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# Take Lie Test, Garrison Is Challenged by Novel

Gordon Novel, a material witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination probe, today called the investigation an "enormous fraud" and challenged the DA to take a lie detector test.

The 29-year-old Novel underwent a lie test over the weekend at McLean, Va. The test was administered by Lloyd B. Furr, a private investigator.

Novel called a States-Item reporter and challenged Garrison to take the same type of lie detector test that he himself underwent.

SUCH A TEST, said Novel, would prove that Garrison's investigation is "one big fraud."

"It's the most enormous fraud ever perpetrated in the annals of the legal history of the state of Louisiana," said Novel.

Bond has been set at \$50,000 for Novel, an ex-French Quarter bar owner, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Clay L. Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart, has been indicted for conspiracy in connection with the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

SHAW WAS DUE back in New Orleans today after spending the Easter weekend on the Mississippi Gulf coast. He left the city Friday for a rest.

Novel declined to tell the States-Item where he is staying, but said he is in "international jurisdiction."

"If Garrison wants me, he will have to go through the World Court." The reference here was apparently to a court set up by the United Nations.

"YOU CAN TELL everyone in New Orleans I'm definitely coming back, but not until Mr. Garrison's investigation

has blown up sky high."

"I want my creditors to know, as well as the Truth and Consequences Committee (a private group set up to finance the Garrison investigation), that I will be back and it will be soon."

Novel said he planned to sue members of the committee and the district attorney as well.

BY THE TIME members of the committee have answered his law suits, said Novel, "I'll have half of the fortunes of the city in my back pocket."

Asked if he had an attorney

present when he took the lie test in Virginia, Novel replied, "The word is attorneys—plural."

Novel also described the questions asked in the lie test.

The witness said he replied "yes" to a number of questions including:

—Did he meet with Jim Garrison on the day before Ferrie died?

—Did he go with Garrison to the Roosevelt Hotel?

—Was the meeting at the request of Wilard Robertson (a member of Truth or Consequences)?

—Did Robertson promise that he (Novel) would not get involved if he cooperated?

—Was this a highly secret meeting?

—Did he confer with Garrison about involvement of David Ferrie in a conspiracy to kill Kennedy?

—Did Garrison tell him that Ferrie took a lie test and according to the test, was not involved.

—Did Garrison tell him Layton Martens (subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury) took a lie test which showed he was not involved in the conspiracy?

—Did he (Novel) consider the investigation to be a fraud?

Novel said he answered "no" to questions as to whether Jefferson Parish attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. was involved and whether he had knowledge of a "genuine" conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

Novel also elaborated on what he said was a "bizarre plan" to extract a confession from Ferrie.

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Ferrie, according to the district attorney, plotted with Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald to kill the President. The plot was allegedly hatched in Ferrie's apartment.

The bizarre plan, according to a question in the lie test, consisted of shooting Ferrie with a drug, taking him to a "secret place, forcing the administration of sodium pentothal until he confessed," said Novel.

Novel said he also answered in the affirmative to a question as to whether the district attorney's chief investigator, William Gurvich, threatened or intimidated him.

NOVEL SAID he answered in the negative to questions as to whether he knew that Shaw was involved in any conspiracy and as to whether he ever met Oswald.

Oswald has been named by the Warren Commission, set up to investigate the President's assassination, as having acted alone.

Novel said the lie test was

signed by a Ruth Charters, a notary public.

"I'M COMING BACK, but I'm not coming back now to be browbeaten by Garrison or any of his people," said Novel. "Nor am I coming back to lie for Garrison."

Novel said he had his own "30 questions" for Garrison to answer.

"Garrison is power mad," said Novel. "His mad ambitions have run away with him."

### Critic of Warren Report to Speak Here

Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a current best-seller which is critical of the Warren Report's finding on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will speak at 1 p. m. Thursday at a noon luncheon of the Young Men's Business Club at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Lane is in New Orleans in connection with the world premiere here of the movie version of "Rush to Judgment."

The public may attend the Thursday luncheon, according to Milton L. Fletcher, chairman of the crime committee of the YMBC of Greater New Orleans, by making reservations at the YMBC office at The Roosevelt.

Lane, a 40-year-old New York attorney, attempted to appear before the Warren Commission as a posthumous defense attorney for Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the commission says killed President Kennedy.

He twice testified before the investigative panel.

A former member of the New York state legislature, Lane was New York City campaign manager for President Kennedy in 1960.