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# EX-CIA CHIEF ALLEN SUSPENDED IN

# DULLES DA'S PROBE



ALLEN DULLES



GORDON NOVEL

The district attorney's office today issued a grand jury subpoena for Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to appear before the jury March 7 and 8 in connection with the probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

A new subpoena also was issued today for Gordon Novel, former New Orleans nightclub owner. Previous efforts to get Novel back to New Orleans to testify have been unsuccessful.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON said his office "has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA," and said both Dulles and Novel were needed to testify about CIA activities.

Both subpoenas were issued through Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The request for the Dulles subpoena alleges that Dulles

was CIA director until Sept. 27, 1961, and as such "would have pertinent knowledge as to substantial reports that Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent and-or an employe of the CIA."

THE DOCUMENT SAID POSSIBLE information relative to CIA knowledge or contact with Oswald (named by the Warren Commission as the sole slayer of the President) was suppressed in certain commission documents.

It charges that while Dulles headed the CIA, the organization negotiated with a New Orleans firm for the purchase of trucks and vehicles to use in the CIA-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and used the name of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was at that time in Russia.

THE SUBPENA REQUEST QUOTED a copyrighted story in the States-Item April 25, 1967, as making public Novel's claim to have been employed by the CIA during Dulles' tenure as chief. "Gordon Novel fled the state to avoid

testifying and sought to enlist the aid of the CIA in preventing his return," the document said.

The request said "David W. Ferrie, who has been named in an indictment as a conspirator to the murder of John F. Kennedy, was an employe of the CIA at a time when Allen Dulles was the head of the CIA. Among other things, he was a flying instructor in Guatemala prior to the abortive Bay

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Dulles was never called before the Warren Commission, the document said.

The document said it was issued for the purpose of being presented to a judge in New York, "where said Allen W. Dulles now is, upon proceedings to compel said Allen W. Dulles to attend and testi-

fy . . ."

Both the Dulles and Novel subpoena requests contain provisions granting the men immunity from arrest and process service while in Louisiana on matters which arose prior to their entrance into the state to answer the subpoenas.

IN THE PAST, Garrison has refused to grant Novel such immunity. Novel has said he would be willing to return if

it were granted.

The Novel subpoena request says Novel now lives in Columbus, Ohio.

It alleges that Novel "by his own admission in public statements is affiliated with the CIA."

It further alleges that Novel "has been established to be a frequent visitor of and associate of attorney Dean A. Andrews who has been convicted of perjury in connec-

tion with his testimony relative to the conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

ALSO, IT says he was an associate of Ferrie in connection with CIA activities.

"Information has been given to the DA's office which located Novel at No Name Key in Florida where a number of CIA employes were training for an invasion of Cuba," the request said.

It also says Novel has been identified by a witness as a frequent visitor of Edgar Eugene Bradley in North Hollywood, Calif. Bradley has been charged in Orleans Parish as a conspirator in the Kennedy slaying.

Novel, the request says, has been identified by various witnesses as having been in various places in Dallas in 1963 which are under investigation by the DA's office.

"Gordon Novel has information on gun-running activities involving Clay L. Shaw who has been indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury as a conspirator to the murder of John F. Kennedy, and Jack Ruby, whom it is commonly accepted is the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald," the document says.

IT SAYS Steven Plotkin, Novel's attorney, when pressed for information relative to the gun-running activities asserted the attorney-client privilege and named Gordon Novel as the client involved.

The document requests that Novel be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of the state of Louisiana to assure his attendance.

It says Novel was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury March 17, 1967, and adds:

"Gordon Novel, by his own public admissions, sold his business on the weekend and left the city to avoid not only the aforescribed subpoena but also a new subpoena which

he knew had been issued but not served."

It says Novel was charged as a material witness and a warrant issued for his arrest, and goes on:

"SUBSEQUENT to the issuance of the warrant, Gordon Novel disguised himself in the clothing of a member of a particular religious order and by stealth and furtiveness returned to the state of Louisiana and removed his automobile.

"Subsequent to his having fled Louisiana, Gordon Novel traveled in secret to various places in the U.S. in the company of a member of a national news medium who aided and abetted Novel in his flight. Further, Novel has sought the aid of governmental agencies, particularly the CIA, to prevent his return

to New Orleans."

Garrison, in a statement accompanying the subpoenas, said Dulles was head of the CIA when its present techniques were developed.

"These techniques, although it is not generally known, have included the covert penetration of much of the fabric of American life — including schools, organizations of many types, news agencies and even churches," Garrison said.

The DA said witnesses familiar with the CIA's operations in a "geographical corridor" from California through Texas and Louisiana, eastward to Florida are particularly important because "this office has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA."

HE SAID virtually every key witness, defendant and potential defendant in the case has turned out to be originally from that "geographic strip."

Garrison said the Warren Commission was formed to "conceal the involvement of the CIA in the assassination." The commission members, he said, "appear to have participated in this tableau on the ground that 'national security' would be jeopardized if the truth were known by the people of this country."

Other evidence which possibly would have led to discovery of CIA involvement, Garrison said "was simply destroyed outright or never reported—such as the finding of bullets in Dealey Plaza immediately after the assassination."

SOME CIA employes, he said, were "accidentally" arrested at the scene and later released "without undue attention." He said his office has now identified the CIA employes involved and "is engaged in constructing cases against them."

He concluded:

"This office intends to demonstrate . . . that the CIA made a mistake in using Orleans Parish as a staging area for the assassination and that the federal government has made an equally bad mistake in attempting to conceal this fact and in attempting to obstruct justice in Orleans Parish."