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The OSWALD Case
SHAW, Clay L. #402897-A

According to a Washington Star clipping dated 2 March 1967, Clay L. SHAW, who was arrested, indicted and is awaiting trial in connection with the charge that he conspired with Lee Harvey OSWALD and David W. FERRE to assassinate President KENNEDY, was described by one Jesse CORE as a political liberal who was "very admiring" of President KENNEDY. According to CORE, SHAW "talked of voting for KENNEDY in 1960" and wore a KENNEDY for President button. Jesse CORE worked with SHAW in 1963 at the International Trade Mart in New Orleans.

Security indices reflect that one Jesse R. CORE, Chief Consul with USIS in the American Embassy in Madras, India, in 1950, was a friend of [redacted] #40842 (c), a former CIA covert agent who was separated from the Agency in October 1952, following a serious security breach which involved a Mrs. Lillian BAXTER of Calcutta, India who also was known to CORE. Mrs. BAXTER who was believed to be an American with Indian citizenship, had formerly been married to an Anglo-Indian planter in India and was said to have become a prostitute and in 1951 to have been kept by a wealthy Marwari. She was believed to be controlled by Indian Intelligence and it was thought that she might be an agent for any of several governments including England and Russia. She was an associate of [redacted] and was suspected of stealing security documents from him.

There is insufficient information regarding Jesse CORE, Clay SHAW's associate, to positively identify him as [redacted] friend, Jesse R. CORE, but it seems quite probable that they are the same. [redacted] is from New Orleans and it would appear that his friend CORE is also, in as much as he seems in all probability to be the husband of a "Mrs. Jess CORE", nee: Lucy Ruggles, who as of 1956 was said to be married to a man in the State Department and to be somewhere overseas, and as of 1957 was said to reside in New Orleans, Louisiana. This

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Mrs. Jesse CORE was one of a suspect political group, Dallas County Volunteers for RAINEY, which was of interest to the Security Office in 1956-1957 because of the fact that current CIA employee, Michael Charles PEARSON, #62901, and his friend, John Max ROSENFELD, #21044, a former OSS man, had been members. The organization, which numbered about 25 persons most of whom were said to have been former students of the University of Texas from which Homer T. RAINEY, a former "liberal" president, had been discharged, was of a liberal/radical persuasion. One member of the group (in which Mrs. Jesse CORE, then Lucy RUGGLES, the daughter of William RUGGLES, an editorial writer on the Dallas Morning News, was particularly active) is said to have subsequently been arrested by the FBI for Communist activities and several others have been active in Communist organizations.

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