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Gordon Novel

The Red Flash Edition, New Orleans States-Item, a local New Orleans daily newspaper, in its issue of March 22, 1967, reported that lounge operator Gordon Novel had been subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in its probe of the 1963 Kennedy assassination, but that Orleans Parish criminal deputies had been unable to locate Novel to serve the subpoena. DC 4

A WDSU-radio newscast at 3:30 p.m., March 22, 1967, reported that Steven Plotkin, attorney for Gordon Novel, had made a public statement that Gordon Novel was out of the State of Louisiana, and was reportedly in Washington, D. C. Plotkin was quoted as saying that when Novel had appeared for testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on Thursday, March 16, 1967, he had been told that he would be called to appear before the Grand Jury on Thursday, March 23, 1967, and that Novel had not anticipated the Orleans Parish Grand Jury hearing testimony on Wednesday, March 22, 1967, which probably accounted for the fact Novel did not appear before the Grand Jury that day. LC

A WDSU-radio news report on the afternoon of March 23, 1967, reported that the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office had filed material witness charges and ordered the arrest of 29 year old Gordon Novel in connection with the assassination probe. The newscast reported bond had been set on Novel at \$50,000.

WVUE-TV Channel 12, in a 12:30 p.m., newscast on March 22, 1967, reported that Gordon Novel had been interviewed by representatives of the United Press International at Columbus, Ohio, and that Novel had stated that District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation concerning the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a fraud and described Garrison's investigation as a political police state investigation. According to the newscast, Novel compared Garrison to P. T. Barnum, of Barnum and Bailey Circus, and the Cardiff Giant. It was also reported that Novel had stated he would not

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return to New Orleans until he had Garrison's assurance that he would not be harassed.

Gordon Wayne Novel, telephonically contacted the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at approximately 9:30 a.m., March 23, 1967, from Columbus, Ohio, and volunteered the following information:

Novel stated that District Attorney James Garrison is presently "framing" many witnesses and is using various kinds of pressure to develop his case against Clay Shaw and others. Novel stated that District Attorney Garrison desires to talk to him about his association with Dean Andrews. Novel contends that Garrison believes Dean Andrews knows that Clay Shaw and Clem Bertrand are one and the same and Novel states that Andrews has denied knowing this during discussions with District Attorney Garrison. Novel stated that Garrison believes that he (Novel) has knowledge that Dean Andrews knows that Clem Bertrand and Clay Shaw are one and the same person. Novel disclaimed any such knowledge.

Novel informed that on the day David William Ferric died, District Attorney Garrison contacted him and instructed him to procure a gun capable of shooting atropine darts. According to Novel, Garrison planned to use the dart gun to inject David Ferric with atropine to make him immovable, and then planned to kidnap Ferric, inject him with truth serum and interrogate him regarding the assassination of President Kennedy, recording the results of the interrogation. Novel said he did not obtain the dart gun for Garrison because of Ferric's death on that date.

Novel stated Garrison asked him "to procure electronic surveillance devices similar to those used by the FBI," for the purpose of installing them in Garrison's office. Novel said Garrison then planned to publicize the fact that the FBI was "bugging" his office with these devices.

Novel reported that Garrison was considering subpoenaing Willard Robertson, a Volkswagen distributor in New Orleans, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the assassination because Robertson allegedly contributed to Information Council of the Americas organization.

Novel stated that Garrison is interested in proving that William Seymour (phonetic), who was associated with a

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Cuban Liberation Camp near Lacombe, Louisiana, was directly involved in the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. The files of the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not contain any identifiable information on William Seymour.

Novel advised that Garrison is interested in contacting Hubert B. Dadeaux for information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. The files of the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain information on Hubert J. Dadeaux, a former New Orleans police officer, who also worked as a personal investigator for Jefferson Parish District Attorney Frank H. Langridge.

Novel claimed he possesses information he does not care to divulge at that time, which would clearly show Garrison's probe into the assassination of President Kennedy as being contrived and not substantiated by the facts that have been uncovered by Garrison.

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