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# Officials in Ohio Delay Novel Extradition Again

## More Information Will Be Requested

A second extradition request from Louisiana, seeking the return of Gordon Novel is, like the first request, defective, Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes' top aide said Saturday in Columbus.

The first extradition request, received soon after the former New Orleans man was arrested in the Columbus suburb of Gahanna April 1, was returned to Louisiana. But Rhodes' aide John McElroy said he will merely ask Louisiana authorities for more information this time.

He did not say what added information is needed.

Novel, 29, is wanted on a charge of conspiracy to burglarize a munitions dump in Houma, in 1961. But New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison also wants to question Novel in his investigation of President Kennedy's Assassination.

### FREE ON BOND

Novel is free on \$10,000 bond. Meanwhile, it was learned that a former apartment of Novel here was burglarized and ransacked.

The two women who rented the Vieux Carre apartment after Novel fled the city in March told the DA's office Saturday that they found the lock ripped from the door last Thursday. Neighbors were quoted as saying they heard someone walking around in the upstairs apartment most of the day.

The break-in occurred before the finding of one of Novel's letters was publicized Thursday afternoon. The letter asks a Mr. Weiss to get Novel "out of this mess," and made references to top secret information and activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Novel claims the letter was a trap he set for the

The women living in Novel's former apartment said it was a mess after the intruder apparently searched cabinets, dresser drawers, personal papers and clothes belonging to them.

A television set and a radio were stolen, but Asst. District Attorney Andrew Schiambra said he believes the theft was "a cover."

"I don't believe there is any doubt that this entry and search was directly connected with the finding of Novel's letter," he said. "There is too much evidence that whoever was here was looking for something besides a TV set and a radio."

Although a report of the finding of the letter was not published when the apartment was entered, a number of persons knew it had been discovered.

Copies were distributed Monday and Tuesday to a handwriting analyst, Novel's attorney, and to others whose opinions were sought.

The young women, asking that their names be withheld, contacted police after they discovered the break-in, and police made a direct report to the DA.

One of the two said that, when she and her roommate moved into Novel's former apartment, there were boxes full of Novel's papers. She said they are now in storage.

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