

Rhodes Asks Further Data About Novel

Governor Rhodes asked Louisiana officials for more information Monday about the second extradition request for the return of Gordon Novel to New Orleans to face a burglary charge.

Novel, 29-year-old former French Quarter lounge owner, also has been termed an important witness in Dist. Atty. James Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

IN A LETTER to Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen, Governor Rhodes asked for clarification on whether an assistant district attorney is empowered in Louisiana to sign an information charging Novel with conspiracy to commit a burglary.

Louisiana's first attempt to extradite Novel failed when Ohio officials returned the information as incomplete.

NOVEL IS free on \$10,000 bond posted in Columbus after he was arrested April 1 on a warrant from Garrison charging him with the burglary conspiracy.