

'Plot' Probe Figure Sues Garrison

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Gordon Novel filed suit yesterday seeking up to \$50 million in damages from District Attorney Jim Garrison and the private group financing Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation.

Novel, a 29-year-old former French Quarter lounge owner, has been termed an important witness in the investigation by Garrison.

The suit, filed in Federal District Court here by Novel's attorneys, lists as defendants Garrison and members of Truth and Consequences, a private organization formed to finance the probe.

The suit asks \$10 million in damages from the District Attorney and \$1 million each from members of the group. Truth and Consequences was formed in March by about 50 businessmen who agreed to each put up \$100 a week for as long as necessary.

The suit charges Garrison's statements and accusations against Novel have ruined his "reputation as a man of honesty, honor and probity."

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