

# Former Shaw Aide, Russo at DA Office

Star witness Peter Russo, and defendant Clay L. Shaw's former secretary visited the office of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today on the eve of Shaw's arraignment on charges that he plotted the death of President Kennedy. Russo, who told a preliminary hearing he heard Shaw, the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald conspire to kill the President, arrived at 1:30 p. m. He told questioning reporters, "I'm here on another matter entirely," and walked into the office of Asst. Dist. Atty. Andrew J. Scambra.

SHAW'S FORMER SECRETARY at the International Trade Mart, Mrs. Jeff Hug, appeared with her attorney, (Turn to Page 4, Column 6)

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GORDON NOVEL SIGNS a register today to be freed from jail in Columbus, Ohio, on \$10,000 bond. An officer points out where the 29-year-old former New Orleans night club operator is to sign.

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James Gelpi, shortly after 1 p. m. and stayed in the DA's offices for an hour.

"I wish for my client's sake I could tell you what she's here for," Gelpi asserted, adding:

"But I believe it would be a violation of Judge Haggerty's order." He referred to guidelines set by Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. ordering those connected with the case not to discuss it.

Mrs. Hug said she was questioned concerning Garrison's investigation of Shaw.

MEANWHILE, AT MEXICO CITY where he is attending a world oil congress, the leader of Garrison's "Truth and Consequences" fund-raising committee accused U.S. Attorney Gen. Ramsey Clark of hampering the conspiracy investigation.

New Orleans oilman Joseph M. Rault Jr. said the Federal Bureau of investigation has new evidence on the assassination of Kennedy and could "solve" the case and refute the Warren Commission if it wished.

Atty. Gen. Clark told newsmen in Washington several weeks ago that the FBI had investigated Shaw and cleared him shortly after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.

In another development, at Columbus, Ohio, fugitive witness Gordon Novel, revealed more of what he said was his role as a Garrison investigator.

"He knows," Novel told newsmen, referring to Garrison. "Ask him. My code name was 'Alexander' and electronics was my field."

LATER, HE ADDED, "I'm going to tell my story when the time comes."

His lawyer, Jerry Weiner, added: "The first thing I want to do is hear the whole story myself."

Novel was freed from a Columbus jail today on \$10,000 bond and prepared to fight his return to New Orleans, where Garrison wants to question him in the continuing investigation into Kennedy's death.

A professional bondsman posted bail for the 29-year-old Novel, who was nabbed Saturday in a Columbus suburb on charges he conspired with two other figures in the inquiry to burglarize a Houma munitions dump.

MEANWHILE, a Cuban expatriate arrested on the same charge at Dallas, told Texas officers: "Garrison hasn't got anything."

The former New Orleans anti-Castro leader, Sergio Vincente Arcacha Smith, 44, was named with one-time night club owner Novel and the late David W. Ferrie in warrants charging they conspired the 1961 theft of munitions from a Schlumberger Wells Service depot at Houma.

Arcacha is free on \$1,500 bail.

Novel, who has eluded arrest on an earlier material witness warrant in the Kennedy death plot inquiry, was picked up by suburban Gahanna, Ohio, police Saturday.

He said he will fight extradition "all the way to the Supreme Court."

ARCACHA WAS taken into custody by Dallas police at his home yesterday, booked, fingerprinted and released on bail.

New Orleans Criminal Dist. Court Judge Thomas Brahney set bond for both men at \$5,000. A Dallas justice of the peace reduced Arcacha's bail to \$1,500, but Novel's bond was boosted to \$10,000 by Ohio

authorities.

Novel, Arcacha and Ferrie—who died here recently of what the Orleans Parish coroner called natural causes—all figure in the DA's presidential assassination plot investigation.

ARCACHA, who has lived at Dallas since 1963 and works for the export division of an air-conditioning firm, claims he knows nothing about the plot.

A father of five, Arcacha left Cuba shortly after Fidel Castro came to power. He first settled in Miami, later at New Orleans, then Miami again, Houston and Dallas.

He was chief of anti-Castro Cuban revolutionary activities in New Orleans before the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion

in 1961, when Garrison says the Houma munitions depot raid was planned.

BEFORE leaving New Orleans, Novel told reporters Garrison wanted to talk with him about "activities in 1961 which are connected with Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

At New Orleans, all principals in the case were put on notice by Judge Haggerty to keep mum about evidence or the guilt or innocence of accused conspirator Clay Shaw.

Haggerty warned that his court has the power to "punish for contempt" anyone who violates the order. He specifically included "attorneys, police, investigators, and any public employe officially connected with the processes of this court."