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DEAN A. ANDREWS JR.

ANDREWS FACES PERJURY COUNT

Indicted in Garrison Inquiry in Murder Plot

Dean A. Andrews Jr. suspended from his position as an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney Thursday morning, was later indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury.

He arrived at Parish Prison at 9:40 p. m. accompanied by a bondsman, and was booked under a perjury charge. At 9:45 p. m. he signed a \$1,000 bond, furnished through Summit Fidelity and Surety Company, and was then released to await trial.

Andrews, 44, who appeared under subpoena to testify Thursday morning before the Grand Jury for the second time in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, "did testify falsely under oath," according to the indictment.

The Grand Jury returned the indictment to Criminal District Court Judge Thomas M. Brahney Jr. at about 6 p. m. Judge Brahney set Andrews' bond at \$1,000.

Earlier Thursday, Andrews, who has also been questioned by District Attorney Jim Garrison's aides in relation

to the alleged assassination conspiracy here, was suspended as an assistant to District Attorney Frank H. Langridge in Jefferson.

Langridge said the suspension was not an indication that Andrews had done any wrong, but that he had brought notoriety to the DA's office in Jefferson.

Andrews has told Garrison's office that he had formerly handled minor legal matters for Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's slayer.

TEXT OF INDICTMENT

The text of the indictment returned by the jury said:

"The grand jurors of the state of Louisiana, duly impaneled and sworn in and for the body of the Parish of Orleans, in the name and by the authority of the said state, upon this oath present that one Dean A. Andrews Jr., late of the Parish of Orleans on the sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred sixty-seven, with force and arms in the Parish of Orleans aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans appeared as a witness before the grand jury of the Parish of

Orleans and then and there did wilfully and unlawfully commit perjury in that the said Dean A. Andrews Jr., did testify falsely under oath which testimony and statements the said Dean A. Andrews Jr., then and there well knew were false and untrue and all of which were related to matters material to the issue and question under investigation, to wit: a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

Before entering the Grand Jury room Thursday, Andrews told reporters that Gordon Novel, another man summoned before the jury, was a "good friend" and "client" of his.

NOVEL FACES QUESTIONS

Novel, 29, owner of the Jamaican Village Bar at 800 N. Rampart, said as he was entering the jury room that Garrison wanted to question him about

(see below)

1961 events involving Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith.

Novel and his attorneys, Eddie L. Sapir and Steve Plotkin, entered the building shortly after the Grand Jury returned from lunch but did not go before the body immediately.

When Andrews appeared at 9 a. m. he was alone. This was in contrast to his previous grand jury appearance when

he was accompanied by his attorney, Sam-Monk Zelden.

Asked why he was subpoenaed this time, he answered tersely, "I wish I knew." He appeared before the Grand Jury when it first took up the case a week ago.

Novel said, "I think Mr. Garrison wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

Arcacha lived in New Orleans during 1961 and was leader of an anti-Castro Cuban organization known as the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front. He reportedly was training men here to participate in an invasion of Cuba.

MOVED TO HOUSTON

Arcacha moved to Houston in 1962 and was living there at the time of the Dallas assassination. He moved to Dallas some time later and has been living there for three years.

Members of Garrison's staff sought to question Arcacha in Dallas but he would not agree to be questioned except in presence of Dallas authorities. Garrison's men refused to question Arcacha under those conditions.

Novel said of Clay L. Shaw, who has been accused by Garrison of conspiring to murder the President, that "I know him, but not as related to this thing."

He said he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald, and does not know Perry Raymond Russo, who testified he overheard David W. Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw plotting to kill Kennedy.

Novel said he knew Ferrie "indirectly."

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A free-lance pilot, Ferrie died Feb. 22 while under investigation in connection with the Garrison probe.

MAKES EQUIPMENT

Novel said he also owns an electronics company and manufactures "anti-surveillance equipment."

Novel aroused the curiosity of Metairie residents in 1962 when he was making a flight test of an 18-foot helium-filled balloon. Neighbors saw a mysterious lighted object in the air over Metairie and began telephoning the newspaper to find out what it was. Novel was testing a balloon which employed a flickering fluorescent light system.

In September, 1963, Novel was mentioned in the news when he was a robbery victim. He was beaten unconscious and robbed as he prepared to enter his car in a Chartres st. parking lot. He was attacked by five men.

A third person appearing before the grand jury Thursday morning was a young man who identified himself as Tommy Clark. He said he was not under subpoena but was asked to appear by assistant DA John Volz.

Andrews' connection with the case stems from an occurrence a few days after Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Andrews told the Warren Commission investigating the case that he was contacted by a "Clay Bertrand" who asked him to defend Oswald.

Garrison contends that Bertrand is an alias used by Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, who faces conspiracy charges in the President's death. Shaw denies the charges.

Andrews says he does not know whether Bertrand and Shaw are one and the same. He has refused to take a lie detector test.

When the grand jury took up



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GORDON NOVEL

the investigation last week, the only other witness subpoenaed was Mrs. Josephine Hug, who worked for Shaw when he headed the International Trade Mart staff.

After Andrews entered the jury room, a secretary from Garrison's office walked up to the deputy sheriff guarding the door and asked if assistant DA Richard V. Burns was in the room. She added, "Give him these when the door opens, please. He wanted them as soon as possible."

She handed over a dozen or so copies of a mimeographed sheet of papers. The documents were headed, "Testimony of Dean Andrews Jr." Each copy appeared to be about 15 pages thick.

Andrews was questioned until 11:30 a.m. and was rushed by reporters as he left the building. Andrews was evasive in his answers to all questions, however.