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**DEPOSITIONS IN THE
GORDON NOVEL CASE**

For information, Gordon Novel, a former nightclub operator and private investigator in New Orleans, has brought a libel suit against New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and HMH Publishing Company. To support his course of action, Novel made a deposition in which he alleged an exchange of information between himself and Special Agents J. Peter Chase, now in WFO, and Roger A. Bombardier, New Orleans. We advised the Department by letter 11/12/69 we had no objection to depositions being furnished by our Agents which would refute Novel's untrue allegations, if the Department approved. The Department approved by letter 11/21/69.

SA Chase was deposed on 2/22/70. He was questioned by Mr. David J. Krupp, attorney for HMH Publishing Company, and Mr. Wayne B. Giampietro, attorney representing Novel. Mr. Chase candidly answered all questions concerning Novel's untrue allegations, refuting them. He did not answer questions pertaining to what Novel told him about the Garrison investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and did not answer questions seeking his opinion of the reputation of Novel.

On 2/25/70, Mr. Krupp telephonically contacted SA T. N. Goble concerning Chase's deposition. Krupp said he had no desire to embarrass the Bureau and that he was favorably impressed with SA Chase. He said he felt Chase might have been overzealous in his concern for the Bureau in those areas of questioning where Chase did not furnish answers. Krupp advised he would furnish us a copy of the deposition plus his questions concerning those areas where SA Chase did not furnish answers. Krupp was advised we would study his questions and in view of legal angle, they would be referred to the Department for final decision.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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