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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DENIED AN APPLICATION MONDAY BY NBC REPORTER WALTER SHERIDAN, SEEKING TO AVOID TESTIFYING BEFORE THE GRAND JURY PROBING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. LAWYERS FOR SHERIDAN CLAIMED THE SUBPOENA IS A FORM OF HARASSMENT BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S OFFICE.

SHERIDAN WAS SUBPOENAED AFTER GARRISON CHARGED HIM WITH TRYING TO BRIBE STATE WITNESS PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO. THE BRIBERY CHARGE FOLLOWED AN HOUR-LONG DOCUMENTARY BROADCAST BY NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO., WHICH WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GARRISON AND HIS ASSASSINATION PLOT PROBE.

THE TELEVISION REPORTER APPEALED TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT JULY 27 AFTER LOSING A LOWER COURT ROUND IN HIS LEGAL FIGHT TO QUASH THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.

THE HIGH COURT DENIED THE APPLICATION, RULING: "THE SHOWING IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT THE EXERCISE OF OUR SUPERVISORY JURISDICTION AT THIS TIME."

SHERIDAN, FREED ON \$5,000 BOND AFTER PLEADING INNOCENT TO THE BRIBERY CHARGE, HAD ASKED THAT GARRISON BE REMOVED AS GRAND JURY ADVISER ON GROUNDS THAT HE USED THE POSITION TO GET "SPURIOUS INDICTMENTS" AGAINST OPPONENTS OR CRITICS.  
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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-GORDON NOVEL, EX-NIGHTCLUB OWNER DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON WANTS TO QUESTION IN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE, OFFERED TODAY TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IF GARRISON WILL HAVE HIM QUESTIONED UNDER HYPNOSIS.

NOVEL NOW LIVES IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND HAS SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED ALL EFFORTS BY GARRISON TO HAVE HIM EXTRADITED.

THE OFFER TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO NEW ORLEANS WAS CONTAINED IN A LETTER TO GARRISON. COPIES OF THE LETTER WERE SENT TO NEWSMEN.

NOVEL SAID HE WOULD GO BEFORE THE GRAND JURY PROVIDED HE WAS GIVEN THE SAME TRUTH SERUM AND HYPNOSIS "GIVEN BY YOUR OFFICE TO MR. PERRY RYMOND RUSSO..." HE SPECIFIED THAT THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BE MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

RUSSO, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN, TESTIFIED THAT HE HEARD CLAY L. SHAW, ONE-TIME AIRLINE PILOT DAVID FERRIE AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD PLOT IN SEPTEMBER 1963 TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. SHAW IS AWAITING TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO MURDER KENNEDY. SHAW HAS DENIED THE CHARGE. FERRIE AND OSWALD ARE DEAD.

IN HIS LETTER, NOVEL TOLD GARRISON HE HAS "72 HOURS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THIS FINAL OFFER TO TESTIFY." GARRISON HAS DESCRIBED NOVEL AS A MOST IMPORTANT MATERIAL WITNESS.  
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