

\$10,000 Bond Frees Novel From Prison

City Prison's prize inmate, Gordon Novel, finally was released on \$10,000 bond Tuesday morning, still denying any involvement in an assassination plot of President Kennedy. He then was whisked away by a private detective and his attorney.

Novel was arrested by Gahanna police Saturday afternoon and charged as a fugitive from justice from Louisiana after a string of confusing developments was unraveled Monday.

THE LOUISIANAN said he intends to stay in Columbus and fight extradition to Houma, La., where he is charged with conspiracy to commit burglary.

He is also wanted as a material witness in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the Kennedy assassination.

The slim and somewhat pale Novel, still attired in the black clothes he wore when taken into custody, issued some caustic remarks about Garrison while two dozen reporters questioned him for 10 minutes before he managed to get out of the police station.

"HE THINKS he's a big man and wants to make a name for himself," Novel charged, insinuating that Garrison is in for "a big letdown and may even be arrested himself before his investigation is ended."

A frequent reply from Novel to reporters' questions was: "I think you better ask Garrison about that."

When asked what specific questions Garrison should be asked, Novel quipped, "Ask him who killed cock robin."

WHILE admitting a casual acquaintance with Clay Shaw, central figure in the probe, he denied ever knowing or even meeting Lee Harvey Oswald.

He hastened to say, "Everybody knows Shaw."

Questioned about the burglary charge, Novel insisted,

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POSTS BOND—Gordon Novel, sought by New Orleans authorities in connection with the Kennedy assassination probe, posts \$10,000 bond Tuesday before leaving Columbus City Prison. (Dispatch Photo)