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Kohn Charges Gremillion, McKeithen 'Shirked Duty'

The managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission today charged that Gov. John J. McKeithen and Atty. Gen. Jack Gremillion have refused to acknowledge their authority and responsibility to intervene in DA Jim Garrison's plot probe.

Aaron Kohn, speaking at the Press Club of New Orleans, said serious public allegations have been made that crimes have been committed by Garrison's office in the pursuit of his assassination investigation.

HE SAID THE state Constitution and the new criminal code specifically provide the attorney general with the power to intervene in all suits, either civil or criminal, or to institute suits or investigations, and give wide supervisory powers over state DAs.

Further, he said, the governor can demand that the attorney general take action in any case in which he thinks the public interest is in danger.

KOHN SAID THE allegations made against Garrison's

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office include conspiracy, attempted bribery or intimidation, inciting felonies, intimidation of officers, aggravated kidnaping, false imprisonment, criminal defamation and criminal mischief.

Kohn said the MCC is asking, step by step, those in authority to "exercise their duty."

He said that the last resort for taking action can be accomplished through the public, which with 25 names, can petition the commencement of removal action through the district courts.