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**New Orleans
Probe Figure
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Gordon Novel, the "missing witness" in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of an alleged Kennedy assassination conspiracy, popped up in a Washington suburb yesterday and took a lie detector test on his charge that the Garrison investigation was a "fraud."

The operator of the polygraph test, Lloyd Furr of McLean, Va., said Novel "passed" the lie test. He showed no deceptions," Furr said.

"Do you honestly believe Garrison's conspiracy prosecution is a fraud," Furr said he asked Novel. "Yes," he said novel replied.

Novel, a former nightclub operator, left New Orleans shortly before a grand jury investigating the assassination tried to subpoena him.

In New Orleans, Judge Matthew Braniff has issued orders for Novel to post a \$50,000 bond as a material witness or be arrested as a fugitive.

Novel's connection with the Garrison investigation has never been precisely spelled out. He was a roommate of the late David Ferrie during the time Garrison charges Ferrie was conspiring with Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw to kill the late president.

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