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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 28 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON MOVED ON TWO FRONTS TODAY TO GET WITNESSES HE WANTS IN HIS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY PROBE.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISSUED A WARRANT YESTERDAY FOR THE ARREST OF MRS. LILLY MAE MCMAINES, 22, OF OMAHA, NEB., WHO WAS CONNECTED TO THE PROBE BY STAR WITNESS PERRY R. RUSSO.

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HERE WAS ASKED TO ISSUE AN UNLAWFUL FLIGHT ORDER AGAINST GORDON NOVEL, 29, WHO DISAPPEARED LAST WEEK BEFORE HE WAS TO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY.

IF U.S. ATTORNEY LOUIS LACOUR (CAP L, C) HONORS GARRISON'S REQUEST, IT WOULD BRING THE FBI INTO THE SEARCH FOR NOVEL.

"I THINK IT IS VERY ODD THAT NOVEL CAN BE FOUND BY NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION MEDIA AND NOT BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO ARREST HIM, "SAID ASST. DIST. ATTY. JAMES ALCOCK.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD FROM LACOUR'S OFFICE ABOUT THE REQUEST AND AN FBI SPOKESMAN HAD'A CURT "NO COMMENT" WHEN ASKED ABOUT NOVEL.

OBSERVERS SAW THE MOVE AS GARRISON IN ESSENCE PUTTING FEDERAL AUTHORITIES OVER A BARREL, SAYING THAT HE COULD CHARGE THEM WITH TRYING TO SUPPRESS HIS PROBE, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED WORLDWIDE ATTENTION.

SOME FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE KNOWN TO LOOK UPON GARRISON'S
INVESTIGATION WITH A COLD EYE. THE WARREN COMMISSION, NAMED BY
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RUSSO, 25, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN, SAID MRS. MCMAINES,

THEN KNOWN AS SANDRA MOFFETT, WAS ONE OF SEVERAL PERSONS ATTENDING A PARTY IN THE NEW ORLEANS APARTMENT OF DAVID W. FERRIE IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1963.

AFTER THIS PARTY, RUSSO TESTIFIED TWO WEEKS AGO, HE HEARD FERRIE, OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW CONSPIRE TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

SHAW, 54, A DECORATED WORLD WAR II ARMY OFFICER AND RETIRED NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, HAS BEEN INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO MURDER KENNEDY.

MRS. MCMAINES, MARRIED TO PART-TIME OMAHA MINISTER HAROLD MCMAINES, 48, TOLD NEWSMEN LAST WEEK SHE DID NOT ATTEND THE PARTY. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED KNOWING RUSSO AND SAID SHE HAD ONCE BEEN IN LOVE WITH HIM.

CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR., WHO WILL CONDUCT SHAW'S TRIAL, SIGNED THE WARRANT FOR MRS. MCMAINES AS A MATERIAL WITNESS AND SET BOND AT \$5,000.

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IN HIS TESTIMONY AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING, RUSSO ALLUDED TO SANDRA MOFFETT ONLY ONCE. AT ONE POINT HE SAID HE WAS TAKEN TO THE PARTY BY A FRIEND AND LATER HE NAMED SANDRA MOFFETT AS "THE GIRL I EROUGHT."

MRS. MCMAINES SAID SHE DID KNOW FERRIE UNTIL 1965.

FERRIE, 49, A ONETIME AIRLINES PILOT WITH A HOMOSEXUAL RECORD, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED HERE FEB. 22. CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA SAID DEATH WAS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES BUT GARRISON, TERMING FERRIE "ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS, " SAID IT WAS A SUICIDE.

MRS. MCMAINES SAID SHE REFUSED TO ACCOMPANY TWO GARRISON
INVESTIGATORS BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AFTER THEY RAPPED ON HER DOOR AT

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