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NEW ORLEANS, LA., MARCH 28 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON MOVED ON TWO FRONTS TODAY TO GET WITNESSES HE WANTS IN HIS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY PROBE.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISSUED A WARRANT YESTERDAY FOR THE ARREST OF LILLY MAE McMAINES, 22, OF OMAHA, NEB. AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HERE WAS ASKED BY GARRISON TO ISSUE AN UNLAWFUL FLIGHT ORDER AGAINST GORDON NOVEL, 29, FORMER OWNER OF A FRENCH QUARTER BAR WHO DISAPPEARED LAST WEEK BEFORE HE WAS TO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY.

IF U.S. ATTY. LOUIS LACOUR (CAP L, C) HONORS GARRISON'S REQUEST, IT WOULD BRING THE FBI INTO THE SEARCH FOR NOVEL.

"I THINK IT IS VERY ODD THAT NOVEL CAN BE FOUND BY NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION MEDIA AND NOT BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO ARREST HIM," SAID ASST. DIST. ATTY. JAMES ALCOCK.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD FROM LACOUR'S OFFICE ABOUT THE REQUEST AND AN FBI SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO COMMENT ABOUT NOVEL.

SOME FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE KNOWN TO LOOK UPON GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION WITH A COLD EYE. THE WARREN COMMISSION, NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN DALLAS, TEX., NOV. 22, 1963, CONCLUDED THAT NEW ORLEANS-BORN LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE ASSASSIN AND ACTED ALONE.

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GARRISON'S OFFICE ISSUED A WARRANT FOR NOVEL'S ARREST LAST WEEK AND ASKED THAT HE BE PLACED UNDER \$50,000 BOND.

PERRY R. RUSSO, 25, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN, SAID MRS. McMAINES, THEN KNOWN AS SANDRA MOFFETT, WAS ONE OF SEVERAL PERSONS ATTENDING A PARTY IN THE NEW ORLEANS APARTMENT OF THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1963.

AFTER THIS PARTY, RUSSO TESTIFIED TWO WEEKS AGO, HE HEARD FERRIE, OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW CONSPIRED TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

SHAW, 54, A RETIRED NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, HAS BEEN INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO MURDER KENNEDY.

MRS. McMAINES, MARRIED TO PART-TIME OMAHA MINISTER HAROLD McMAINES, 48, TOLD NEWSMEN LAST WEEK SHE DID NOT ATTEND THE PARTY BUT SAID SHE HAD KNOWN RUSSO.



CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE EDWARD A. HOGGERTY JR., WHO WILL CONDUCT SHAW'S TRIAL, SIGNED THE WARRANT FOR MRS. MCMAINES AS A MATERIAL WITNESS AND SET BOND AT \$5,000.

"WE FEEL SURE SHE IS A VERY IMPORTANT WITNESS," SAID ASST. DIST. ATTY. ANDREW SCIAMBRA.

F. IRVING DYMOND, ONE OF SHAW'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN QUESTIONING MRS. MCMAINES.

"MY OPINION NOW IS THAT SHE WILL BE A VERY USEFUL WITNESS," SAID DYMOND.

IN HIS TESTIMONY AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING, RUSSO ALLUDED TO SANDRA MOFFETT ONLY ONCE, NAMING HER, AS "THE GIRL I BROUGHT" TO THE PARTY.

MRS. MCMAINES SAID SHE DID KNOW FERRIE UNTIL 1965.

NOVEL HAS MADE STATEMENTS TO NEWSMEN IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND WASHINGTON, D.C., CALLING GARRISON'S PROBE A FRAUD.

JUDGE HAGGERTY, MEANWHILE, SAID HE WANTED TO "PREVENT THE FLOW OF PREJUDICIAL PRETRIAL PUBLICITY," AND ORDERED THE PROSECUTION NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CASE OR DISCUSS THE EVIDENCE WITH NEWSMEN.

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**NEW ORLEANS PROBE A28-29 ADD: NEWSMEN.**

**FERRIE, 49, A ONETIME AIRLINES PILOT WAS FOUND DEAD HERE FEB. 22. CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA SAID DEATH WAS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES, BUT GARRISON, TERMING FERRIE "ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS," SAID IT WAS A SUICIDE.**

**MRS. MCMAINES SAID SHE REFUSED TO ACCOMPANY TWO GARRISON INVESTIGATORS TO NEW ORLEANS AFTER THEY RAPPED ON HER DOOR AT MIDNIGHT EARLIER THIS MONTH.**

**OMAHA AUTHORITIES DECLINED COMMENT ON MRS. MCMAINES CASE UNTIL THEY RECEIVE GARRISON'S WARRANT.**

**NOVEL'S ATTORNEY, STEVE PLOTKIN, SAID NOVEL WOULD RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS WHEN HE IS ASSURED HE WILL NOT BE JAILED.**

**PLOTKIN GOES BEFORE JUDGE HAGGERTY TOMORROW WITH A REQUEST THAT THE WARRANT CALLING FOR NOVEL'S ARREST BE THROWN OUT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, PLOTKIN WANTS HAGGERTY TO REDUCE NOVEL'S \$50,000 BOND "TO A REASONABLE AMOUNT."**

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