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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 11 (AP)-GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN WANTS GORDON NOVEL, FUGITIVE WITNESS IN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE, RETURNED QUICKLY TO LOUISIANA FROM OHIO.

MCKEITHEN YESTERDAY TELEPHONED THE OFFICE OF OHIO GOV. JAMES A. RHODES AND ASKED THAT NOVEL'S EXTRADITION BE EXPEDITED. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN BATON ROUGE SAID HE RECEIVED ASSURANCE THE MATTER WILL BE GIVEN EARLY ATTENTION.

NOVEL IS HELD AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, ON A FUGITIVE WITNESS WARRANT. NOVEL YESTERDAY WAS QUOTED ^{IN THE BATON ROUGE STATE TIMES} AS SAYING HE SOLD EAVESDROPPING, OR BUGGING, EQUIPMENT TO MCKEITHEN'S OFFICE "TO PROTECT THE GOVERNOR FROM (NEW ORLEANS) DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON."

"RIDICULOUS," SAID MCKEITHEN. THE GOVERNOR AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAVE BEEN CLOSE POLITICAL FRIENDS.

OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NOVEL SOLDD BOTH "BUGGING" AND "ANTI-BUGGING" EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. THE ANTI-BUGGING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GREW OUT OF A REPORT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS BEING INVADED WITH ELECTRONIC LISTENING DEVICES.

CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE BERNARD J. BAGERT YESTERDAY ORDERED LILLIE MAE MCMAINES--KNOWN HERE AS SANDRA MOFFETT--RETURNED TO THE CITY FROM OMAHA, NEB.

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GARRISON'S OFFICE SOUGHT MRS. MCMAINES, 22, WIFE OF A PARTTIME OMAHA MINISTER, AS A WITNESS IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF A PLOT WHICH HE SAYS WAS CONSPIRED IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MRS. MCMAINES HAS DENIED ATTENDING A PARTY AT THE APARTMENT OF THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE, A KEY FIGURE IN GARRISON'S CASE.

PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, 25, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCEMAN, TOLD A THREE-JUDGE COURT PRELIMINARY HEARING LAST MONTH HE HEARD FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW PLOT THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT AFTER THE MID-SEPTEMBER 1963 PARTY. HE SAID HE TOOK SANDRA MOFFETT TO THE PARTY.

MRS. MCMAINES IS FREE ON BOND IN OMAHA AWAITING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.

SHAW HAS BEEN INDICTED ON A MURDER CONSPIRACY CHARGE. THE 54-YEAR-OLD RETIRED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE IS FREE ON \$10,000 BOND.

KENNEDY WAS SLAIN NOV. 22, 1963 IN DALLAS, TEX., THE WARREN COMMISSION, NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION, SAID OSWALD WAS THE LONE ASSASSIN.

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