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TONI, THANKS. COULD YOU FAX A COPY OF THE NEWS RELEASE? WHAT I HAVE COME THROUGH SO POORLY THAT IT IS HARD TO  
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 News Release: N E W S R E L E A S E FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: TOM SAMOL= UK APRIL 9, 1996 =  
 (202)=20724-0088, EXT. 227 JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES FILES OF JIM GARRISON  
 AND= CLAY=20SHAW DEFENSE ATTORNEY The Assassination Records Review Board announced today the  
 release of rec= ords=20from the private files of former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garris= on  
 and=20from the files of Edward Wegmann, a member of Clay Shaw=FEs defense team.= =20Garrison  
 conducted an investigation into the assassination of President K= ennedy=20in the late 1960's. Shaw was tried  
 by Garrison and acquitted in 1969 on = the=20charge of conspiring to kill the President. =FE These are the first  
 private records that the Board has made a part of = the JFK=20Collection,=FE said the Honorable John R.  
 Tunheim, Chair of the Review Bo= ard. =20=FE The Garrison investigation into the Kennedy assassination is an  
 import= ant part=20of the history of this case. As a result of the generosity of both the=20 Garrison and  
 Wegmann families, the public will be able to gain further in= sight=20into the investigation from two very  
 different views. I hope their=20 contributions will serve as a model for others who possess records that s=  
 hould=20be part of the JFK Collection and available to the public.=FE Last year, as part of its effort to make the  
 JFK Collection as complete a= s=20possible, the Review Board focused attention on potential sources of=20  
 assassination records in New Orleans. The Board conducted a public heari= ng in=20New Orleans in June  
 1995. After being approached by the Review Board, the late Jim Garrison=FEs fam= ily=20agreed to donate a  
 collection of records on the assassination of Presiden= t=20Kennedy that Garrison had kept at his residence.  
 The collection includes= =20records from his assassination investigation and prosecution of Clay Shaw= ,  
 as=20well as other files on individuals or subjects that Garrison thought were= =20connected to the  
 assassination. There are approximately 15,000 pages in = the=20Garrison collection. The family of the late  
 Edward Wegmann, who was a member of the legal team= which=20defended Clay Shaw at his 1969  
 assassination conspiracy trial, agreed to = donate=20Mr. Wegmann=FEs files to the JFK Collection. Some of  
 the documents in th= e Wegmann collection came from the office files of District Attorney Garrison. Wil=  
 liam=20Gurvich, an investigator for Garrison, made copies of many internal memor= anda=20and witness  
 interviews from the District Attorney=FEs files when he left = the=20office after becoming disenchanted with

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