

63 JFK Probe Figure

Subpoenaed

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NEW ORLEANS, March 23 (AP)—Lexton Martens, arrested here three days after the assassination of President Kennedy and held for "investigation of subversive activities," was subpoenaed by District Attorney Jim Garrison today in his investigation of the crime.

The District Attorney also ordered the arrest of Gordon Novel, 29, a former bar owner whom he described as an important material witness for the grand jury considering the case.

Martens, 24, was ordered to appear before the grand jury next Wednesday. He formerly roomed with the late David W. Ferrie, who Garrison says was a conspirator in the assassination.

Martens, Ferrie and one Roland Beauboeuf, then 19, were arrested by Garrison's men at the request of the Secret Service and FBI Nov. 25, 1963. Ferrie was booked for being a fugitive from Texas; Martens and Beauboeuf were booked for vagrancy.

3 Released Next Day

Police records show that Martens was held for the FBI and Secret Service "under investigation of subversive activities."

Garrison said at that time that Ferrie, Beauboeuf and Martens were picked up "in connection with some leads of our own."

All three men were released the next day.

Also subpoenaed today was Donald Dooty, a balding, red-bearded man about 35 years old. No background information was available on Dooty, and he declined to answer newsmen's questions when he went to Garrison's office.

Clay L. Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart here, left for the Mississippi Gulf Coast today after his indictment by the Orleans Parish grand jury last

night for conspiring to murder President Kennedy. Shaw will go on trial here at an undetermined date. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. will preside.

In a television interview two weeks ago, Martens said he believed he knew all of Ferrie's friends and he had never heard Ferrie mention Clay Shaw or Clay Bertrand, Shaw's alleged alias.

John Volz, one of Garrison's assistants, said the District Attorney's office will extradite

Novel: once he is found and arrested.

Novel, 29, reportedly was in Chicago when the order for his arrest was approved by Criminal Judge Matthew S. Braniff. Former owner of the Jamaican Village Lounge on the fringe of the French Quarter, Novel said in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday that he did not intend to return to New Orleans unless guaranteed freedom from "harassment."

Said He Aided Garrison

Novel told newsmen he had helped Garrison in the assassination probe, but now felt he was being double-crossed.

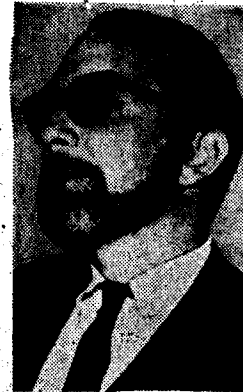
In the affidavit requesting the arrest order, Garrison's office said Novel severed his business ties here and left the city while under subpoena. The affidavit said Novel should be placed under sizable bond or the grand jury "will be deprived of a most important and material witness."

As an alternative to arrest, Judge Braniff set a bail of \$50,000 for Novel.

Novel's connection with the Kennedy probe has never been disclosed. When he was first subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury March 16, he said he thought Garrison wanted to question him about activities "during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Ar-



GORDON NOVEL



DONALD DOOTY

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one Garrison witness sought, another summoned

cacha Smith."

Arcacha, now living in Dallas, said he never heard of Novel. Arcacha headed an anti-Castro group in New Orleans in 1961 that had offices on Camp st. Some of the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba" leaflets passed out by Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans in 1963 carried the same Camp st. address.

Novel said he knew Shaw, "but not in connection with this." He said he "indirectly" knew a Dave Ferrie. Novel said he was working in New York at the time of the assassination.