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650PM URGENT 5-24-67 CDC

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, ^{NOVEMBER} NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, ^{OFFICE OF ORIGIN} OO: DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, FINAL EDITION, MAY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, REPORTED THAT GORDON NOVEL, WHOM GARRISON HAS TERMED AS AN IMPORTANT WITNESS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S KENNEDY DEATH PLOT INVESTIGATION, ACTING THROUGH ATTORNEYS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO AND NEW ORLEANS, FILED A SUIT WHICH MAY TOTAL AS MUCH AS FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN ALLEGED DAMAGES AGAINST ^{District Attorney} DA JIM GARRISON, WILLARD ROBERTSON, JOSEPH RAULT, JR. AND CECIL SHILSTONE, MEMBERS OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, DESCRIBED AS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GARRISON INQUIRY.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE NOVEL SUIT ASKED TEN MILLION IN DAMAGES FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ONE MILLION EACH FROM THE THREE OTHER DEFENDENTS, TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES AND "JOHN DOE'S" WHICH THE ACTION IDENTIFIES AS MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

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THE ARTICLE SAID THAT STEVE PLOTKIN OF NEW ORLEANS AND JERRY WEINER OF COLUMBUS, OHIO SIGNED THE ACTION FILED WITH THE U.S. DISTRICT CLERK OF COURT.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE SUIT CHARGES THE "VARIOUS DEFENDENTS CONSPIRED TO USE THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ORLEANS PARISH TO CHARGE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH BEING INVOLVED IN A PLOT TO KILL KENNEDY." IT CHARGES THAT GARRISON'S STATEMENTS AND ACCUSATIONS AGAINST NOVEL HAD RUINED HIS "REPUTATION AS A MAN OF HONESTY, HONOR AND PROBITY."

THE ACTION ALLEGED THAT UNTIL THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION BEGAN, NOVEL HAD NEVER BEEN SUSPECTED OF OR CHARGE WITH CRIMES OF BEING A MATERIAL WITNESS; CONSPIRING TO COMMIT SIMPLE BURGLARY, THEFT OF MERCHANDISE OR IN ANY WAY TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE THE LATE JOHN F. KENNEDY.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE SUIT ALLEGED THAT GARRISON'S ACTION AGAINST NOVEL FORCED HIM TO LEAVE NEW ORLEANS AND TO TAKE SANCTION IN ANOTHER STATE. A JURY TRIAL WAS REQUESTED IN THE ACTION.

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THE ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE SUIT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GROUP OF QUESTIONS SEEKING THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, ITS CHARTER POSITION AND HOW ITS FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED AND USED.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE JAMES A. COMISKY ORDERED A HEARING ON THE SUIT FOR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK.

THIS SAME ISSUE REPORTED THAT ONE JUAN M. VALDEZ, A SELF DESCRIBED LATIN PLAYWRIGHT, WAS SUBPOENAED TODAY TO APPEAR AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT TEN AM, MAY TWENTYFIVE NEXT. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISON REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH VALDEZ WILL BE QUESTIONED

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