



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Tampa, Florida
August 21, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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RANCIER EHLINGER is believed to be identical with RANCIER B. EHLINGER who is, according to the New Orleans "States Item" red flash edition for August 23, 1967, a former business associate of GORDON NOVEL.

NOVEL also advised that he had learned that the Terrebonne Parish Grand Jury had issued subpoenas to his former wife, and other persons, for appearance on August 23, 1967. NOVEL advised that it was his opinion that apparently the case involving the burglary of an arsenal in Houma, Louisiana, which GARRISON accuses him of attempting, will be presented before the Grand Jury. NOVEL noted that this date is exactly one day after the five year Statute of Limitations runs on this matter.

NOVEL also advised that GARRISON had sent word to him that he would grant him 24 hour immunity, if he would come to New Orleans and be questioned by GARRISON regarding the Assassination. NOVEL advised that he declined the offer.

NOVEL stated that he called DEAN ANDREWS on August 17, 1967, while ANDREWS was in jail on perjury charges and ANDREWS indicated to him that GARRISON had

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offered to let him go if he, ANDREWS, would implicate CLAY SHAW in the Assassination attempt. ANDREWS, according to NOVEL, told GARRISON that he would see him in jail before he would change his story. ANDREWS also indicated that he is due to be sentenced on the perjury charge on August 17, 1967.

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