

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Gordon Novel is the former associate of Jim Garrison who fled the state when Garrison had him subpoenaed before a local grand jury in connection with the so-called probe of the Kennedy assassination. Garrison has been trying to have Novel extradited back to New Orleans from Ohio.

Novel has made several public statements to the effect that he has evidence which will expose Garrison as a fraud and his so-called probe as a hoax. However, Novel, lending fuel to Garrison's charge of complicity of the Central Intelligence Agency in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, has publicly stated through his attorney that he has been connected with the Central Intelligence Agency. We have asked Central Intelligence Agency to advise if Novel has been connected with that agency.

Novel has filed a multimillion dollar libel suit against Garrison and his financial backers alleging that unfavorable publicity has irreparably damaged his reputation.

Since the attached is from news media, it will not be disseminated.

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