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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEAN STATES - ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, 7
MAY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT AN AFFIDAVIT FILED
WITH NEW EXTRADITION PAPERS SENT TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, CLAIMS
THAT GORDON NOVEL ADMITTED HIS PART IN A BURGLARY OF A
MUNITIONS BUNKER IN HOUMA IN SIXTYONE. ACCORDING TO THE
ARTICLE, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES L. ALCOCK SAID
IN THE AFFIDAVIT THAT GORDON NOVEL RESPONDED TO QUESTIONING
BY DA JOM GARRISON AND INVESTIGATIVE AIDE, WILLIAM
GURVICH THAT HE AND THE PARTIES NAMED THEREIN DID IN FACT
COMMIT THE CONSPIRACY AND BURGLARY OUTLINED ABOVE.

THE AFFIDAVIT DECLARED THAT NOVEL, SERGIO AREACHA SMITH,
DAVID W. FERRIE AND OTHER UNNAMED PERSONS "DID CONSPIRE,
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AGREE AND COMBINE" TO BURGLARIZE A MUNITIONS BUNKER LOCATED IN HOUMA, LA. THE CONSPIRACY WAS ENTERED INTO AT THE HOME OF ARCACHA IN NEW ORLEANS.

IN THE AFFIDAVIT ALCOCK SAID THE MEN WENT TO HOUMA ON OR ABOUT AUGUST TWENTYONE, SIXTYONE IN A LINCOLN AUTOMOBILE OWNED AND DRIVEN BY GORDON NOVEL AND IN A PANEL TRUCK. AFTER ARRIVING AT THE SITE OF THE BUNKER, WHICH WAS LEASED BY SCHLUMBERGER WELL SERVICES CO., GORDON NOVEL, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, DAVID F. FERRIE AND OTHERS UNNAMED UNLAWFULLY ENTERED THE BUNKER BY CUTTING THE LOCK WITH A PAIR OF BOLT CUTTER WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT ALONG FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT AFTER ENTERING THE BUNKER THESE MEN TOOK VARIOUS FORMS AND EXPLOSIVES AND MUNITIONS AND THEREAFTER RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS WITH THE STOLEN MUNITIONS.

THE ARICLE REPORTED THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR OF OHIO ALSO CONTAINED A COPY OF THE SIMPLE BURGLARY CHARGE AGAINST NOVEL AND ARCACHA BY THE SHERIFF OF TERREBONNE PARISH.

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THE NEW ORLEANS STATES - ITEM, FINAL EDITION, MAY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "NOVEL CIA AGENT, ATTORNEY ADMITS" WHICH REPORTED STEVEN ~~PLOTKIN~~, ATTORNEY FOR GORDON NOVEL, ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT, FOLLOWING THE STATES-ITEM'S DISCOVERY OF A LETTER WHICH PLOTKIN SAID WAS WRITTEN BY NOVEL AND APPARENTLY DIRECTED TO AN OFFICIAL OF CIA, THAT NOVEL WORKED FOR THE CIA IN NEW ORLEANS IN EARLY SIXTYONE. PLOTKIN SAID NOVEL SERVED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE CIA AND ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS IN NEW ORLEANS AND MIAMI PRIOR TO THE APRIL, 'SIXTYONE BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, PLOTKIN SAID NOVEL'S CIA WORK HAD "LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION AND CERTAINLY HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY." PLOTKIN FURTHER SAID NOVEL WORKED AS WHAT HE TERMED "CHIEF OF SECURITY" FOR GARRISON BEFORE "HIS FORCED DEPARTURE FROM NEW ORLEANS".

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PLOTKIN ALSO DECLARED HIS CLIENT WAS ACTUALLY SERVING AS A DOUBLE AGENT IN THE EMPLOY OF A "NATIONAL NEWS MEDIA". THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT PLOTKIN STATED NOVEL HAS TAPES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER DATA WHICH WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY AND WILL "PROVE BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT MR. GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION IS A FRAUD AND A HOAX".

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, PLOTKIN SAID NOVEL HAS TURNED THE INFORMATION OVER TO A NATIONAL NEWS MEDIUM AND THAT TAPE RECORDINGS AND OTHER MATTERS IN PLOTKIN'S POSSESSION WILL BE RELEASED IN CASE NOVEL DIES.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A HANDWRITTEN LETTER DRAFT WAS FOUND IN A HIDING PLACE AT NOVEL'S FORMER FRENCH QUARTER APARTMENT ADDRESSED TO "MR. WISS" IN WHICH NOVEL STATED HE WANTED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF "THIS MESS" BY AN UN SPECIFIED DATE IN MARCH OF SIXTYSEVEN.

THE ARTICLE QUOTED A PORTION OF THIS LETTER AS FOLLOWS:
FOUR ATTORNEYS AND OTHERS ARE IN POSSESSION OF COMPLETE SEALED FILES CONTAINING ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS
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MATTER, IN THE EVENT OF OUR SUDDEN DEPARTURE, EITHER ACCIDENTAL OR OTHERWISE, THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO SIMULTANEOUSLY RELEASE SAME FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY IN DIFFERENT AREAS."

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE LETTER MENTIONED TAKING "APPROPITE COUNTER ACTION RELATIVE TO GARRISON'S INQUISITION CONCERNING US". IN THE LETTER IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUSINESS OF HANDLING GARRISON MAY BEST BE CARRIED ON "THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS VIS A VIS THE DIA MAN". DIA ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE IS THE ABBREVIATION FOR DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO SUPERVISE CIA AFTER THE DISASTROUS DAY OF PIGS INVASION.

ABOVE LETTER APPARENTLY SAME AS LETTER FURNISHED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE BY DA GARRISON MENTIONED NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND MIAMI, NINE TWENTY PM, MAY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSEVEN AND NEW ORLEANS LHM AND AIRTEL DATED MAY TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN.

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