

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5-22-67

Gordon Novel is the witness whom Jim Garrison has been trying to get back to New Orleans to appear before a grand jury. Novel has publicly accused Garrison of being a fraud. A news article indicated that Novel had claimed to be an employee of Central Intelligence Agency. However, his attorney later issued a denial of this.

The attached would indicate that Novel purposely left a letter which would be found by Garrison and which would tend to connect Novel with the Central Intelligence Agency, which has denied any such connection. Garrison has consistently accused the Central Intelligence Agency of being involved in the Kennedy assassination.

Bureau files are being checked on the names mentioned in Novel's alleged letter. We are instructing New Orleans to ignore Garrison's letter and his offer to be of service.

The attached information will be furnished to Central Intelligence Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency for their comments. Thereafter, we will advise the Attorney General.

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