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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

On February 11, 1969, Mr. Jack Prentice, 470 Beaver Avenue, Whitehall, Columbus, Ohio, advised that he is the owner of the Columbus Antenna Company and is a close friend of Gordon Novel.

He said that he first met Gordon Novel about five or six months ago when he met him at the Buckeye Electronics Company, Columbus, Ohio, and since they were both interested in electronic devices, they became friends and have worked closely together.

He said that during the time that he has known Novel, Novel has indicated that he is acquainted with Allen Dulles, the late former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Walter Sheridan, who, according to Novel, is a close associate of the Kennedy family; with Clay Shaw, the defendant in the conspiracy trial now going on in New Orleans; with a man by the name of Ferrie, who is involved with Shaw; and with District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans. He said that from what Novel has told him, he is convinced that Novel was involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy and also as the trial of Shaw drew closer, he became more panicky. He said that Novel had not told him that he was involved in such a conspiracy and his opinion is based on his own interpretation of what Novel told him. He could not cite an example.

Prentice said that according to information Novel has given to him, Novel was involved in a night club in New Orleans at the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion. Prior to the invasion, the French government had agreed to provide ten fighter planes which were to provide air coverage for the invasion. These planes were to leave the United States, fly south, and then return and approach Cuba from the south so that if they were detected by radar,

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it would appear that they were coming from South America. When the United States decided to call off the air cover for the invasion, many people in the New Orleans area were disgruntled.

Prentice said that Novel is supposed to have been involved, along with Shaw and Ferrie, in prostitution in New Orleans and also Jack Ruby is supposed to have been involved in some manner.

Prentice said that Novel claims to have been the Chief Security Officer for District Attorney Garrison, and that Novel's first wife is now the mistress of Garrison. Novel claims to be the illegitimate son of Billy Rose, and claims that there is a \$52,000,000 trust fund set up for Novel from the estate of Billy Rose.

Prentice claimed that Novel has spent vast amounts of money to confuse District Attorney Garrison and he feels that Novel must be getting the money from people in New Orleans. He said that Novel has received \$1,350.00 from a man by the name of Robinson, of the International Sales and Service, 4200 Michoud Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana. This money was sent to Novel on the basis of a fictitious invoice from the Columbus Antenna Company. He also claimed that Novel was to receive \$1,000.00 on February 11, 1969, from a Richard McCoy, 36 Chittenden Street, Columbus, Ohio, which he believes actually originated with Robinson.

Prentice further advised that Novel has drawn up a law suit against the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Columbus, Ohio, charging that company with

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Invasion of Privacy in that they have tapped his telephone line. Prentice said that Novel does not have a telephone in his own name, but that the telephone which is installed in the apartment of Novel at 115 Shumaker Lane, Whitehall, Columbus, Ohio, is in his, Prentice's, name.

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