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VALDES CALLED IN PLOT PROBE

Discovered Body of Slain
Woman Doctor in '64

A self-described Latin playwright identified as Juan M. Valdes was subpoenaed Wednesday to appear before District Attorney Jim Garrison at 10 a.m. Thursday, but the issues on which he will be questioned were not disclosed.

Valdes, who lives in a St. Charles ave. apartment house, is the latest of a growing number of figures to be called upon in Garrison's probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy.

It was Valdes who discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Sherman, a noted New Orleans physician, in the same apartment house in 1964.

Dr. Sherman, who lived in the building, was discovered when Valdes noticed smoke coming from the woman's apartment. Her slayer, who is still unnamed, attempted to burn the body before making a getaway.

In another investigation development, a 30-year-old Cuban exile underwent questioning late Wednesday afternoon by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. The man, Carlos Quiroga, 3134 Derby pl., was once a friend of Sergio Arcacha

Smith who is presently fighting extradition proceedings in Dallas, Tex.

After two hours and 10 minutes before the grand jury, Quiroga quietly left the jury room without fanfare at 6:35 p. m. and departed the Criminal Courts Building. He would not comment to newsmen on why he was questioned.

Garrison wants Arcacha returned here to answer questions in connection with an alleged assassination conspiracy, and also on charges of conspiring to commit burglary on a Houma munitions bunker in 1961. Arcacha is now free on \$1,500 bond in Dallas.

The DA's office alleges that Arcacha, former leader of a Cuban revolutionary movement in New Orleans, plotted to burglarize the bunker along with the late David W. Ferrie and Gordon Novel, 29, formerly a local bar owner who is also fighting an extradition attempt by Garrison. Novel is free on bond in Columbus, Ohio.

Garrison has named three men as having conspired to murder Kennedy, two of whom are now dead. Ferrie died Feb. 22 in his Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment. Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the President's lone slayer, was killed Nov. 24, 1963 by Jack Ruby in Dallas.

The only living accused conspirator is retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw who is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial on the conspiracy charge. Shaw, 54, has strongly denied any connection with the crime.