

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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January 10, 1969

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

On January 8, 1969, Mr. Gordon D. Novel advised a Special Agent of this Bureau that the scheduled date, January 21, 1969, for the trial of Mr. Clay Shaw in New Orleans on charges of conspiracy to assassinate President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was not merely coincidental with President Johnson's termination of office on January 20, 1969. Novel said that information he has received from unmentioned individuals in New Orleans close to New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has indicated to Novel that Garrison intends to subpoena President Johnson soon after he leaves office, either as a material witness or as a co-conspirator in Garrison's probe.

Gordon D. Novel is a former New Orleans night club owner who is acquainted with Garrison. In the past he has been prominently mentioned in news media in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Novel has denounced Garrison's investigation as a complete fraud. Garrison has attempted to subpoena Novel as a witness before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury but Novel fled the state and took up residence in Ohio. The reliability of the information furnished by Novel is unknown.

I thought this information would be of interest to you. It is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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