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Gordon Dwane ~~Novel~~ telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI via long-distance telephone on March 27, 1967, but did not reveal the location from which the call was placed. Novel stated that Walter Sheridan, a Washington, D. C., newsman, has the telephone number where he can be contacted.

Novel advised that through a leak in District Attorney Jim Garrison's office he had received information that Garrison was either in contact with or planned to contact ~~the~~ United States Attorney Louis C. LaCour, Eastern District of Louisiana, and obtain Unlawful Flight to Avoid Giving Testimony process against Novel. Novel stated that if a warrant on this charge was outstanding, he would surrender to the nearest FBI Office.

Novel advised that ~~Walter Sheridan~~ is a close friend of Senator Robert Kennedy and that Sheridan is in contact with Senator Kennedy attempting to interest the Senator in pushing a congressional investigation concerning the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Novel stated that he understands that Senator Kennedy is now interested in such an inquiry.

According to Novel, a senate inquiry will involve inquiry into such books as "The Invisible Government," "Rush to Judgement," and "Whitewash," and also into the current Garrison probe and the relationship of the Garrison probe with the afore mentioned books.

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Novel stated that it is his desire to stay out of the "clutches" of District Attorney Jim Garrison as long as possible. He advised that his attorney had filed motions on that date in Criminal District Court, Orleans Parish, moving his case to the docket of Judge Edward Haggerty. Novel said a hearing has been set for Wednesday, March 29, 1967, on a motion to withdraw the material witness warrant and permit Novel to return to New Orleans without bond.

Novel stated that he had revealed to Walter Sheridan information regarding various lie detector tests given to witnesses by Garrison's staff and that Walter Sheridan was present during a lie detector test given to him in Virginia. Novel indicated he is trying to force District Attorney Garrison into taking similar lie detector tests.

Novel also advised that James Riley, a New Orleans businessman, whom he did not otherwise identify, will be subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in the near future.

Novel said that Hubert Badaux, investigator for the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office and formerly associated with W. Guy Bannister, reportedly furnished information to Garrison regarding an assassination camp run by Cubans in the area across the Lake, north of New Orleans, on the north shore of Lake Ponchartrain. Badaux will also identify the photograph of a Cuban standing by an airplane, described as about 5'9", 180 pounds, good appearance, which Novel said was "secret stuff in 1961."

Novel stated that he is looking for an intermediary who will be in a position to "let the facts come out" regarding Garrison's probe.