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Gordon Dwane Novel telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by long-distance on the early morning of March 28, 1967, and advised that District Attorney Jim Garrison is still attempting to intimidate him and is putting pressure on him and his business. Novel stated that the business transaction to sell his interest in the Jamaican Village Lounge fell through because the check issued by the purchaser on a Houston, Texas, bank did not clear and he is still a co-owner of this business.

Novel claims that District Attorney Garrison planted a prostitute in the Jamaican Village Lounge during the evening of March 27, 1967, and this prostitute, Ben Lehans (a co-owner), and two bartenders were arrested because of the alleged prostitution activities of this prostitute. Novel stated Garrison planted narcotics in his (Novel's) personal clothing and in his apartment at 336 Exchange Place, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Novel informed that Garrison has contacted his former wife, Marlene Mancuso Novel, 42 Oaklawn Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, who Novel described as being psychotic and probably very easily intimidated by someone of Garrison's stature. Novel related that in April, 1966, a doctor at Mercy Hospital recommended his former wife be committed to DePaul's Sanitarium. Novel claimed that New Orleans attorney Cabibi has the files on this case but feels that Garrison will attempt to obtain them.

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Novel stated that Garrison plans to indict Carlos Marcello in the Kennedy assassination conspiracy because Garrison believes Marcello is in some way tied up with Jack Ruby. Novel stated that he is not certain what evidence District Attorney Garrison has on the Marcello - Ruby tie up but it was in some way concerned with Bourbon Street nightclubs and a Bourbon Street stripper named, "Jada." MARCELLO

Novel informed that several weeks before Judge Edward Haggerty had been assigned to preside in the state assassination case, Judge Haggerty, Novel, Ben Lehans and Sonny Bennett (another co-owner of the Jamaican Village) had an informal discussion. Novel related at that time Judge Haggerty was very intoxicated and stated that he knows enough derogatory information about Garrison to destroy him professionally. According to Novel, Haggerty advised he was considering providing J. Edgar Hoover with the information he had regarding Garrison. Novel stated he believes Garrison is very worried concerning the fact that Haggerty is the presiding judge in the state assassination case because of the derogatory information that Haggerty allegedly possesses regarding Garrison.

Novel stated that all of the attempts by Garrison to intimidate him with regard to the alleged prostitution activities in the Jamaican Village and other efforts of Garrison are for the purpose of discrediting Novel.

Novel advised that he plans to make a public statement to the news media regarding all of the derogatory information in his possession concerning District Attorney Jim Garrison on Thursday, March 30, 1967, in Memphis, Tennessee.

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