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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 27 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S OFFICE ISSUED A WARRANT TODAY FOR THE ARREST OF MRS. LILLY MAE MCMAINES OF OMAHA, NEB., CONNECTED TO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE BY STAR WITNESS PERRY R. RUSSO.

RUSSO, 25-YEAR-OLD BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN, SAID MRS. MCMAINES -- THE FORMER SANDRA MOFFETT OF NEW ORLEANS -- WAS ONE OF SEVERAL PERSONS ATTENDING A PARTY IN DAVID W. FERRIE'S APARTMENT AFTER WHICH HE SAYS HE HEARD FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW CONSPIRE TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MRS. MCMAINES, MARRIED TO PART-TIME MINISTER HAROLD MCMAINES, 43, TOLD NEWSMEN LAST FRIDAY SHE DID NOT ATTEND THE PARTY. THE 22-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ACKNOWLEDGED KNOWING RUSSO AND SAID SHE HAD ONCE BEEN IN LOVE WITH HIM.

GARRISON'S OFFICE SWORE OUT A WARRANT FOR HER ARREST AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN ITS INVESTIGATION. THE WARRANT WAS SIGNED BY CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR., WHO SET BOND AT \$5,000.

"WE FEEL SURE SHE IS A VERY IMPORTANT WITNESS," SAID ASST. DIST. ATTY. ANDREW SCIAMBRA.

RUSSO'S TESTIMONY CAME DURING A PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR CLAY L. SHAW, ACCUSED BY GARRISON OF CONSPIRING TO KILL KENNEDY. RUSSO SAID THE PARTY AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1963--TWO MONTHS BEFORE KENNEDY WAS SLAIN IN DALLAS. THE PARTY PRECEDED THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TALK, RUSSO SAID.

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IN TALKING WITH NEWSMEN IN OMAHA, MISS MOFFETT SAID SHE DID NOT MEET FERRIE UNTIL 1965. SHE SAID SHE REFUSED TO ACCOMPANY TWO GARRISON INVESTIGATORS BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AFTER THEY CONTACTED HER MARCH 8.

ATTORNEYS FOR SHAW, A WEALTHY RETIRED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN QUESTIONING MRS. MCMAINES.

"MY OPINION NOW IS THAT SHE WILL BE A VERY USEFUL WITNESS," SAID F. IRVIN DYMOND, A DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

RUSSO ALLUDED TO SANDRA MOFFETT ONLY ONCE DURING HIS THREE DAYS' OF TESTIMONY AT SHAW'S PRELIMINARY HEARING. AT ONE POINT HE SAID HE WAS TAKEN TO THE PARTY BY A FRIEND. LATER HE NAMED SANDRA MOFFETT AS "THE GIRL I BROUGHT."

A LAWYER FOR GORDON NOVEL, ALSO DESCRIBED BY GARRISON AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE INVESTIGATION, ASKED JUDGE HAGGERTY TODAY TO

QUASH A WARRANT CALLING FOR HIS CLIENT'S ARREST. HAGGERTY ORDERED A HEARING WEDNESDAY ON THE REQUEST.

NOVEL, 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER FRENCH QUARTER BAR OWNER, DISAPPEARED LAST WEDNESDAY, THE DAY HE WAS TO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. GARRISON CALLED HIM A "MOST IMPORTANT AND MATERIAL WITNESS" AND OBTAINED A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. HE DID NOT DISCLOSE NOVEL'S CONNECTION WITH THE PROBE.

STEVE PLOTKIN, NOVEL'S ATTORNEY, TOLD NEWSMEN TODAY HIS CLIENT WILL RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS WHEN HE IS ASSURED THAT HE WILL NOT BE JAILED. PLOTKIN SAID HE KNOWS NOVEL'S WHEREABOUTS.

IN A LATER DEVELOPMENT, ASST. DIST. ATTY. JAMES ALCOCK SAID HE SENT A LETTER TO U.S. ATTORNEY LOUIS LACOUR HERE ADVISING LACOUR THAT GARRISON'S OFFICE WILL ASK THAT NOVEL BE CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL FLIGHT.

IF GARRISON IS SUCCESSFUL IN THE MOVE, IT WOULD BRING THE FBI INTO THE SEARCH FOR NOVEL.

JUDGE HAGGERTY, WHO WILL PRESIDE AT SHAW'S MURDER CONSPIRACY CHARGE, DIRECTED THE PROSECUTION NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CASE OR DISCUSS THE EVIDENCE WITH NEWSMEN.

THE JUDGE SAID HE WANTS TO "PREVENT THE FLOW OF PREJUDICIAL PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY."

SHAW, 54, PROBABLY WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN HAGGERTY'S COURT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK, THE JUDGE SAID.

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