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French Judge Gets Papers

PARIS—Former government official Gabriel Aranda yesterday gave to a Paris examining magistrate photocopies of 136 documents which he said compromise 48 French public figures in a web of corruption and influence-peddling.

As Aranda, who has been charged with theft, arrived at the court chambers, President Georges Pompidou was pledging at a press conference that genuinely compromised government supporters would be weeded out of the Gaullist party.

But the president also ridiculed Aranda, saying he had once asked the prime minister's office for a license to carry firearms because he thought documents he had compiled were responsible for the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Pompidou said that Aranda, who was a journalist at the time, had written to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in the early 1960s threatening a scandal over secret information he claimed to have on Soviet policy.

Aranda was an Equipment and Housing Ministry aide until last July's government reshuffle.