

DR. GREY DENIES CHARGES BY DA

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Didn't Contact Justice,
Says MCC President

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans, denied Tuesday that he had ever secretly contacted a justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and added that he had never talked about the commission to a justice.

Dr. Grey's statement came after an announcement by the district attorney's office that a subpoena had been issued to him to appear before DA Jim Garrison on Friday at 11 a.m.

The district attorney's announcement alleged that Dr. Grey "secretly contacted on several occasions, a Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, while that Court was in the process of deliberating a contempt citation relative to Aaron Kohn," managing director of the MCC.

DECISION PENDING

The announcement stated that since Dr. Grey as president of the MCC "necessarily knew that a decision was pending concerning his managing director, this office intends to learn the purpose of his clandestine efforts to contact the Supreme Court and the matters brought up by him during his visits."

The announcement further said that "this inquiry should not be considered necessarily as a reflection on the Supreme Court, because no member sought out Rev. J. D. Gray (sic). . . ."

The issuance of the subpoena followed by one day the Supreme Court decision reversing a contempt of court judgment and jail sentence against Kohn who had been cited for refusing to give information to the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in its probe of organized crime.

Dr. Grey said that he had not received the subpoena as of late Tuesday afternoon and categorically denied the statements in

the district attorney's announcement.

RESENTS IMPLICATION

"I deny absolutely ever mentioning or discussing the crime commission with any justice of the Supreme Court," said Dr. Grey. "And I resent the implication that any justice could be influenced in such a matter."

Dr. Grey added that he had served on the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Ad-

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ministration of Criminal Justice with Justice Joe W. Sanders, a member of the Supreme Court and chairman of the law enforcement commission.

"But," he said, "we always met in the presence of others.

"This (subpena) is another part of District Attorney Jim Garrison's continuing program of harassment of the Metropolitan Crime Commission and other people who oppose him."