

Order 2 Arrests in JFK 'Plot'

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NEW ORLEANS, March 28 (UPI)—District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy reached into Virginia and Nebraska today with arrest orders for two key witnesses who have challenged Garrison's findings.

New Orleans courts have ordered the arrest of Sandra Moffit, now Lilly Mae McMaines, the wife of an Omaha, Neb., minister; and Gordon Novel, a lounge operator who says he has taken a lie detector test to prove that Garrison's investigation is a fraud. Latest reports said he was in Virginia.



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Judge Edward Haggerty outlines guidelines for newsmen at New Orleans

The order for Mrs. McMaines was signed yesterday and her bond was set at \$5,000. Novel's arrest was ordered last week, with bond set at \$50,000.

The two former residents of New Orleans have challenged testimony by Garrison's top witness and apparently are also wanted by attorneys for alleged conspirator Clay L. Shaw.

SHE DENIES MEETING

Perry R. Russo, the state's star witness, testified at a preliminary hearing that he attended a party at the late David W. Ferrie's apartment with a "Sandy" Moffit the night Shaw, Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly plotted the President's death.

The Orleans Parish (county) grand jury indicted Shaw for conspiracy in the case.

Mrs. McMaines told a newsmen in Omaha last week she had been a friend of Russo and was known in New Orleans at the time as Sandy Moffit. However, she denied attending a party at Ferrie's apartment. She said she did not meet in September, 1963. Mrs. meet Ferris until 1965.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In other developments yesterday:

- Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who will preside at Shaw's trial, advised the district attorney's office and defense attorneys not to make any further public statements regarding Shaw's innocence or guilt or regarding evidence in the case.

- Novel, who left town ahead of a subpoena, challenged Garrison to take a lie detector test to prove the investigation was not a politically motivated fraud.
- Steve Plotkin, Novel's attorney, moved to reduce his client's \$50,000 bail so he could return to New Orleans without going to jail.
- Mark Lane, outspoken critic of the Warren Commission report, arrived in New Orleans to discuss the case with Garrison's office.

- Attorney David R. Kroeman told a Bismarck, N.D., judge he had documents that proved President Kennedy was assassinated by someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald.

- Haggerty said the Jack Ruby and Sam Shepard cases "underscored the importance of cooperative efforts of the bench, bar and news media" in protecting freedom of the press while assuring the defendant of a fair trial.

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The judge met with news media but did not specify what rules he would apply to coverage of the trial, which attorneys say is still several months off.



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Mrs. Lilly Mae McMaines, 22, and her husband, Harold, are shown in their home in Omaha, Neb. A warrant has been issued for her arrest.