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Jury Quiz, Exile Chief

JAMES LEWELLEN
Walks to court.

Gordon Novel, who said last May that Garrison wants to question him about 1961 events involving former Cuban exile leader Sergio Araccha Smith, answered a summons to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Novel, 29, entered the Criminal Courts building shortly after the grand jury returned from lunch, but he did not go in immediately. He was accompanied by his attorneys, Steve Plottkin and Lddie L. Sagar, who said they would not allow their client to answer any questions.

A few moments after Novel appeared, Garrison went into the grand jury room.

He was interviewed prior to his appearance before the jury.

DEAN ADAMS ANDREWS, Jr., an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney appeared before the jury this morning for the second time in a week. He told reports that Novel is a good friend and contact of the

Novel, who owns the Journalism Building at 1001 Poydras Street, said he knows of no one being subpoenaed, and he rather likes saying

He said, "I think Garrison wants to know some thing about what was during 1961 when we talked to Mr. Sergio Araccha Smith."

questioned by the grand jury. According to the press, one of my Dallas contacts

Asked if he knows that L. Snow, who has been accused by Garrison of conspiring to murder the President, Novel said "I know him, but not as related to this thing."

He said he has never known Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin, and that he does not know Perry Raymond Russo, who has testified that he overheard David W. Ferrie, Oswald and Jack plotting to kill Mr. Kennedy.

NOVEL SAID HE knew Ferrie indirectly.

Ferrie, a free-lance pilot, died Feb. 22 while he was under investigation in connection with the Garrison probe.

Novel said that in addition to running the Jamaican Village, he owns an electronics company and a manufacturing and distribution company.

Novel, accompanied by reporters before he entered the grand jury room, said he knows Novel.

"DO I KNOW HIM?" he asked. "I know him. He's a good friend of mine," he said.

"You say he's a good friend of yours?" a reporter asked. "Yeah, he's a friend of mine."

Novel aroused the curiosity of Metairie residents in 1962 when he was making a flight test of an 18-foot helium-filled balloon. Neighbors saw a mysterious lighted object in the air over Metairie and began telephoning the news-

paper to find out what it was. Novel was testing a balloon which employed a gliding, illuminated light system.

Novel was mentioned in a news item in September of 1963 when he was a candidate for the city council and then named as a person prepared to enter his car in a Chevrolet parking lot if he was attacked by a mob.

The grand jury was questioning a third person this morning, a young man who told a reporter his name is Conway Clark.

CLARK CAME OUT of the jury room this morning and sat on a bench outside, apparently waiting to be called in again. He said he was not under subpoena but had been asked to appear by assistant District Attorney Volz.

Andrews appeared at the Criminal Courts building this morning and entered at Board Street, a most unobtrusive reporter.

Andrews had been subpoenaed to appear at 9 a. m. and arrived at the courthouse on schedule. He showed up alone, in contrast to previous appearances when he was accompanied by his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden.

A reporter asked him, "Do you know why you

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THOMAS BAKER SAID he is a member of the Communist Party and that he has been active in the party since 1945. He said he has been active in the party since 1945.

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