

Novel Appearance in Louisiana Is Agreed by Attorney--Pitcher

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) —Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said Tuesday Gordon Novel's attorney agreed to his appearance before a grand jury probing influence on Louisiana government here.

Pitcher said attorney Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio, had told him the only thing remaining that could prevent Novel from coming here later this week to testify was whether anything on his own docket would permit it.

"He will call me in the morning and let me know if we have a deal," Pitcher said.

Weiner agreed a new set of documents assuring Novel of immunity from arrest while in Louisiana were what he had specified, the district

attorney said.

The grand jury returns into session Wednesday.

Novel, wanted for questioning in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, has claimed he has sensational information for the grand jury here.

He found refuge in Columbus, Ohio, when the Orleans Parish grand jury issued a subpoena for him to testify in the Kennedy assassination probe.

The local district attorney prepared an earlier set of documents seeking to calm Novel's fears of arrest here, but Novel demanded and was given signed affidavits from the governor and various prosecutors.

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