

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/23/67

Gordon Novel, who was owner of a night club and of an electronics firm in New Orleans, has been in contact with New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison. Garrison has told Novel he felt David Ferrie and his "nutty" associates were involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Garrison, according to Novel, was critical of FBI, and Novel gained impression that if things go badly with Garrison's investigation, he might be looking for a "scape goat," possibly the FBI.

Novel has also informed New Orleans Office that he attended a meeting in 1961 in Ferrie's apartment, at which time anti-Fidel Castro activities were planned. Novel stated Lee Harvey Oswald was not present at such meeting. Novel, according to news media, was to appear before New Orleans grand jury 3/23/67.

Files being reviewed concerning individuals mentioned in attached teletype, after which dissemination of this data will be made to the Attorney General.

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