

NOVEL REVEALS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

Gordon Novel, wanted in New Orleans in connection with an assassination probe of President Kennedy, told The Dispatch Tuesday he "sneaked" into New Orleans last week disguised as a priest.

Novel, who has been living in Gahanna while Louisiana authorities have been attempting to extradite him for New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe, said he went to New York Tuesday and Wednesday last week to discuss the Garrison probe with magazine writers.

AT THAT TIME, he said he went to a costume shop, "and picked up a little bib and a little collar, and got a pair of sun glasses."

Novel, who said he is a Catholic, said he disguised himself as a Jesuit priest. He said only his close friends knew he was in New Orleans, and "I didn't stay long, I was running out of courage."

He said he picked up his car and some personal belongings

and office equipment and left New Orleans after being there about three hours Friday.

NOVEL SAID while he was in New York City, Garrison also was there filming statements for a Columbia Broadcasting System television show.

He said he picked up his car CBS to have Garrison "to meet me for cocktails. But he

(Garrison) wouldn't, fall for it."

Novel also said the national news organization he claims to have worked for was the National Broadcasting Co., and that he worked for Walter Sheridan.

SHERIDAN, an NBC correspondent in Washington, D.C., told The Dispatch that Novel was not employed by NBC, but that Novel was paid

for work he did for the network news organization "back in February."

Sheridan said Novel's expenses for a polygraph test he took in Washington several months ago were jointly shared by NBC and Hearst Publications.

Novel said he currently is working on a story for True Magazine and also for a magazine published in Europe.