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# Arcacha Would Talk In Texas

Fugitive witness Sergio Arcacha Smith is ready to talk with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison about his Kennedy death plot investigation "so long as he doesn't have to go into the lair of Mr. Garrison."

That is what Arcacha's lawyer, Ernest Colvin Jr., told the Texas secretary of state during an extradition hearing at Austin yesterday.

Colvin charged that Garrison is "a man who is power mad" and said Arcacha fears for his life if he is returned for testimony to New Orleans.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA is attempting to extradite Arcacha on charges that he conspired to burglarize a munitions dump at Houma in 1961. Another fugitive witness, Gordon Novel, is fighting extradition at Columbus, Ohio, on the same charge.

Arcacha was the leader of a militant anti-Castro Cuban organization here during the early 1960s.

Garrison contends Kennedy's death resulted from the ire and frustration of anti-Castro Cubans disillusioned when the President halted anti-Communist training operations here in the summer of 1963.

The only man charged with complicity in the President's murder is 54-year-old Clay L. Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman. He is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial. Colvin accused Garrison of using "the law like a damn

club" and adds: "This is the type of thing the governor of Texas should not put his stamp of approval on."

SECRETARY OF STATE John Hill said he would make a transcript of the hearing and pass it along to Gov. John Connally, the man who was wounded when Kennedy was killed. No decision is expected on the extradition for several days.

Meanwhile, Novel returned to Columbus and left again, reportedly heading for a Southern point to hide.

Novel said he was shot at several times by a concealed gunman Sunday and was struck in the arm by flying glass.

Novel's Columbus attorney, Jerry Weiner, said the incident took place at Nashville, Tenn. He said Novel was wounded by a bullet splinter. Earlier reports said the one-time New Orleans bar owner was hit by flying glass.

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