

M'KEITHEN TESTIFIES TO CRIME GRAND JURY

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NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5— Gov. John J. McKeithen, accused by Representative John Rarick of accepting Mafia financing for his 1966 campaign, testified Thursday before a New Orleans grand jury investigating organized crime in Louisiana.

Governor McKeithen, who has denied the accusation, said after testifying for more than an hour that the grand jurors had treated him "with utmost courtesy."

The Governor's appearance followed by three hours that of Carlos Marcello, said the police to be the New Orleans leader of the Mafia, the national crime syndicate.

Marcello, accompanied by a lawyer, testified for 45 minutes. His attorney, G. Wray Gill, said that Marcello had not refused to answer any questions.

Governor McKeithen took time out from campaigning for re-election to testify before the grand jury this afternoon. Representative Rarick, considered one of the most conservative members of Congress, has been Mr. McKeithen's main opponent for the Democratic nomination for Governor.