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Court, Grand Jury Again Weigh Probe

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination is moving before the courts and the Orleans Parish Grand Jury once again today.

Attorney Steve Plotkin was scheduled to appear today before Criminal District Court Judge Edward

A. Haggerty to seek dismissal of Garrison's warrant for the arrest of Gordon Novel as a material witness.

Later today, Layton Martens, one-time roommate of David William Ferrie, is to appear before the grand jury.

In Omaha, Neb., Lillie Mae McMaines, known in New Orleans as Sandra Moffett, was to decide whether to waive extradition after arrest as a material witness in the Garrison probe.

IF MRS. M'MAINES, 22, decides to fight her return to Louisiana, a preliminary hearing will be held in Omaha's Municipal Court April 25.

Garrison claims that Ferrie,

Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay L. Shaw, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart, conspired in New Orleans to murder President Kennedy.

Shaw has been indicted by the grand jury and is free on a \$10,000 bond.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, a New Orleans-born ex-Marine, was the sole assassin.

PERRY RAYMOND Russo testified at a preliminary hearing for Shaw two weeks ago that he heard Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald plotting in mid-September, 1963, to kill the President.

The plotting, Russo said, occurred following a party at

Ferrie's apartment. Russo said that Sandra Moffett was at the party and at one point he referred to her as "the girl I brought."

Mrs. McMaines said she did not go to the party and did not meet Ferrie until 1965. She is now the wife of Harold McMaines, 48-year-old part-time minister.

NOVEL, 29, who until recently owned a French Quarter bar, was ordered to appear before the grand jury two weeks ago. He showed up with his lawyer, but was not questioned. When another subpoena was issued for Novel last week, he had left town.

Novel has called Garrison's probe a fraud and has challenged Garrison to take a lie detector test.

Garrison issued a warrant for his arrest as a material witness and asked that \$50,000 bond be set. Plotkin wants Judge Haggerty to reduce the bond if he doesn't throw out the warrant.

MARTENS, FERRIE and Alvin R. Beauboeuf were arrested by Garrison two days

after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.

They were questioned by the DA's office and they made statements to federal authorities and then were released.

Beauboeuf has inherited the estate of Ferrie. Beauboeuf's attorney, Hugh B. Exnocios, says that he intends to show that David Ferrie had no connection with conspiring to assassinate the President.

A Garrison aide said yesterday that the trial of Shaw and others is at least three six months away.

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