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NOVEL

COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 3 (AP)-GORDON NOVEL PLANNED TO POST \$10,000 BOND FOR RELEASE FROM JAIL TODAY AND BEGIN MAPPING HIS FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE IS WANTED AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE INQUIRY INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

NOVEL'S COLUMBUS ATTORNEY, JERRY WEINER, SAID LAST NIGHT HE HOPED TO POST BOND SOON AFTER A SCHEDULED PRELIMINARY COURT HEARING FOR HIS CLIENT. WEINER SAID THE BOND MONEY WAS BEING PROVIDED BY FRIENDS OF NOVEL IN NEW ORLEANS. HE DID NOT NAME THEM.

FOLLOWING HIS ARREST SATURDAY NIGHT IN SUBURBAN GAHANNA, THE 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER NEW ORLEANS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR VOWED TO "FIGHT EXTRADITION IF NECESSARY TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT."

WEINER SAID THE FIRST STEP IN THAT FIGHT LIKELY WOULD BE THE FILING OF AN AFFIDAVIT WITH OHIO GOV. JAMES A. RHODES STATING REASONS WHY NOVEL DOES NOT WANT TO GO BACK.

NOVEL WAS ARRESTED ON A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE WARRANT OBTAINED BY GAHANNA OFFICIALS FROM THE OFFICE OF NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, WHO IS CONDUCTING THE ASSASSINATION INQUIRY.

GARRISON'S OFFICE SAID THE WARRANT RESULTED FROM A CHARGE OF "CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THE SIMPLE CRIME OF BURGLARY" OF A MUNITIONS DUMP IN HOUMA, LA., ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW ORLEANS.

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EARLIER, HOWEVER, GARRISON HAD ISSUED A WARRANT SEEKING NOVEL AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE INVESTIGATION.

NOVEL WAS ARRESTED AS HE ENTERED THE OFFICE OF A NEWS SERVICE OPERATED BY RICHARD L. PAUGH, A LOCAL COLUMNIST AND TELEVISION NEWS-MAN. PAUGH DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH NOVEL BUT SAID HE HAD INTERVIEWED HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

GAHANNA MAYOR PAUL VAN AUKEN SAID NOVEL HAD HIS SUITCASES STORED IN THE OFFICE AND "APPARENTLY WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE BY PLANE SATURDAY NIGHT."

VAN AUKEN SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE NOVEL MIGHT HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO GO, BUT NOTED THAT HIS FIANCEE WAS OUT OF TOWN, POSSIBLY IN CHICAGO.

THE FIANCEE, MISS ABBY MULLIGAN OF COLUMBUS, WAS LISTED AS THE MOST LIKELY REASON FOR NOVEL'S BEING HERE. HER BROTHER

SAID MISS MULLIGAN, A FORMER BUNNY AT THE PLAYBOY CLUB IN CHICAGO, HAD BEEN GIVEN A RING BY NOVEL IN RECENT DAYS. HE SAID SHE MET NOVEL AT THE CLUB.

HE ALSO REPORTEDLY HAD BUSINESS TIES HERE. A BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE SAID HE WAS DEVELOPING AN "ANTI-BUGGING" DEVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LOCAL ELECTRONICS FIRM. HE ALSO WAS REPORTEDLY TO CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESTAURANT AND BAR BUSINESS HERE.

GAHANNA POLICE HAD HIM UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE ARREST. "IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER OF IDENTIFICATION," POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BRANDON SAID, NOTING THAT FRIDAY WAS THE EARLIEST HIS OFFICE COULD OBTAIN A PICTURE OF NOVEL FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

THE BOND OF \$10,000, SET BY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE DEAN STRABAUGH, WAS \$45,000 LESS THAN RECOMMENDED BY GARRISON.

HARRISON'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, JAMES ALCOCK, SAID THAT NOVEL WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING WITH DAVID W. FERRIE TO BURGLARIZE THE MUNITIONS DUMP. FERRIE WAS TO HAVE BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, ACCORDING TO GARRISON, BUT WAS FOUND DEAD BEFORE IT GOT UNDER WAY.

NOVEL HAS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY AND SAYS HE HAS REFUSED TO GO BACK TO NEW ORLEANS BECAUSE OF "INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT."

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