

Dispatch - 5-24-67

New Try for Novel Reported Made

Louisiana authorities reportedly forwarded new extradition papers for Gordon Novel to Ohio Monday, but aides in Governor Rhodes' office said the request had not been received Wednesday morning.

Novel, arrested in Gahanna April 1 on a fugitive warrant, is wanted as a material witness in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's contro-

versial probe of the Kennedy assassination.

AN EARLIER attempt to extradite Novel by Louisiana authorities was denied on technical grounds by Rhodes' office.

Authorities still do not know the whereabouts of Novel, who was reported to have been shot in the shoulder in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday night.

THERE WERE unconfirmed reports that he was in either Columbus, Cincinnati or Washington, D.C.

Novel's Columbus attorney, Jerry Weiner, was in Fayetteville, N.C., where he is involved in a murder trial. Weiner's office in Columbus reported there has been no contact with Novel since the weekend incident.