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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW ORLEANS--GOV. JOHN J. MCKEITHEN SAID YESTERDAY HE THINKS STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STAY OFFICIALLY OUT OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.
 THE NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION HAD ASKED

LOUISIANA ATTY. GEN. JACK GREMILLION TO LOOK INTO REPORTS OF A BRIBE AND INTIMIDATION OF A WITNESS BY TWO OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS.

GORDON NOVEL, WANTED BY GARRISON AS A MATERIAL WITNESS, WITHDREW YESTERDAY HIS MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR FEDERAL DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST GARRISON AND HIS FINANCIAL BACKERS.

NOVEL'S NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY, STEVE PLOTKIN, SAID THURSDAY THE MOVE WAS NECESSARY TO PREVENT NOVEL'S RETURNING TO LOUISIANA TO GIVE AN ORAL DEPOSITION IN THE CASE AND THUS BECOMING SUBJECT TO ARREST BY GARRISON.

U. S. DIST. JUDGE JAMES A. COMISKEY RULED EARLIER THAT NOVEL HAD TO MAKE THE DEPOSITION TO GARRISON'S LAWYERS IN NEW ORLEANS.

AN ORGANIZER OF "TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES," A GROUP GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO GARRISON'S PROBE, SAID \$9,032 OF \$9,418 RAISED FOR THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN SPENT.

THE CRIME COMMISSION, HEADED BY FORMER FBI AGENT AARON KOHN, REFERRED TO A STORY IN NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE WHICH SAID TWO INVESTIGATORS TRIED TO BRIBE ALVIN BEAUBOEUF, A FORMER ROOMMATE OF THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE.

THE STOREY SAID THE TWO MEN OFFERED BEAUBOEUF \$3,000 AND A JOB TO FILL IN THE FACTS ABOUT THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO KILL KENNEDY. GARRISON HAS DENIED THE REPORT.

THE ARTICLE SAID BEAUBOEUF SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE ALLEGED PLOT INVOLVING CLAY L. SHAW, JACK RUBY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND FERRIE.

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