

NR_key_name: DEEA8A53EFC54288852562E600667D2E

SendTo: INTERNET-BOARD

CopyTo:

DisplayBlindCopyTo:

BlindCopyTo: CN=R ecord/O=ARRB

From: CN=Tom Samoluk/O=ARRB

DisplayFromDomain:

DisplayDate: 03/07/1996

DisplayDate_Time: 1:42:49 PM

ComposedDate: 03/07/1996

ComposedDate_Time: 1:39:27 PM

Subject: Our News Release on Our Subpoena of Connick and Garrison Records
FBI - THIS NEWS RELEASE IS BEING DISSEMINATED TO THE MEDIA TODAY. NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: TOM SAMOLUK MARCH 7, 1996 (202) 724-0088, EXT. 227 JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW
BOARD SUBPOENAS GARRISON RECORDS FROM NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY The Assassination
Records Review Board announced today that it has subpoenaed records from the investigation into the
assassination of President Kennedy conducted by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. The
records are held by current New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick. Connick has failed to comply with
the subpoena. A federal judge in New Orleans did not grant a motion by the District Attorney to quash the
subpoena, and ordered the parties to arrange for a convenient time for the transfer of documents to the
Review Board. Connick has failed to comply with the judge's order and the Board is now seeking
enforcement of it. The Review Board took this step to ensure that the public interest in these assassination
records is protected, said the Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. It is still our hope
and desire to resolve this matter without lengthy legal proceedings. The subpoena required the District
Attorney to produce all documents and records in [his] possession, custody or control relating to the
assassination of President John F. Kennedy, including but not limited to handwritten notes, memoranda,
drawings, photographs, tape recordings, and correspondence that relate to the investigation and prosecution
of Mr. Clay Shaw by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, with the exception of any grand jury
materials still extant in the possession of the District Attorney's Office. Connick did not produce the
records by February 16, 1996, as required by the subpoena. On February 16, Judge Marcel Livaudais, Jr., of the
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ordered the Review Board and Connick to find a
mutually agreeable time for production of the documents in New Orleans. Connick has failed to agree to a
time to produce the documents. The Review Board filed papers today in the U.S. District Court in New Orleans
seeking enforcement of Judge Livaudais' order. District Attorney Connick told the Review Board last summer
that he would donate the files from Garrison's assassination investigation that remain in his office for
inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection. The subpoena was issued after the District Attorney had
failed to forward the Garrison-era records to the Review Board during the last eight months, despite the
Review Board's repeated attempts to encourage Connick to do so. The records are defined as
"assassination records" within the meaning of the Board's governing statute, The President John F.
Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (JFK Act). Another matter related to the Garrison
assassination investigation records is pending between the Review Board and District Attorney Connick. In July
Record

Body:

recstat:

DeliveryPriority: N

DeliveryReport: B

ReturnReceipt:

Categories: