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# Dispatch New Novel Extradition Papers

## Witness Reported Traveling

New extradition papers have been sent from Baton Rouge to Columbus, Ohio, for Gordon Novel, wanted in the Kennedy assassination probe in New Orleans, Gov. John McKeithen's office revealed today.

William Redmann, executive counsel to the governor, said the papers were sent to Columbus yesterday after being received from Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Efforts to reach Novel, who reported that he was shot at and wounded by flying glass at Nashville Sunday, were unsuccessful today. The latest item was told Novel was traveling South—but not to New Orleans.

**THE NEW EFFORT** to extradite the former New Orleans bar operator comes almost a month after Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio had rejected the first extradition papers.

Rhodes asked for technical corrections in the original papers sent back April 21 and also wanted to know if a federal crime was involved in the burglary conspiracy charge.

Garrison is attempting to have Novel brought back to Louisiana on a burglary conspiracy charge in connection with the burglary of a munition bunker in Houma.

Gov. Rhodes, in a followup letter April 24, also demanded assurances that Garrison did not plan to question Novel about the assassination of President Kennedy.

Garrison termed Rhodes' demand as incredible.

Redmann said the papers were forwarded to Columbus as a matter of procedure and that no copies were kept on file in the governor's office.

**IT WAS NOT CERTAIN** if Garrison met all of the demands in Rhodes' letters rejecting the first set of papers.

A source close to the governor said McKeithen wanted Novel returned to Louisiana "in the worst way."

A radio station in Nashville claimed it has a tape recording by Novel of a conversation including Garrison and McKeithen. The station said the tapes would blow up Garrison's investigation.

Meanwhile, fugitive witness Sergio Arcacha Smith, 44, is ready to talk with Garrison about the Kennedy death 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 the same charges which have been lodged against him. Both are freed on bond.

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-

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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.

Weiner said he received a telephone call, which "sounded like long distance," threatening Novel's life two days before the Nashville shooting incident.

The Columbus attorney said a voice told him, "If Novel doesn't return to New Orleans on his own, he's going to return in a hearse."

Weiner said Novel's girl friend, a nightclub singer at Columbus, received a similar threatening call.

Weiner said he has arranged constant "protection" for both himself and his client.