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## Governmental Scavengers

At a press conference in November of 1966 Governor John Connally said: "It is shocking to me that in the backlash of tragedy, journalistic scavengers such as Mark Lane attempt to impugn the motives of the (Warren Commission) members individually, cast doubts upon the Commission as a whole and question the credibility of the Government itself. I think it's time that we pause and reflect on who these individuals are rather than calling for a further investigation of the assassination which . . . is neither warranted, justified or desirable."

Connally did not name this editor, but we belong on the list. We do question the Warren Commission; and if the government itself does not help in getting to the truth of who killed President Kennedy, then we do question the government itself.

There are, however, other scavengers—for instance—governmental scavengers, and Governor John Connally seems to be one of those. Two punks associated with the assassination fled the state of Louisiana as soon as they learned that Jim Garrison was after them. Sergio Arcacha Smith got to Texas. Gordon Novel fled to McLean, Virginia, where he hurriedly took a lie detector test which he said cleared himself of any blame.

Novel was located in Ohio. In Ohio, Governor Rhodes stated he would permit Novel to be returned to Louisiana if Garrison would promise to ask Novel no questions about the assassination. How absurd can a public employee get? Did the Governor think Garrison wanted Novel for a game of tiddly winks.

Connally continues to ask for more information before stating whether or not he will permit Smith to be extradited to Louisiana.

Governors, a great crime has been committed. Please, trust this democracy. Let these men go back to Louisiana and face trial in the American system.