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At New Orleans, a spokesman for Garrison said Novel's conditions were not acceptable. James Alcock, an assistant district attorney, said Novel would be returned "on our conditions."

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Also in New Orleans, attorney Dean Andrews, Jr., who once gave legal advice to Oswald, today asked a New Orleans court to reveal some of the grand jury testimony in Garrison's probe.

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