

25 A Mr. Shaw --

1 THE COURT:

2 Speak louder, please.

3 THE WITNESS:

4 Mr. Shaw and I helped in typing up offers
5 to lease and Mr. Shaw attended many
6 meetings and we had correspondence in
7 regard to offers to lease.

8 BY MR. DYMOND:

9 Q Did you during that period have any occasion
10 to be in touch with Mr. Lloyd Cobb?

11 A Mr. Cobb was our President. He met many times
12 with Mr. Shaw.

13 Q During the approximate 90 days preceding the
14 windup of the lease negotiations would you
15 say that that period was a usual period
16 of work for Mr. Shaw or unusual, and if
17 unusual, in what respect?

18 A I would say that it was, it was unusual because
19 we were trying, we wanted to build the
20 new Trade Mart and therefore in order to
21 do so our work load was much heavier.

22 Q Do you recall any days, any work days, on which
23 Mr. Shaw was absent from the office in that
24 period?

25 A Only one.

1 Q When was that if you recall?

2 A September 25.

3 Q And how do you happen to recall that day,

4 Miss Moore?

5 A I had occasion to call Hammond where his mother
6 and father lived because I had a call from
7 our of our Directors --

8 MR. ALCOCK:

9 I object to that, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT:

11 I think she has answered the question and
12 the reason why isn't important.

13 BY MR. DYMOND:

14 Q Do you know Mr. Shaw's voice on the telephone
15 when you hear it?

16 A Yes, I do.

17 Q Were you able to reach Mr. Shaw on the telephone
18 while he was in Hammond?

19 A Yes, sir, I did.

20 Q Approximately what time, what time of day or
21 night was that, Miss Moore?

22 A Well, I would say probably sometime before
23 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock, I can't really say
24 the exact hour.

25 THE COURT:

1 I would assume you mean 5:00 p.m.?

2 THE WITNESS:

3 Yes, sir.

4 BY MR. DYMOND:

5 Q To your knowledge were there any other work
6 days that he was absent from the office
7 during that period?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Were you absent from the office during any of
10 that work period?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Now, Miss Moore, you testified one of your
13 duties was to open the mail, is that cor-
14 rect?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q Did you ever receive any letters at the Trade
17 Mart addressed to either Clay Bertrand or
18 Clem Bertrand?

19 A Never.

20 Q Have you ever known Mr. Shaw to go by any name
21 other than his true name of Clay L. Shaw?

22 A I have never known him to go by any other name.

23 Q Have you ever received any telephone calls for
24 a person by the name of Clay Bertrand or
25 Clem Bertrand?

1 A No, sir.

2 (RECESS)

3 THE COURT:

4 Is the State and Defense ready to proceed?

5 MR. DYMOND:

6 Yes, sir.

7 MR. ALCOCK:

8 Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT:

10 You may proceed, Mr. Dymond.

11 BY MR. DYMOND:

12 Q Miss Moore, do you know who paid Mr. Shaw's
13 expenses on that trip to Portland?

14 A The Portland Basin Association asked him to
15 address them.

16 Q Do you have any correspondence or any other
17 documents in your file which might indi-
18 cate who paid this bill?

19 A Yes, sir, I do.

20 Q May I see what you have, please.

21 A (The witness complies with request of Counsel.)

22 BY MR. ALCOCK:

23 May I see it, Irvin?

24 BY MR. DYMOND:

25 Q Miss Moore, I show you a copy --

1 THE COURT:

2 May I see it for just a second?

3 BY MR. DYMOND:

4 Q Miss Moore, I show you a copy of a letter dated
5 December 4, 1963 which has been marked for
6 identification D-24 and I asked you whether
7 you typed the original of this letter?

8 A I did, sir.

9 Q And what was done with the original?

10 A I mailed it to Mr. Wells.

11 Q And who is Mr. Wells?

12 A Vice-President in Charge of the International
13 Banking Department, First National Bank of
14 Oregon, Post Office Box 3457, Portland 8,
15 Oregon.

16 MR. DYMOND:

17 In connection with the testimony of this
18 witness I'd like to offer, file and
19 produce in evidence this copy of the,
20 letter marked D-24 and I'd like to
21 read it to the Jury.

22 THE COURT:

23 Any objections?

24 MR. ALCOCK:

25 As I appreciate the letter it was written

by the Defendant and it is hearsay.

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THE COURT:

It is corroborative evidence and I will
permit it. You may read it.

MR. DYMOND:

December 4, 1963.

"Mr. William R. Wells, Vice-
President in Charge, International
Banking Department, First National
Bank of Oregon, Post Office Box 3457,
Portland 8, Oregon.

"Dear Bill:

"I am back home again safe and
sound but still seem to have the cold
I picked up in the West. Everything
out your way seemd to be bigger and
better, including Bunyon size
microbes.

"It was certainly good to be with
you and I hope the talk will do some
good. I am certainly appreciative of
all your kindness and hospitality,
particularly in view of the trying
circumstances surrounding the occasion.

"I am enclosing herewith bill in

1 the amount of \$346.66 from Travel
2 Consultants, Inc. who booked my
3 transportation and I would appreciate
4 it if you would have the Columbian
5 Basin Export-Import Conference send
6 a check directly to them in Room 100,
7 International Trade Mart, 124 Camp
8 Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

9 "Please thank all your associates
10 for their kindnesses to me and if
11 there is any further information that
12 you think might be helpful in further-
13 ing your World Trade Center in Port-
14 land, please do not hesitate to call
15 upon me for anything I can tell you.

16 "Regards,

17 "Sincerely,

18 "/s/ Clay L. Shaw

19 "P.S. I will be most grateful
20 if you could have someone send back
21 the blow-up photograph of the Trade
22 Mart by Railway Express collect.

23 Thanks."

24 BY MR. DYMOND:

25 Q Now, Miss Moore, as a result of that letter do

you know whether the bill with Travel

Consultants Inc. was paid?

A I would say it was. We, I never received the
check though.

Q Did you ever receive another bill from them?

A No, sir.

Q Now, Miss Moore, I show you a photograph marked
for identification as State-1, which has
been identified as a photograph of Lee
Harvey Oswald, and ask you whether you have
ever seen this person in the company of
the Defendant Clay Shaw or otherwise?

A Never.

Q I show you a photograph which has been marked
for identification S-19, having been
identified as a photograph of Lee Harvey
Oswald with a beard drawn on it and I ask
you whether you recognize that as any
person with whom you have ever seen
Mr. Clay Shaw, or whom you have ever seen
otherwise?

A I do not recognize him.

THE COURT:

Keep your voice raised.

THE WITNESS:

1 I do not recognize him.

2 BY MR. DYMOND:

3 Q Now I show you a photograph marked for identi-
4 fication State-10, being a photograph of
5 the late David W. Ferrie and I ask you
6 whether you have ever seen that man with
7 Mr. Clay Shaw or have you ever seen him
8 anyplace else?

9 A I have never seen him with Mr. Clay Shaw or
10 any other place.

11 Q Now, Miss Moore, in the years that you have
12 known Mr. Shaw have you become familiar
13 with his manner of dress?

14 A He always wore a conservative business suit.

15 Q Have you ever known him to wear tight pants?

16 A Never.

17 Q Have you ever known him to wear a hat?

18 A Never.

19 Q Have you ever seen him with a hat on --

20 A No, sir, -- except once a military hat, he
21 didn't have it on but he had it in his
22 hand right before he was dismissed from
23 the Military Service.

24 Q Right before he was dismissed from the Military
25 Service?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Miss Moore, have you ever known Mr. Shaw to go
3 by any other name other than Clay L. Shaw?

4 A No, sir.

5 Q Have you ever known him to go by the name of
6 Clay Bertrand?

7 A Never.

8 Q Or Clem Bertrand?

9 A Never.

10 Q Do you know a lawyer by the name of Dean
11 Andrews?

12 A I do not know him, no, sir.

13 Q Have you ever seen Mr. Andrews to your know-
14 ledge?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q Have you ever seen photographs of him in the
17 press?

18 A Yes, I have those.

19 Q Based upon your having seen photographs of
20 Mr. Andrews have you ever seen him in the
21 International Trade Mart Building or in
22 Mr. Shaw's office?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Have you ever seen him with Mr. Shaw at any
25 time?

1 A Never.

2 MR. DYMOND:

3 Just before I tender this witness, Your
4 Honor, I have consulted with the State
5 and they have no objections of my
6 substituting a photostat of D-22.
7 Miss Moore is concerned over keeping
8 her files intact.

9 THE COURT:

10 That copy of the letter that was given
11 to you you can go get it photostated.

12 MR. DYMOND:

13 You don't need that brochure in your file?

14 MISS MOORE:

15 I think I have an extra one.

16 THE COURT:

17 We will get you a copy of the copy.

18 MR. DYMOND:

19 I tender the witness.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. ALCOCK:

22 Q Miss Moore, were you Mr. Shaw's secretary for
23 approximately 19 years, is that correct?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Were you his personal secretary?

1 A His personal secretary.

2 Q I see. And during that 19-year period, have
3 you ever been to the Defendant's apartment?

4 A Never.

5 Q You know any of his social friends away from
6 work?

7 A A few, yes.

8 Q Who might they be?

9 A A Mr. Biddison.

10 Q You know -- Have you ever met Mr. Biddison?

11 A Yes, I have met Mr. Biddison.

12 Q When did you first meet Mr. Biddison?

13 A Oh, I would assume at least 10 years ago.

14 Q 10 years ago?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Do you know whether or not the Defendant and
17 Mr. Biddison were close friends?

18 A Yes, close.

19 Q Have you seen them together on occasion?

20 A Uh, occasionally.

21 Q Do you know where Mr. Biddison lives?

22 A Not at present.

23 Q Did you ever know where he lived?

24 A I believe he lived on Barracks Street somewhere.

25 Q Barracks Street. Do you remember how long ago

that was?

2 A No, it has been quite a while.

3 Q Do you know of your own knowledge whether or
4 not the Defendant ever lived with
5 Mr. Biddison or Biddison ever lived with
6 the Defendant?

7 A No, I do not.

8 Q Is it your testimony, Miss Moore, that you did
9 generally not have any association with the
10 Defendant after working hours, is that what
11 you testified to?

12 A My association with the Defendant after working
13 hours would be at social events that were
14 given by the International Trade Mart.

15 Q Other than that did you have any social associ-
16 ation with him?

17 A No, sir, I hadn't.

18 Q Do you know any, I think you mentioned
19 Mr. Biddison, do you know anyone else that
20 might have been a friend of his away from
21 the Trade Mart and not connected with the
22 Trade Mart?

23 A A Mrs. Edgar Stern; --

24 THE COURT:

25 Speak louder, Miss Moore.

THE WITNESS:

A Mrs. Edgar Stern, a Mrs. Muriel Frances
Bultman, -- must they be in New
Orleans?

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Q No.

A There was a Mrs. Wren, a Mr. and Mrs. Wren in
Shreveport.

Q Would that be as many as you might know right
offhand?

A Right offhand, yes, sir.

Q Now this 90 day period you were talking about,
could you tell me when this commenced, this
90-day program you were talking about that
you were so busy on?

A I would say August, September, October -- that
would be four months, say, September,
October, November 1963.

Q September, October and November of '63?

MR. WEGMANN:

That isn't what the witness said, she
said August, September and October.

MR. ALCOCK:

Your Honor, I'm going to ask Mr. Wegmann
not to testify.

1 MR. WEGMANN:

2 Well, then, don't misquote the witness.

3 THE COURT:

4 Would you repeat your answer, Miss Moore,
5 in a loud, clear voice?

6 THE WITNESS:

7 September, October and November.

8 BY MR. ALCOCK:

9 Q Thank you. That is what I thought you said. It
10 was during this crash program or crash
11 period that the Defendant made this trip
12 to the West Coast?

13 A He made it in November.

14 Q Do you recall on what date he left for the
15 West Coast?

16 A The 15th of November.

17 Q Do you recall on what date he returned?

18 A No, sir, I do not.

19 Q Do you know of your own knowledge whether or not
20 he returned directly from the West Coast
21 or whether he went to some other destina-
22 tion prior to coming back?

23 A He was routed through Chicago and I don't
24 recall whether he stopped there or not.

25 Q Now, Miss Moore, do you recall the Defendant in

1 the year 1963 renting any space to a
2 Cuban organization in the International
3 Trade Mart?
4 A 1963?
5 Q 1963.
6 A No, I don't recall for the moment.
7 Q Do you recall him ever renting any space for
8 a Cuban organization or lending any
9 Cuban organization -- use it free of charge
10 for a time?
11 A I don't recall.
12 Q You don't recall?
13 A No.
14 Q Do you recall testifying before the Orleans
15 Parish Grand Jury on August 23, 1967?
16 A Yes, I do.
17 Q Do you recall testifying at that time that the
18 Defendant did either rent or allow a
19 Cuban organization to use space at the
20 Trade Mart?
21 A I, uh, he may have -- I may have remembered
22 better at that time. I don't know..
23 Q Does it ring a bell at all with you now?
24 A Are you alluding to the Cuban Trade Commissioner
25 and Consul?

1 Q No, no.

2 MR. DYMOND:

3 Your Honor please, we are going to object
4 unless the State tells the witness
5 to what he is alluding.

6 MR. ALCOCK:

7 She can answer the question, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. ALCOCK:

9 Q Do you recall testifying to that effect before
10 the Orleans Parish Grand Jury?

11 MR. DYMOND:

12 I ask that my objection be ruled on.

13 THE COURT:

14 I cannot tell the State or Defense how to
15 cross-examine the witness if they are
16 pursuing it along the proper lines and
17 are attacking the credibility of a
18 witness. I see no objection to the
19 way the questions are being put so I
20 will overrule your objection.

21 BY MR. ALCOCK:

22 Q You recall that, Miss Moore?

23 A I think it sort of comes back vaguely that for
24 a very short while there was some organi-
25 zation called Americans Free Cuba or

1 something of that and they were there for 65
2 a very short while.
3 Q Do you recall when that was?
4 A No, I don't recall the exact year, sir.
5 Q Could it have been the Freedom Democratic
6 Party Cuban?
7 A Yes, that sounds more like it.
8 Q The word freedom was in the title that you
9 recall?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Miss Moore, have you ever seen Mr. Biddison
12 driving his automobile?
13 A No, I haven't.
14 Q Do you know of your own knowledge what type
15 automobile he drove in 1963?
16 A No, I do not.
17 Q Miss Moore, you testified that except for social
18 functions surrounding the duties, your
19 duties at the Trade Mart, that after work-
20 ing hours you had no social acquaintances
21 or acquaintances with the Defendant, is that
22 correct?
23 A Yes, sir, that is correct.
24 Q Would that also hold true for weekends?
25 A That is correct.

Q And you could think of no other personal

acquaintances of the Defendant away from
the Trade Mart except the three that you
have told us, is that correct, also?

A At the moment I cannot think of any.

MR. ALCOCK:

That's all.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DYMOND:

Q One thing, Miss Moore: Do you have any documents in your file which would indicate reasonably specifically when the end of the lease negotiations for the New Trade Mart, that is, when all the leases, the negotiations were completed? Do you have anything in your file to that effect?

A No, I do not have them with me. The ones that were taken to New York in order to consummate the financing, I think the last one was in November sometime and then of course later on there were additional ones.

Q Do you remember when the deadline was for the commitments on the leases, the date of the deadline?

A I think it was November 9.

1 MR. DYMOND:

2 That is all.

3 MR. ALCOCK:

4 No further questions.

5 THE COURT:

6 Miss Moore, you are excused from the
7 obligations of the subpoena.

8 Mr. Dymond, we have a very weak
9 copy but if we need it you can get a
10 better copy from her. That is the
11 copy of the copy.

12 ...oOo...

13 REX L. KOMMER,
14 a witness for the Defense, after first being duly
15 sworn by The Minute Clerk, was examined and testi-
16 fied as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. WILLIAM WEGMANN:

19 Q Mr. Kommer, for the record your full name is

20 Rex L. Kommer, is that correct?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q What is your occupation?

23 A Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau.

24 Q Are you presently employed by them?

25 A Yes, sir, I am.

1 Q Did you at our request obtain copies of the
2 Climatological Data for the months of
3 September and October 1963?

4 A I did.

5 Q I show you two documents I have marked D-25
6 and -26 for identification -- I show you
7 first the document which has been identi-
8 fied D-25 and I ask you to examine same
9 and I ask you if you are familiar with it?

10 A Yes, sir, I am.

11 Q And what does that represent, Mr. Kommer?

12 A This is the Climatological Data for the State
13 of Louisiana which is published by the
14 Department of Commerce for the date of
15 December, 1963.

16 The reason we have to refer to this
17 month to get the delayed data that was
18 for the City of Clinton for August which
19 was published in this December issue.

20 Q The document that I have shown you contains
21 data for the month of August for Clinton,
22 Louisiana?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q Would you tell The Court and Gentlemen of the
25 Jury what the average daily high and daily

1 low for the entire month of August in

2 Clinton, Louisiana was in the year 1963.

3 A For the year 1963 the average temperature, high
4 temperature, for Clinton, Louisiana was
5 93.3 degrees and the low was an average
6 minimum temperature of 69.3 degrees.

7 Q Now at our request, Mr. Kommer, have you made a
8 calculation as to the average high for the
9 last 15 days in the month of August, '63?

10 A Yes, sir, I have. The average high was 92.1.

11 THE COURT:

12 What?

13 THE WITNESS:

14 92.1.

15 BY MR. WILLIAM WEGMANN:

16 Q Now I show you a document previously marked
17 D-26 for identification and ask you whether
18 this contains the information for the month
19 of December '63?

20 A Yes, this is the climatological data for the
21 State of Louisiana for September 1963.

22 Q Does that cover the station at Clinton,
23 Louisiana?

24 A Yes, it does.

25 Q What was the average monthly high and monthly

low for September?

A For September the average high was 87.8 degrees
and the low -- you want the low too?

Q Please.

A 65.3, that is taking the entire 30 days of the
month.

Q Did you make any calculations for the first 15
days of the month of September?

A The first 15 days of September 1963 the, a
93.1 for the average high maximum tempera-
ture.

Q Is there a weather station at Clinton,
Louisiana?

A We have an observation station there in
Clinton.

Q So those temperatures come from Clinton,
Louisiana itself?

A That is correct.

MR. WEGMANN:

That is all the questions I have. In
connection with the testimony of the
witness I offer, introduce and file
in evidence the documents marked
D-25 and D-26.

THE COURT:

Any objections?

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MR. ALCOCK:

No.

THE COURT:

Without objection let it be entered.

MR. ALCOCK:

I would like to have the document to
examine.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Q Mr. Kommer, directing your attention to
Defense Exhibit-26, you have given us an
average temperature -- this would be the
month of September or August?

A This would be September.

Q You have given us --

A I gave you the average for the whole month and
also the average for the first 15 days.

Q Would you give us the high and low for the
first 15 days for the month of September?

A The first, the 1st of September the high was
92 and the low 68; the 2nd was 94 high,
the low of 70; the 3rd was 94 for a max.
and 72 for a minimum; 94 and 72 for the 4th;
the 5th, 95 and 71; the 6th, 94 and 70; the

1 7th was 95 and 69; the 8th 95 and 72; the
2 95 and 67; the 10th was 96 and 67; the
3 11th was 95 and 69; the 12th was 93 and 68;
4 the 13th was 91 and 68; the 14th was 86
5 and 67; and the 15th was 87 and 70 degrees.

6 Q Would it be a fair statement to say that
7 generally there is almost a 25 to 30-degree
8 drop in temperature approximately?

9 A I think it'd be more like 25 degrees.

10 Q A 25-degree drop. Now what time were these
11 recordings made?

12 A Well, the maximum and minimum temperatures are
13 -- a reading is taken at 5:00 o'clock in
14 the afternoon and it is off of a Weather
15 Bureau thermometer which measures minimum
16 and maximum temperatures and that would be
17 taken at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

18 Q I see. The maximum may have occurred at any
19 time during the day and the minimum at
20 any time during the night.

21 A Right.

22 Q I see. In other words you can't say when, the
23 time during the day the temperature was at
24 that maximum, is that correct?

25 A That is correct.

1 Q Mr. Kommer, where did you reside in September,
2 August and September 1963?

3 A In Metairie, Louisiana.

4 Q Is it a fair statement to say, Mr. Kommer,
5 generally as the afternoon wears on the
6 temperature might drop considerably?

7 MR. WEGMANN:

8 We object to this as this gentleman has
9 not been qualified as an expert.

10 THE COURT:

11 I don't think he needs to be an expert to
12 answer the question. I overrule the
13 objection.

14 THE WITNESS:

15 You're speaking of after sundown?

16 MR. ALCOCK:

17 Prior to sundown, say about 4:00 o'clock
18 in the afternoon.

19 THE WITNESS:

20 Many times we have our maximum temperature
21 around 3:00 o'clock and it doesn't
22 start falling until after dark as a
23 rule.

24 BY MR. ALCOCK:

25 Q I take it then that you were not in the Clinton

MR. ALCOCK:

I have no further questions.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

Q One other question. Mr. Kommer, I refer you to D-25 and ask you to read to the Jury the low and the high temperatures for the last 15 days in August 1963.

A For August 15, 1963 the maximum temperature at Clinton, Louisiana was 85 degrees, the minimum was 68; the 16th was 87 and 60; the 17th was 91 and 62; the 18th was 92 and 63; the 19th, 91 and 62; the 20th 91 and 68; the 21st, 93 and 67; the 22nd, 93 and 67; the 23rd, 94 and 70; the 24th, 93 and 68; the 25th was 95 and 72; the 26th was 95 and 73; the 27th was 95 and 70; the 28th, 95 and 74; the 29th was 94 and 74; the 30th was 91 and 72; and the 31st was 91 and 70 degrees.

MR. WEGMANN:

Thank you, sir, that is all the questions
I have.

1 THE COURT:

2 Do you have any other questions,

3 Mr. Alcock?

4 RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. ALCOCK:

6 Q In other words, Mr. Kommer, in the latter part
7 of August '63, from the 15th on say, they
8 had at least nine days when the temperature
9 was in the 60's and some as low as 60?

10 A That is correct.

11 MR. WEGMANN:

12 I have no further need of Mr. Kommer.

13 THE COURT:

14 You are excused from the subpoena,

15 Mr. Kommer.

16 MR. ALCOCK:

17 Your Honor, at this time we would like
18 to ask for a 5-minute recess so we
19 can confer with Mr. Alford for
20 Mr. Frazier's testimony.

21 THE COURT:

22 I will grant a 5-minute recess.

23 (RECESS.)
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