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New Orleans, March 30 (AP)- Gordon Novel, the missing witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, is in Montreal, Canada, the New Orleans States-Item said today.

The newspaper, quoting "a responsible source," said preparations were underway to seek his return.

A lawyer for Novel said he would ask the Louisiana Supreme Court to dismiss a warrant for his client's arrest as a material witness in the case.

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.....Meanwhile authorities in Canada say they know nothing about the whereabouts of Gordon Novel, wanted by Garrison as a material witness in his investigation of the assassination. ....A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Montreal said authorities were unaware of Novel being there, and they had not received any request for Novel's arrest. ....

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