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CHET HUNTLEY: "There were new developments today in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Part of Garrison's case against Clay Shaw is in testimony that Shaw, under the alias of Clay Bertrand, met with Lee Harvey Oswald and conspired to commit the crime.

"Today, New Orleans lawyer, Dean Andrews who first brought up the name Clay Bertrand, told NBC Reporter Walter Sheridan that Shaw is not Bertrand."

SHERIDAN: "Did you tell the Warren Commission that a man named Clay Bertrand had called you to ask about the possibility of your defending Lee Harvey Oswald?"

ANDREWS: "Yes."

SHERIDAN: "Was Clay Bertrand his real name?"

ANDREWS: "Well...."

SHERIDAN: "What was his real name?"

ANDREWS: "Eugene Davis."

SHERIDAN: "Who is Gene Davis?"

ANDREWS: "Gene Davis is the owner and operator now of Charlie's Stomp (?) and Wanda Stomp's 'Wanda's girl' between Bourbon Street and Royal back by Exchange alley, maybe 40, 50 feet off of Royal Street...."

SHERIDAN: "In New Orleans?"

ANDREWS: "In New Orleans. Right."

SHERIDAN: "Is he Clay Shaw?"

ANDREWS: "No."

SHERIDAN: "Did he know Lee Harvey Oswald?"

ANDREWS: "No."

SHERIDAN: "Did he know David Ferry?"

ANDREWS: "No."

SHERIDAN: "Did Jim Garrison ask you to identify Clay Shaw as Clay Bertrand?"

ANDREWS: "Yes."

SHERIDAN: "Why did you not tell the FBI who Bertrand was?"

ANDREWS: "Protect the boy."

SHERIDAN: "Were you called before the Grand Jury?"

ANDREWS: "Yes."

SHERIDAN: "Why have you not revealed his name until now?"

ANDREWS: "For the same reason, to protect the boy. He's not involved in this in any way, shape, or form."

SHERIDAN: "The Bertrand you knew is Gene Davis?"

ANDREWS: "Right."

SHERIDAN: "He is not Clay Shaw?"

ANDREWS: "That's right."

SHERIDAN: "You've told several versions of the Clay Bertrand story. Is this version the absolute truth?"

ANDREWS: "This is the correct factual presentation. This thing has got out of the context, its out of proportion, and people should know."

SHERIDAN: "Why does Davis not want to come forward?"

ANDREWS: "Oh, they'll harass him to death, like they've done everybody else in -- in this outfit that's going on."

SHERIDAN: "But he is the Clay Bertrand you know...."

ANDREWS: "He's the person who was introduced to me as Clay Bertrand and I've known him, seen him many times, and he's Gene Davis."

SHERIDAN: "And you are will ing to swear this before the Grand Jury?"

ANDREWS: "All day and all night."