

Nation, The

Veteran liberal weekly. (see bibliography files for earlier articles) In an article, "Verdict in New Orleans," approves, alleging lack of evidence, but warns that it does not affirm the *Warren Report*, as new evidence may turn up. Lifts eyebrow at the "insatiable" appetite for plot theories. Accuses Garrison of abusing his authority to persecute Shaw, particularly in the new charge of perjury. Calls for Justice Department probe of whether Garrison and others have not conspired to deprive Shaw of his constitutional rights. *The Nation*, 3/17/69

National Enquirer

Prints by-lined story by Loran Eugene Hall (but with geographical mistakes unlikely by him such as "Bakersville") which says that as an anti-Castro fighter travelling about raising funds he met many times with right wingers plotting JFK, MLK and RFK assassinations says he was offered \$50,000 in Dallas in 10/63 to knock off JFK, but turned it down. Says he never met Mrs. Odio, and that the FBI's story that he did was cooked up to distract attention from her story and divert attention to himself, William Seymour and Lawrence Howard. Despite two attempts on his life he now feels better for having given all the facts he knows to District Attorney and that there is now no point in killing him. *National Enquirer*, 9/1/68

National Observer

Dow Jones publication, Washington. Printed Story (date not given) by Jerry Footlick which quoted Garrison as saying "There is no way that Clay Shaw can get an acquittal." *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/1/68

National States Rights Party

See Misc. II file – *States Rights Party*.

Verb-Weisberg-Burton correspondence *States Rights Party* on the party, its leadership, brief biographies, connections with other right wing groups. 4/22/68 and 4/25/68

NBC

Paid Gordon Novel's transportation costs to point near Washington where he interviewed *with Hearst Headline Service*. 3/25/67 AP A147 920pes

Text of Garrison press release, with memo from Sciambra (co-signed by Russo) recounting Russo's statement of how Townley, Sheridan and Phelan sought to get him to come over the Shaw defense side, offering him a job in California and immunity from extradition. Copy 6/20/67

NBC's own transcript of its program omits part of the announcer's remarks about Andrews and Clay/Clem Bertrand.

Tape 55, *NBC-TV* The JFK Conspiracy: the Case of Jim Garrison. 6/19/67 [Filed with transcripts]

Russo says Sheridan offered to set him up in California if he'd help *NBC* and CIA wreck the Garrison case. Russo says he was told repeatedly by members of the Sheridan-Townley-Phelan trio that both *NBC* and CIA were "out to wreck

the Garrison investigation." *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/20/67

Oakland Tribune TV columnist Bob MacKenzie, discussing *NBC* telecast, says the TV news industry "should sit down and think very hard about its sudden urge to play fairy godmother to the American judicial system." *Oakland Tribune*, 6/20/67

Garrison charges *NBC* news employees tried to influence state witness Marlene Mancuso, Novel's former wife. Says *WDSU*'s Townley told her Garrison would be destroyed and jailed. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/21/67

Garrison accuses *NBC* of interfering with trying to destroy his case and asks FCC to keep from using the public air to do it. *AP* A071nu 557ped 18jun67

TV commentator James A. Perry says all three networks are planning specials on Garrison's probe. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/19/67

NBC broadcast says Garrison threatened potential witnesses, used Bundy's testimony after he failed a lie detector test, and fed Russo leading questions. Says real Clem Bertrand exists. *AP* X088 et seq 922ped 19jun67

Garrison charges Sheridan tried to bribe Russo. William. McAndrews said "Sheridan had no authority to do that. It had never been suggested." *AP* A044ny 545aed 20jun67

Ed Planer, news director of *WDSU-TV*, New Orleans *NBC* outlet, subpoenaed by grand jury along with three Gurvich brothers. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/27/67

WDSU-TV crews blocks Garrison's way to a speech. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/27/67

NBC has exclusive scoop in tape-recorded interview with Khrushchev, refuses to say how it got it. Says not made by *NBC* and Soviet government probably not aware it had been made. *New York Times*, 6/27/67

Garrison accuses Aaron Kohn of working "in concert with " *NBC* men, and admitting privately he has no knowledge of wrongdoing by District Attorney's office "except through magazines and the television network." *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/5/67

NBC announces Garrison has accepted half hour rebuttal time 7/15. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/8/67

Refused Shaw attorneys request to keep Garrison off the air. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/12/67

Sheridan says he'll return to New Orleans to face charges. Producer Fred Freed says bribe charges are an attempt to intimidate *NBC*. *AP* A064wx 837ped 12j1y67

Terence O'Flaherty: From New York comes the official reason for *NBC's* hasty scheduling of its report on the Garrison investigation: the news department had every assurance that Garrison's aide would defect from the New Orleans district attorney's conspiracy hunt on the program during an interview. Instead, he chose to break the story to Senator Robert Kennedy. *San Francisco Chronicle*, 7/6/67

New York Times's Jack Gould reviews *NBC's* special on Khrushchev, generally regarded as a great scoop in the TV industry. Notes *NBC's* caginess about how the film was made and got out of Russia. (Some kind of payoff to *NBC* for the job it did on Garrison ?) *New York Times*, 7/12/67

Robert Lewis Shayon suggests *NBC's* Khrushchev special was made and exported with full knowledge of Soviet authorities. *Saturday Review*, 8/5/67

Mealy mouthed *NBC* rebuttal to Shayon, above. *Saturday Review*, 9/4/67

NBC-TV Johnny Carson show, hostile, but District Attorney gets in some good plugs for new material. *NBC-TV*, 1/31/68

Garrison tells District Attorneys convention *NBC* employees have been successful in avoiding testifying because "*NBC* is part of *RCA*, which has defense contracts." Also blasted *LIFE* magazine and its correspondent Dave Chandler who being protected, Garrison says, because *LIFE* is withholding Zapruder film "so you can't see" that JFK was shot from the front. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/13/68

Mark Lane says *NBC* first stipulated that Johnny Carson could have Garrison on 1/31/68 show only if Warren Commission member would take part; No one was willing, nor was any Warren Commission attorney willing. Afterward Garrison received 2,300 letters, all favorable. Notes, speech at *Contra Costa College*, San Pablo. 5/7/68

Eugene C. Davis sues *NBC* for \$250,000 libel, asks jury trial, for *NBC's* 8/11/67 program identifying him as the real Clay Bertrand. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/13/68

FCC Commissioner Nicholas Johnson says *RCA*, which owns *NBC*, gets from 28 to 20 per cent of its income from defense contracts. (See *New Orleans States-Item* Garrison charges 3/12/68) *New York Times*, 3/24/68

- Nagy, Imre** Identified by Clay Shaw in Jim Phelan interview as the last non-communist premier of Hungary and head of *Centro Mondiale Commerciale* in Home, which Shaw says had no connection with CIA. *Penthouse*, 9/69
- NCIA** *National Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Inc.* Headed by Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
See: Misc-Study Groups/NCIA, 7/69
- Nelson, Merryl** FBI agent from Grand Forks, ND, who in early 1964 interviewed Richard Giesbrecht, Winnipeg businessman who had overheard incriminating conversation at airport between two men, one of whom strongly resembled David Ferrie, regarding the assassination. At first Nelson told Giesbrecht "this looks like the break we've been waiting for," only to tell him two months later to forget the whole thing "--it's too big." *Winnipeg Free Press*, 3/17/67

(Reprinting original story 5/2/64) attached: copy of Jon Ruddy article in *McLean's*, 11/67
- New Republic, The** Establishment liberal weekly. Article "What Garrison Proved" skillfully exposes weak points in District Attorney's case, contrasting what he said before the trial with the evidence produced during it. Ends by calling the perjury indictment against Shaw vindictive and suggesting that since no elected state official from the governor on down has "dared to utter a single critical word" against Garrison, Louisiana "may now have its most potentially dangerous demagogue since Huey Long." *The New Republic*, 3/15/69

[For earlier New Republic articles, see bibliography index]
- New Orleans Bar Association** Asks Attorney General Jack Geemillion to investigate Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/18/67
- New Orleans, Metropolitan Crime Commission** See Aaron Kohn
- New York Free Press** Sued along with editors Jack Banning and Kurt Brussel and reporter Jay Singer, for \$1.5 million damages for libel by Edgar Eugene Bradley. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/10/69
- New Yorker, The** Sued with Edward Jay Epstein by Bill Turner for \$2 million libel damages because of Epstein's *article New Yorker* published 7/13/68. *San Francisco Examiner, Chronicle*, 7/8-9/69
- New York Times** Two versions of the same story about District Attorney's probe from two different editions of the same date. What appears to be the earlier version contains charges about the *Minutemen*, and the Dallas police; Texas big businessmen, former Chief Curry's denial, charges about Robert Kennedy.

In what appears to be the later version , the paragraph about the connection of Texas businessmen is badly pieced -- possibly deliberately -- and the entire story is drastically rearranged except for the lead. The material about Robert Kennedy has been dropped, but the new version contains additional denials by Henry Wade and the assistant police chief, plus charges that Garrison's investigation in Dallas was bugged constantly. *New York Times*, 9/22/67

Newcomb, Fred T. Sherman Oaks, CA, professional photographer, to whom Weisberg sent some pictures of Thornley with a request to add Oswald's receding hairline, etc for comparison purposes. *Tampa Times*, 11/27-8/68

Commercial artist, who with Roy Watson, a commercial photographer, publish a two-part series arguing that both the Oswald photos with the rifle have Oswald's head pasted on someone else's body at the chin line. Detailed analysis. *Probe (UCSB)*, 12/68 and 1/69 [filed misc-study groups]

Newman, Frances Gail. Mrs. Dallas housewife who, with her husband and two children, were about 10 feet from JFK when he was shot. Testified at Shaw trial that the shots sounded like they came from directly behind her, and that she was interviewed by the sheriff's office but not by the Warren Commission. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/15/69 *AP*, 2/15/69

Newman, Frances Gail (Mrs. William E.) Dallas housewife who with husband and children about 10 feet from JFK when he was killed. Said shots sounded like they came from directly behind. Said they gave statements to FBI and Sheriff's officers but were not interviewed by Warren Commission. *New Orleans States-Item*, [& proceedings], 2/15/69

Newman, William E. Dallas electrical contractor. Testified at Shaw trial as state witness (as did his wife) that he was only a car lane distance from JFK when it happened. Said saw JFK stiffen and put up hands at first shot, saw Connally clutch stomach with the second, and saw JFK's ear fly off when the third shot hit, then saw JFK fall back into his wife's lap. Said shots came from directly behind him. *New Orleans States-Item*, [& proceedings], 2/17/69

Nhu, Madame Interviewed by Edgar Eugene Bradley latter part of 10/63 in which she expressed her opinion of the Kennedy administration. Bradley is reported to have a tape recording of the interview. *North Valley Mail*, 3/6/68

Hides, John R. Member, new grand jury sworn in 9/6/67, selected by Judge O'Hara. *New Orleans States-Item*, 9/6/67

Nichols, John A., Dr. *Kansas University Medical Center* Pathologist sues in Topeka Federal Court to have JFK autopsy exhibits declared public property and made available for his examination. [disposition unknown but assumed petition denied] *Kansas City Times*, 1/18/69

University of Kansas pathologist. Testifies as state witness that the Zapruder frames of the shot hitting JFK's head are compatible with a shot from the front. *New York Times*, Waldron, 2/18/69

Defense repeatedly objects to Nichol's qualifications. *San Francisco Chronicle AP*, 2/18/69 *Oakland Tribune AP*, 2/18/69

Tuesday 2/18/69: Justice Dept immediately appeals Judge Halleck's order to release autopsy evidence to District Attorney. List of what is released, *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/18/69

Nicklaus, Walter T. Juror in Andrews trial. *Southern Pacific* yardman. 927 Atlantic Ave., Algiers.

Nolan, Eugene A. Arrested on Nassau, NY, County warrant charging him with being New Orleans part of nationwide big-city \$100 million bookmaking ring. Freed on \$5000 bail. Will fight extradition. District Attorney charges the arrest was jeopardized by bungling of MCC flatfoot whom Nolan seized while he was using binoculars. *New Orleans States-Item*, 12/19-20/67

New Orleans States-Item says identity of the MCC informant on Nolan was the question Aaron Kohn refused to answer in 12/67 and spent the night in jail for contempt. *New Orleans States-Item*, 1/17/68

Surrenders in Nassau County, NY, on bookie charges. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/1/68

Nolan, Dick *San Francisco Examiner* columnist. Vicious attack on District Attorney and Mort Sahl. Charges District Attorney picked Shaw as a target because homosexual and therefore vulnerable. *San Francisco Examiner*, 8/17/69

Nolan, Robert Pseudonym for Richard Case Nagell, he says with DIA authorization. *Ramparts*, 1/68, p. 58, William W. Turner

No Name Key Anti-Castro guerrilla training site in Florida. Subpoena says Novel was there where a number of CIA employees were training for an invasion of Cuba. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/16/68

Loran Eugene Hall, interviewed, said he knew Lawrence Howard, Jr. and that Howard had been arrested or raided or something by the CIA and the Customs unit on No Name Key sometime in either November or December of 62 on preparations for going into Cuba on a raid. This was known as Patrick's group." Said such raids were not under the auspices of the CIA or any government agency. *LA Free Press*, 1/12/68

Garrison says Novel was also at No Name Key. *LA Free Press*, 3/8/68

Northup, A.H. Coroner, Pensacola, FL Said Thomas Henry Killam showed only one cut, "a long, three-inch deep laceration over the lower left side of the neck. Apparently sustained deep laceration in throat when he fell through plate glass window."

AP A59mh 503pes 22feb67

Ruled death accidental. Police said suicide. AP A100mh 748pes 22feb67

Norris, Gerald Dawson Central figure in a bail jumping case cited as an example of District Attorney's alleged laxity in collecting bail forfeitures, used by Connick in political campaign. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/28/69

Norden, Eric Freelance now with *Playboy*. Slashes wrist with razor during quarrel with wife, police say, in 14th floor room of Mark Hopkins. *San Francisco Chronicle*, 8/21/69

Norton, Donald P. Garrison witness, claims to have been impressed by CIA into service in 1957 under threat of exposure as a homosexual. Claim he delivered \$50,000 to man looking like Oswald in 1962 in Monterrey, Mexico, later ran similar errand in Atlanta and Bahamas where ran into Ferrie. *Ramparts*, 1/68, p. 49, William W. Turner

Novel, Gordon 29 Subpoenaed to appear before grand jury. Owns the *Jamaican Village*, a bar on, the fringe of the French quarter, not previously linked with the case. *San Francisco Examiner AP*, 3/16/67

Described by Dean Andrews as a friend and client. Novel said Garrison wanted to question him about 1961 events involving Sergio Arcacha Smith. AP A10 1235pcs 16mar67

Grand jury unable to locate Novel 3/22/67 since he appeared 3/16 but not called. Novel reported to have sold his business 3/19 and left no forwarding address. His attorney Steve Plotkin said he would see to it that his client appeared. *San Francisco Examiner UPI*, 3/22/67

Reached by newsmen in Columbus, OH, 3/23, said he afraid to return to New Orleans because of harassment from Garrison, whose political ambitions he blamed for the whole case. Said he knew Shaw, "but not in connection with this," knew "indirectly" "a David Ferrie," did not know Russo. His attorney, Plotkin, said Novel had left New Orleans Saturday, 3/18, (he sold his bar Sunday 3/19) and had gone to Washington, DC, but Novel indicated he has been here since Monday 3/20. Subpoena issued today (3/23) for Novel's reappearance. Quoted as calling the investigation a fraud. Said he first helped Garrison at the request of a friend but Garrison "double-crossed me" after he had told him "all I knew." AP B127103acs 23mar67 *Sacrament Bee, AP*, 3/23/67 *LA Times AP*, 3/23/67

Garrison orders Novel's arrest as material witness. Novel left Columbus today, said he going to Chicago. Warrant said he left New Orleans while under subpoena, sold his business and said publicly he not returning. Arcacha Smith said in Dallas he'd never heard of Novel. *San Francisco Examiner 2-star*, unattributed, 3/23/67

Warrant for arrest issued by Criminal Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff, bail set at \$50,000. District Attorney's affidavit said he had good reason to believe Novel was a most important" witness necessary to the grand jury's investigation. Left city while under subpoena. *San Francisco Chronicle, LA Times, San Francisco Examiner, 3/24/67, AP A71-B40 514pcs 24mar67, New York Times, 3/24/67*

Attorney Steve Plotkin said Novel in Washington DC 3/22/67 on personal business. *AP A71nu 611aes 24mar67*

Plotkin said 3/24/67 he knows Novel's whereabouts but refused to divulge. *San Francisco Examiner AP-UPI 3/24/67*

Interviewed by ABC's Murphy Martin, said probe a fraud, that Garrison trying to make him frame Dean Andrews, link him with the CIA, etc. *KGO, 3/25/67*

Garrison will try to drag in the CIA, *KNBR, Sheridan-McNeill TV excerpts 3/25/67. Transcribed from tape.*

Passed lie detector test, according to Lloyd Furr, at or near McLean, Va. Said met Garrison about 2/21 -- the day before Ferrie found dead. Said meeting highly secret, Garrison told him Ferrie had passed lie detector test and not involved in the conspiracy to kill JFK. Said bizarre plan mounted to obtain a confession from Ferrie, but that Ferrie died before any such plan went into effect. Said he did not know Oswald nor about a conspiracy. Said Garrison case is a fraud. *San Francisco Examiner 3-star Hearst Headline Service., Leslie Whitten., 3/26/67*

Was a roommate of Ferrie in 11/63.(?) *San Jose Mercury-News, UPI, 3/26/67*

Unlawful flight arrest order asked by District Attorney of U.S. Attorney Louis Lacour, New Orleans, which would bring FBI into the case. *AP A28 3O3aes 28mar67*

Motion to dismiss charge denied by Judge Haggerty. *AP A87nu 6pcs 29mar67*

New Orleans States-Item, quotes responsible source as saying Novel in Montreal, preparations for his return being sought. His lawyer said he would ask the Louisiana Supreme Court to dismiss the case.

Canadian authorities said they know nothing about his whereabouts. Have no request for his arrest. *AP A149nu 950acs and A71 NL 506pcs 30mar67*

Warrant issued for arrest of Novel and Sergio Arcacha Smith on charge of burglarizing munitions dump at Houma, LA. in 1961. *AP A93nu620pcs 31mar67*

Text of robbery charge. *AP A22 254aes lapr67*

Arrested at Gahanna, Ohio, where police chief Robert F. Brandon said Novel was carrying two tear gas fountain pens up his sleeves when arrested and asked Brandon to walk in front of him and another officer behind. "Don't let this turn into another Dallas," Brandon quoted Novel. Held under \$10,000 bond. Told police his fiancée, Abby Mulligan, lived at 226 Oakland, Columbus.

Was arrested in company of Miss Mulligan's father in car in front of the apartment Novel had-rented.

In New Orleans, Bill Gurvich said he had learned where Novel staying through confidential source, advised Gahanna police, who staked out Novel's apartment where he walked into police trap. *AP A92co 711pcs lapr67*

Gahanna patrolman, Charles Barnette, says Novel was rooming in a house across the street from the police station. *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle, 4/2/67 UPI*

Vowed to fight extradition (all the way) to the U.S. Supreme Court. Arrest was on simple fugitive from justice warrant resulting from burglary charge. Mayor van Auken said Novel was apparently preparing to leave by plane the night of 4/1/67, was on way to pick up suitcases he had left at office of Richard L. Paugh, local columnist and TV personality who operated a small news service and said he had interviewed Novel about 2 weeks earlier but had no connection with him. *AP cw 657pcs 2apr67*

In Columbus, Novel posts \$10,000 bond with money sent by friends in New Orleans. Says he worked as investigator for Garrison and "my code name was Alexander and electronics my field." *San Francisco Examiner UPI- AP 4/4/67*

Calls Garrison master crime solver and Cardiff giant, hints he fears kidnapping or murder by the witch hunters of New Orleans. *Oakland Tribune UPI, 4/2/67*

Formal fugitive charge filed in Columbus. Judge Wilbur Shull continued bond of \$10,000. Novel began arguing in own defense and at one point said of reports he might return to New Orleans "I did not intend to do that because of this Cuban." Lawyer Jerry Wiener, who said he had never met Novel until 4/1/67 night, contended Novel not a fugitive because charge not filed while he still in Louisiana. Wiener agreed to 30-day continuance on fugitive case while he sought hearing on extradition request. Governor's office indicated Ohio usually extradites fugitives and Louisiana happens to have a man wanted in Ohio. *AP B74024acs 2apr67*

Ibid: Novel reportedly has business ties in Columbus; developing anti-bugging device with local electronics firm (unnamed) also would confer with bar and restaurant businessmen in Columbus.

Bond posted by professional bondsman, released. "I used to do work for Garrison. In fact, I did some of the investigating in this so-called plot. I've got a lot of charges of my own to make about him." *AP* B62 1025acs et seq 4apr67

Told newsmen he had been chief of Garrison's security section but wouldn't say for how long. "My code name was Alexander and electronics was my field." On hand to greet Novel when released was a private detective. Novel insisted "Jim Garrison is the greatest character assassin of all time ... and I've got the stuff in here to prove it." referring to his attaché case, which he refused to open. *AP* A17co 215pes 4apr67

While awaiting extradition, he is expected to stay in Columbus with the parents of his girl friend ... Abby Mulligan. *San Francisco Examiner* 4-star *UPI-AP* 4/4/67

Layton Martens indicted 4/5/67 for perjury 3/29/67 when told grand jury he never knew Novel, could not remember whether Arcacha Smith was along on Houma raid in 1961. *AP* A59nu 418pcs 5mar67

"I'm going to prove the investigation is a complete fabrication. I'm going to blow the case wide open." New York Times *UPI*, 4/5/67

"I'm afraid for the people around me because I'm the only one who can expose Garrison." *San Francisco Chronicle UPI-AP*, 4/5/67

Novel said the bond money was supplied by friends in New Orleans. "You wouldn't believe the pressure being put on my friends in New Orleans. Right now things are like a pressure cooker down there. There is no such thing as a court of law in New Orleans right now." Said he worked for Garrison until became convinced the alleged assassination plot was nonexistent. Extradition hearing set for 5/3 *Sacramento Bee UPI*, 4/6/67

Burlargy charges filed against Novel and Arcacha Smith in Terrebonne Parish by District Attorney. Wilmore J. Broussard for 1961 raid. *LA Herald-Examiner UPI*, 4/6/67

In Baton Rouge, Thomas Burbank, head of state police, said his dept once had bought anti-bugging equipment from, New Orleans firm headed by Novel after a 1965 report governor's office had been bugged. "We never did find any equipment in the office," said Burbank.

Secretary of State s records list *Electronics Systems International* as filing papers 6/27/66 listing Novel as one of the incorporators and Andrews as attorney for firm. *AP* A140nu 908pcs 6apr67

Novel displays "Louisiana Brigadier General's Card" bearing signature of Gov. McKeithen, whose aides insist it can't be legitimate. *AP B74 122acs co 7apr67*

News conference with attorney Weiner. Adds to list of his conditions for returning to New Orleans a guarantee that he won't be prosecuted on 1961 burglary charge. Would like to go back and testify to a grand jury that isn't loaded. *San Francisco Examiner 4-star AP, 4/7/67*

Gov. McKeithen asks Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes to expedite extradition. Governor's office said he was assured it would be given early attention.

Baton Rouge State Times 4/10/67 quoted Novel as saying he sold bugging equipment to McKeithen's office "to protect the governor from District Attorney Jim Garrison." "Ridiculous," said McKeithen. The District Attorney have been close political friends. Officials have confirmed Novel sold both bugging and anti-bugging equipment to the governors office. *AP B13nu 250aes 11apr67*

Charged in New Orleans with two more theft charges: property valued at \$1,356 from *Franklin Printing Co.*, and property valued at \$1,074 from Albert Bellevue, both in 1966. *AP A91nu 537pcs 12apr67*

Bylined story in *Dayton, OH, Daily News* as told to Robert Endicott. Says whole Garrison investigation is fiction, that Garrison had approached him about the plan for the investigation and asked him to join, and he refused. That he left New Orleans because Garrison threatened to involve him in the conspiracy after he refused to continue his job for the prosecutor; that Garrison wants him back because he knows too much about him; that he thinks Garrison will expose some activities of the CIA in New Orleans. In Columbus Novel was called to be a witness before a state senate committed considering bills to prohibit bugging private conversations. *AP B118 Dayton 1255pcs 18apr67*

Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio confirmed today (4/18/67) that he had received extradition papers from Louisiana for the return of Gordon Novel ... *New York Times 4/19/67*

Novel charged yesterday that ...Garrison wanted to stun the late David W. Ferrie with an atropine dart and then question him under the "truth serum" in order to extract a confession in the Kennedy assassination.

Novel's claim was included in the transcript of a polygraph test of Novel released by his Columbus lawyer (Jerry Weiner) at a press conference. With Weiner seated beside him, Novel recounted his own plan to double-cross Garrison by telephoning an order for a dart intended for use on small bears. "But the dart wouldn't have been chemically loaded -- not on my life," Novel said. "I was just setting up Garrison." *San Francisco Chronicle Times Post Service, 4/25/67*

New Orleans States-Item says Novel has strongest CIA ties of all those under investigation, that he has told intimates he was a CIA operative and will this role to battle Garrison's charges. (His Columbus attorney, Jerry Weiner,

said this was ridiculous, that Novel is not now and has never been a CIA agent.”)

Quoted Novel as saying the raid on the Houma depot was "a war materials pickup made at the direction his CIA contact." He also prepared radio commercials for US and Canada through his *Evergreen Advertising Agency* which warned agents of the date of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Garrison's charges state the bunker incident took place 8/1/61, three months after the Bay of Pigs. *San Francisco Examiner AP*, 4/25/67

Novel's motion to cancel affidavit demanding his return overruled by Municipal Judge Bruce Jenkins, who continued case until 7/3. *Arizona Daily Star*, Tucson, *AP*, 5/4/67

Gov. McKeithen says Ohio's Gov. Rhodes not cooperating fully in extradition. Says now can't even get Rhodes on phone to discuss it, although he talked to an aide. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/5/67

After letter from Gov. Rhodes of Ohio returning Novel's extradition papers as incomplete and demanding assurance Novel would not be questioned about JFK murder if he returns to New Orleans, assistant District Attorney James Alcock said the revised extradition request would be mailed the same day and would not bear the requested disclaimer, he said.

Interviewed by Lane in Columbus, Weiner attending, at Lane's request. Charged Lane fronting for Garrison. Lane said Novel's sodium pentathol test was rigged, that Weiner guilty of conduct unbecoming an attorney. Weiner said Lane did most of the questioning, got up and walked out when Novel started to question Lane. *AP* 14May67 5O5pcd see also *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/15/67

Reported wounded by sniper fire while sitting in news wagon of *WKDA* outside apartment of new director Gary Edwards in Nashville, TN. *AP* A123ns 1123pcd 21may67

Ibid: Edwards said he invited Novel to Nashville, that he had agreed to disclose information "that would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

Novel and Edwards left for Columbus immediately after the shooting, according to *WKDA* president Charles F. Walker. Said Novel suffered minor shoulder wound.

Police officer said he doubted an attempt actually was made on lives of Novel and Edwards. *AP* 22may67 A042 553aed

Long account of shooting incident. Identified Edwards as friend of Novel for 11 years, real name Gerald Mundy. Worked with Novel at New York Worlds Fair. Now considered by Novel to be the only newsman he can trust, according to station spokesman at *WDKA*. Novel and Edwards called station about incident from Bowling Green, KY en route away

from Nashville. Edwards left Novel and went to Washington "to attend a professional meeting," *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/22/67

Novel returns to Columbus, left again, reportedly headed south. Attorney Jerry Weiner claims he got threatening phone call against Novel's life two days before Nashville shooting. Said Novel's girl friend similarly threatened and that he, Weiner has arranged constant "protection" for both himself and Novel. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/23/67

Novel quoted as saying he hit by flying glass. *AP* B81 10pcd 22may67

Garrison says had been surprised Novel headed for McLean, VA, "the CIA suburb," when fled New Orleans. Says Novel in the position of "a canary visiting a cat who he thinks is a friend of his." *AP* 23may67 1255acd CW

Second set of extradition papers sent to Columbus by McKeithen after receiving them from Garrison. In rejecting first set because of technical errors, Rhodes wanted to know if federal crime in charge of burglary conspiracy. Also in follow up letter 4/24/67 Rhodes asked for assurances that Garrison did not plan to question Novel about the assassination. Garrison said such a demand was incredible. *AP* 24may67 B50 835acd

Sues Garrison and his backers for \$50 million, charging damage to reputation. Suit filed in federal district court asks names of Garrison's backers, its charter position and how funds distributed.

In Columbus, Novel's attorney Jerry Weiner says "my client in 1961 was an operative of the CIA as related to the Bay of Pigs invasion. The Houma incident was not a burglary, it was a guided, necessary operation."

Says Novel worked through 2/67, as chief of security for Garrison, but also was working for a national news media which soon released a white paper which will completely expose and destroy Garrison's case as a legal fabrication and politically motivated fraud. *AP* 24may67 B70-105 841pcd,1220acd25

Plotkin also says Novel was working for CIA early in '61, as intermediary with Cubans prior to Bay of Pigs. Made statement after *New Orleans States-Item* said letter been found in Novel's former apartment to "Mr. Weiss" asking to be "taken out of this mess" before had to testify about *Double-Chek Corp* of Miami and other classified material. *AP* 25may67 B117-121

Plotkin says Novel worked for CIA early in 1961, that his work had "little or nothing to do with Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy." Says Novel was working as double agent for one of the national new media while working for Garrison and that information been turned over to it. Says has tapes and other matters which Plotkin will release if Novel dies.

Details of Novel's letter given; warns Garrison trying to get info on *Double-Chek Corp* of Miami, that Novel has avoided one subpoena but that others will follow and that the fifth amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not

suffice." Story quotes *The Invisible Government* as identifying *Double-Chek* as a CIA front. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/25/67

Affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Gov. Rhodes, according to assistant District Attorney James Alcock, says Novel told Garrison he and Archacha-Smith, Ferrie and others unnamed did raid the Houma munitions bunker on or about Aug. 21, 1961. That they went there in Novel's car and a panel truck, cut the padlock from the door with bolt cutter, and took munitions to New Orleans. Papers also included photo of Novel's girl friend at the time, Marlene Mancuso, 42 Oaklawn Dr. Metairie, and a simple burglary charge against Novel and Arcacha Smith by sheriff of Terrebonne Parish and signed by Capt. Bert Coyne. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/25/67

Extensive quotes from Novel's draft letter to Weiss, presumably of CIA. Handwriting expert says it's in Novel's hand. Inference left open if it was planted; if not, FBI missed it in extensive search after Novel left. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/26/67

In Fayetteville, NC, for undisclosed reason. Phoned *New Orleans States-Item*, to say he'll be glad to talk to Louisiana legislature if asked, provided he granted immunity from extradition. Legislature in recess. *AP* 26 May 67 B29 515acd

Novel's former apartment where letter found was ransacked and burglarized, apparently on 5/25/67. Two girls who rented it said found lock ripped from door that evening, radio and TV gone. Assistant District Attorney Anthony Sciambra said he believes the theft "no more than a cover." "I don't believe there is any doubt that this entry and search was directly connected with the finding of Novel's letter. There is too much evidence that whoever was here was looking for something besides a TV set and a radio." *LA Herald-Examiner AP*, 5/28/67

Fuller version: says ransacking took place after letter found but before it was made public and while it was being analyzed. Neighbors said they heard someone walking around most of the day in the apartment. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/27/67

Second request from Louisiana for extradition held faulty. Gov. Rhodes' aide, John McElroy, says he will ask Louisiana authorities for more information. *New York Times AP*, 5/29/67

Federal District Judge James A. Comiskey continues indefinitely a move by Novel's attorney, Steve Plotkin to put certain questions to members of *Truth and consequences*. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/31/67

"The state probably will never get them back," said Shaw defense attorney Irving Dymond in argument before Judge Haggerty, referring to Novel and Lillie Mae McMaines.

In Columbus, Municipal Court Judge Bruce Jenkins denied Novel's motion to cancel 4th charge against him (from

Terrebonne Parish re Houma Robbery) and continued all four cases until 7/3. *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/3/67

Louisiana House of Representatives asks Ohio, Texas and Iowa to speed up extradition of Novel, Arcacha Smith and Lillie Mae McMaines respectively. No indication who sponsored resolution or what the vote was. Meanwhile Novel offered to speak to Louisiana legislature if guaranteed immunity of arrest, but Rep. Lanz Womack of Franklin Parish, who received the telegraphic offer, said he planned to take no action on it and would back up Gov. McKeithen.

From Columbus, Novel's attorney Jerry Weiner said Novel would be willing to take lie tests and truth serum or hypnosis if his "doubter, denier or accuser, no matter what his office, would do likewise." *New Orleans States-Item*, 5/30/67

Plotkin asks Federal Judge Comiskey to quash prosecution motion to have Novel come to New Orleans to make deposition in his suit against Garrison. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/6/67

Federal Judge Comiskey rules Novel can't depose in Columbus in his suit against Garrison et al. Long involved story full of legal complications, indicates Garrison's counsel Malcolm. Monroe turned tables against Novel and attorney Plotkin. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/7/67

Plotkin says Novel withdraws suit rather than return; reserves right to re-file within year of the alleged offense. Plotkin argues that for Garrison to use T&C funds violates state's public bribery act. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/8/67

Suit dismissed without prejudice, meaning can re-file. Willard Robertson, of T&C, said "Either the \$50 million suit had no basis to begin with, or Mr. Novel was willing to pay a very heavy price to keep from coming back to New Orleans." *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/9/67

Novel's former wife, Marlene Mancuso, identified as state witness as Garrison charges NBC tried to use her in telcast 6/19/67. Says WDSU-TV's Richard Townley tried to get her to take part, told her Garrison would be destroyed and failed. *New Orleans States-Item*, 6/21/67

In Columbus, Novel says he will return to New Orleans 7/7 or 7/8 and filed about 100 libel suits against every person who has publicly supported Garrison. *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle UPI*, 6/25/67

Ohio court drops extradition charges against New Orleans Novel. Weiner and Novel say he'll return to New Orleans only if guaranteed against arrest. Novel says he didn't appear on NBC program because they used only unpaid witnesses and he's been working for NBC 2/1 through 4/1. Said he never was CIA agent but served as intermediary until 6/61. Said the Houma munitions were taken to Banister's office, then trucked to Miami. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/3/67

Judge, Bagert, ordering total bond reduced from \$10,000 to \$5000, says District Attorney has agreed to drop fugitive witness charge against Novel; meanwhile says Plotkin says Novel will post the reduced bond and return to testify before grand jury and face charges. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/1/67

Noe's former bar, the *Jamaican Village*, at 800 N. Rampart, raided and two topless waitresses, Yolanda Calzaba and Charlotte French, booked on obscenity charge and pleaded guilty when no lawyer showed, and jailed. District Attorney's office asked bar be closed for a year, etc. Bar owner, Edward Centa, filed suit against manager Jay "Sonny" Bennett and Robert Songy, the latter having been Novel's partner. Centa said Songy had promised to "straighten the Novel matter out" but had not. Centa's unidentified lawyer says Centa never been on premises and never approved of Bennett as sub-lessee. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/3-4/67

Novel offers to testify if under hypnosis, gives Garrison 72 hours to accept or reject offer. *AP B93 210pcd 7aug67*

Judge Sanford J. Levy makes permanent the temporary injunction against operation of Novel's former club. Granted Centa's request for cancellation of lease and assessed court costs of \$750 and \$25 in damages against operators Jay "Sonny" Bennett and Robert Sonny. Two topless waitresses released earlier after unknown benefactor paid their \$50 fines. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/11/67

Attorney Plotkin returns to New Orleans from business trip to testify before grand jury along with Rancier Ehlinger and Byron Chiverton. Plotkin notes it's unusual for an attorney to be subpoenaed but that he came back to cooperate fully etc. Says he doesn't know, but it appears his relationship with Novel was the reason he was subpoenaed. He also represents Ehlinger. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/16/67

Chicago tells Columbus fyi a client (Novel ?) of lawyer Jack Weimer (Jerry Weiner ?) has threatened to sue *Playboy* for \$100 million because of October issue with Garrison interview. This according to *Playboy's* Chicago pro. *AP CW 1034pcd 24sept67*

Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher goes to Columbus to try to get Novel to return to Louisiana and testify on what he claims to know about organized crime in the state. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/3/67

Offers to return to Louisiana in return for total immunity. Text of letter to Pitcher. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/4/67

Novel's attorney, Jerry Weiner in Columbus, specifies in telegram to District Attorney Pitcher at Baton Rouge the conditions under which Novel will return to testify. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/5/67

District Attorney Pitcher says he expects Novel to return, since McKeithen, Garrison et al have given necessary assurances he won't be arrested. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/6/67

Pitcher says final agreement reached with Novel & attorney. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/12/67

Testifies more than 9 hours before Baton Rouge grand jury investigating crime, but refuses to appear before Labor-Management Commission because immunity might run out. Has five attorneys on hand, including Plotkin and Weiner, claims he paying for all of them. Calls Shaw "the patsy of the century" and says District Attorney's JFK probe is a fraud from A to Z. Says he was offered a bribe to help free Hoffa, and that an investigator in New Orleans tried to get him to swear Walter Sheridan had used bugging equipment against Hoffa. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/20/67

In Federal District Court in Chicago, sues District Attorney and *Playboy* for 10 million in libel damages. Attorney is Elmer Gertz, formerly 'Jack Ruby's lawyer. *New Orleans States-Item*, 11/2/67

Still testifying before Baton Rouge grand jury. Not talking to newsmen. *New Orleans States-Item* says it was Aubrey Young who hired Novel to de-bug governor's office. *New Orleans States-Item*, 10/19/67

Maggie Field, in interview, says Novel was a friend of David Ferrie, and that Sandra Moffett was his girl friend. *LA Free Press*, 12/8/67

Novel subpoenaed as material witness, granted immunity prior etc. Linked with Ferrie, Andrews, Bradley, Shaw and CIA. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/16/68

Novel and wife, former Abby Mulligan, tell news conference he's tired fighting and will return to New Orleans. Says he wants to settle down and raise a family. *New Orleans States-Item*, 2/22/68

Alleged expert J. L. Moore theorizes that Novel is the supposed gunman that the Moorman photograph show s behind the cement wall on the grassy knoll. *National Insider*, 3/3/68

New Orleans States-Item reports Novel "is out of jail on \$500 bond after being ordered held for New Orleans authorities by a Columbus, OH court." Says Columbus judge held the current subpoena, which grants prior immunity, complies with a Uniform witness act honored by both states.

New Orleans States-Item says Novel is fighting the subpoena on grounds that he will be charged with perjury if he testified before the grand jury. (Not certain *New Orleans States-Item* writer is not referring to earlier subpoena). *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/5/68

Good capsule review of Novel's role by Steve Burton cites rule by Ohio judge that he must be held for New Orleans authorities. Garrison says (2/16) Novel was at No Name Key. *LA Free Press*; 3/8/68

Columbus, Ohio, Judge Henry L. Holden rules Novel to be turned over to Louisiana under Uniform witness code. Novel is appealing the ruling.

During the hearing, William Gurvich testifies District Attorney hated both Novel and Walter Sheridan, and that he once ordered Gurvich to arrest and beat up Sheridan and Townley, and tried to frame them and when that fell through had them indicted for attempted bribery. *Hearst* writer Leslie H. Whitten testifies he arranged for Novel's lie detector test prior to writing a story about him. *San Francisco Examiner*, Leslie H. Whitten, 3/5/68

Ohio appellate court overturns ruling that Novel must return to New Orleans. Says he need not because the immunity granted will not continue once he gets back and faces a new charge. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/9/68

Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher, reporting his probe shows no links between Aubrey Young and Carlos Marcello as alleged by *LIFE* magazine, says Novel (who was called to testify) either had no information that was relevant or deliberately withheld any he may have had. *New Orleans States-Item*, 7/16/68

Turns up in Reno, NV, under federal indictment for interstate transportation of illegal bugging device. Indictment says he brought it from Ohio prior to 7/29/69, and had it at Indian tribal council at Nixon. Story, not datelined and not attributed, appears written in Reno. Says Novel sued *Ohio Bell Telephone Co.* in 2/68, for bugging his phones in Columbus. *New Orleans States-Item*, 3/11/70

Tape of Mark Lane talk at *UCLA*, 6/14/67, wherein Lane describes his interview with Novel, claims Novel admits he was working for CIA but says Garrison: wrong on details. Lane says it amounts to a confession.

Nuts, Henry R.

Juror in Andrews trial. Was operator for *Union Carbide*, 8305 Nelson, New Orleans. *New Orleans States-Item*, 8/11/67