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Bizarre Charge of Garrison Plot

Columbus, Ohio

Gordon Novel charged here yesterday that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison wanted to stun the late David W. Ferrie with an atropine dart and then question him under the "truth serum" in order to extract a confession in the Kennedy assassination.

Novel's strange claims were included in the transcript of a polygraph test of Novel released by his Columbus lawyer at a press conference.

Novel, who is wanted by Garrison as a material wit-

ness in the district attorney's investigation of an alleged assassination plot, was working as an investigator for Garrison when the bizarre scheme supposedly was hatched.

Novel, with his attorney, Jerry Weiner seated beside him, then recounted his own plan to double-cross Garrison by telephoning an order for a dart intended for use on small bears.

"But the dart wouldn't have been chemically loaded — not on my life," Novel said. "I was just setting up Garrison."

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