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COLUMBUS, OHIO--STATE OFFICIALS HERE TODAY STUDIED A LOUISIANA EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR GORDON NOVEL, KEY WITNESS IN THE NEW ORLEANS PROBE INTO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MURDER.

242A CST APR 19 67 SOURCES IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAID A DECISE LEGAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN WILL BE MADE NEXT WEEK.

"WE'LL PROBABLY SPEND THE WEEKEND GOING OVER LOUISIANA LAW," AN AIDE TO GOV. JAMES A. RHODES SAID.

ACTING LOUISIANA GOV. C.C. (TADBY) AYCOCK TUESDAY

ASKED THAT THE 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER NIGHT CLUB OWNER BE RETURNED

TO FACE A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BURGLARY. THE CHARGE

STEMS FROM DISAPPEARANCE OF HAND GRENADES AND OTHER MILITARY

ORDINANCE FROM A MUNITIONS DUMP NEAR NEW ORLEANS IN 1961.

JERRY WEINER, COLUMBUS ATTORNEY FOR NOVEL, ALREADY
HAS ASKED FOR A HEARING BEFORE RHODES. HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE
AN OFFICIAL APPLICATION TODAY.

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NOVEL HAS PROMISED TO FIGHT EXTRADITION THROUGH THE COURTS IF OHIO GRANTS THE LOUISIANA REQUEST.

NEW GRLEANS DISTRICT ATTY. JIM GARRISTN WANTS NEVEL AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE KENNEDY PROPE, BUT CANNOT ASK FOR EXTRADITION ON THAT GROUND. GARRISON'S OFFICE WILL NOT SAY WHAT PART NOVEL PLAYS IN THE INVESTIGATION.

NOVEL REPEATEDLY HAS LABELED THE GARRISON PROPE A FRAUDAND CHARGES IT WAS LAUNCHED TO HELP THE PROSECUTOR'S POLITICAL CAREER. HE SAYS HE HASTAPE RECORDINGS TO PROVE IT.

NOVEL SAID THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION WAS GATHERED WHILE HE WAS CHIEF OF THE PROSECUTOR'S SECURITY SECTION.

HE OPERATES AN ELECTRONICS COMPANY IN NEW ORLEANS THAT MANUFACTURE "ANTI-EUGGING" EQUIPMENT AND HAS SOLD THE DEVICES TO GOV. JOHN J. MCKEITHEN'S ADMINISTRATION.

MEANWHILE, NOVEL IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR PEFORE THE STATE-SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TODAY TO TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS ON WIRETAPPING. TWO ANTI-WIRETAP FILLS SPONSORED BY SEN. RALPH REGULA (R-AKRON) ARE PEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

NOVEL WAS ARRESTED IN A COLUMPUS SUBURB APRIL 1 ON A FUCITIVE WARRANT FILED BY GARRISON. HE WAS RELEASED UNDER \$10,000 BOND FOR HEARING MAY 3.

BESIDES THE BURGLARY COUNT, HE FACES CHARGES OF THEFT FILED BY COMMERCIAL ARTIST ALPERT BELLEVUE AND THE FRANKLIN PRINTING COMPANY.

WEINER SAID THE THEFT CHARGES INVOLVE OUTSTANDING DEPTS

OWED A COMPANY THAT NOVEL HAS NO PART IN

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