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Novel

New Orleans (AP)- Fugitive witness Gordon Novel today waited in vain for an invitation to tell the Louisiana legislature what he knows about Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Novel, who was freed on \$10,000 bond at Columbus, Ohio, while ~~being~~ ^{being} extradited to Louisiana, was in Fayetteville, N.C., Thursday (25 May) night. He told the Associated Press that he understood a resolution would be introduced in the legislature ^{today} inviting him to talk. He indicated that he would be willing to speak if provided police protection and granted complete immunity from extradition.

The legislature, however, will not meet again until Monday.

Garrison's office has charged him with conspiring to burglarize an explosives bunker at Houma, La.

Novel, who did not say why he was in Fayetteville, said he was leaving the city, but declined to say where he was going.

Novel said earlier that a letter found in his handwriting linking him with the Central Intelligence Agency meant that Garrison had fallen into a trap.

When shown the letter Thursday, Steve Plotkin, Novel's attorney here, confirmed Garrison's claim that Novel worked for the CIA here in early 1961.

The letter reportedly was found under linoleum in Novel's New Orleans apartment. It speaks of taking "appropriate counter-action relative to Garrison's inquisition concerning us...."

Novel suggests, according to the letter, that the matter be handled "through military channel vis-a-vis the D.I.A. man." D.I.A. stands for defense intelligence agency, an organization set up by President Kennedy after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Novel had telephoned the Times-Picayune from Fayetteville with a statement to be released if the letter were made public. His statement said:

"Mr. Garrison has finally fallen into the last trap. I thought his fine Cajun gumshoes were going to miss it (the letter). Under the rug, Ha, Ha."

Plotkin was quoted by the States-Item as saying Novel served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and in Miami, Fla., before the April 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

Garrison contends that persons once connected with the CIA became angry at President Kennedy and plotted his death in Dallas. He claims the CIA covered up the situation and duped the Warren Commission.

Plotkin said Novel's CIA work had "little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

The letter found in Novel's apartment contains cloak and dagger jargon and references to "top secret" activities.

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