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Debra -- I hope you get this in its entirety:IN E W S R E L E A S E FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JUNE 4, 1997
CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVAN(202) 724-0088, EXT. 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 was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the
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