

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/10/67

Gordon Novel, referred to in attached, has been charged with burglary by District Attorney Jim Garrison, in connection with the theft of explosives from a munitions bunker at a former Air Base at Houma, Louisiana, in 1961. The explosives were supposedly for use of anti-Castro Cuban groups at that time.

Novel called the New Orleans Office 4/7/67 and intimated that he is in possession of information which will expose Garrison as a fraud. He has previously denounced Garrison publicly and has hinted that he could show proof that Garrison is perpetrating a hoax.

Sandra Moffett McMaines, referred to in attached, allegedly attended a party at the residence of David W. Ferrie on the same night Ferrie, Clay L. Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald supposedly conspired to assassinate John F. Kennedy. She has denied knowing Oswald at all and claims she didn't meet Ferrie until 1965.

Layton Patrick Martens was indicted for perjury, reportedly because he denied knowing that Novel took part in the above-described theft of explosives.

Since the attached is summarized from news articles, it will not be disseminated.

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