

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Gordon Novel is the witness that Jim Garrison has been attempting to have extradited back to New Orleans to testify before the grand jury. Novel has made several public statements accusing Garrison of committing a fraud in connection with his so-called investigation and he has stated more than once that he has evidence which will completely expose Garrison as a hoax.

Novel announced several days ago that he intended to file a fifty million dollar libel suit against Garrison.

A wire service release stated that Juan M. Valdez, referred to in attached, discovered the body of Dr. Mary Sherman in her apartment in 1964, and that her murder was never solved. The wire service also reported that the Sheriff's Office had not been able to find Valdez at his address, located next to Dr. Sherman's former apartment. There has been no indication as to how Valdez might figure in Garrison's so-called investigation. We will check Bureau files to determine if there is any information which would show the significance of Valdez being subpoenaed by Garrison. The attached is not being disseminated since it is news media material.

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