

REPORT NOVEL SHOT IS PROBED

Allegedly Wounded by Sniper Fusillade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Metropolitan Nashville police said Sunday they were investigating a report that Gordon Novel, a figure in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination, was wounded by sniper fire earlier in the day.

Police said they were investigating the report by Charles F. Walker, president of station WKDA. They confirmed, however, that five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon in which Novel was allegedly sitting.

Novel was in Nashville at the request of the radio station, Walker said, and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

The station official said the shooting occurred as Novel and WKDA news director Gary Edwards were preparing to leave for Columbus, Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition proceedings to Louisiana. The former nightclub operator has been subpoenaed as a material witness by Garrison.

Police estimated that at least five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon from behind a hedge in front of Edwards' apartment.

Walker said Novel and Edwards left Nashville immediately after the shooting and are now "somewhere between here and Washington, D.C." He told police he learned of the incident when Edwards telephoned him from Bowling Green, Ky.

Oswald Didn't Kill Kennedy, Says DA

(The Associated Press)
Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Sunday night Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy and charged that

the Central Intelligence Agency "through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the completion" of his investigation of the presidential assassination.

Garrison, who began his own probe last fall of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas, Tex., of Kennedy, said the CIA is guilty of "a criminal act."

"And if the director of the CIA and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation," Garrison said in a 23-minute interview on WWL-TV.

Garrison, this city's unorthodox prosecutor for six years, said he would include CIA Director Richard Helms "be

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fatal shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:
"No, Lee Harvey Oswald did not even shoot President Kennedy. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building . . . he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim."
This is how Garrison answered the next question about who did kill the President:
"Oh I can say who did without any question, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked.
"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through

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cause he has to know what he's doing."

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, a New Orleans-born ex-Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2½ years, acted alone in killing the President.

Oswald, who spent the summer of 1963 here before going to Dallas in October, was killed two days after the assassination by Jack Ruby, who has since died.

Last March 1, Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on charges of conspiring to murder the President. Since then, a grand jury has indicted Shaw on the same charge. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

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"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgment," Garrison said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its activities were in New Orleans when Lee Oswald was working for it and it's compounded them since by essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation."

Asked if Oswald fired the

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any government agency where they are located now . . . and we have a stone wall there as far as the identification of the other individuals.

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans."

Garrison said his investigation is now "moving at a snail's pace" but quickly added, "it isn't that fatal a problem for us because the essential elements we have clarified a long time ago.

"I don't believe they can stop us. They can just delay us."

Garrison also said he learned from his investigation that the CIA "has infinitely more power than the Gestapo and the NKVD of Russia combined."

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