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House Asks States to Hasten Extradition of DA Witnesses

The Louisiana House of Representatives has asked three other states to hasten the extraditions of witnesses wanted in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

House members yesterday adopted three resolutions urging the governors of Ohio, Texas and Iowa to speed up the return of wanted witnesses in their states.

THE TRIO of persons who Garrison wants to question are 29-year-old Gordon Novel (Ohio); Sergio Arcacha Smith (Texas), and Sandra Moffet McMaines (Iowa).

Novel and Arcacha are charged with complicity in the 1961 burglary of a munitions dump at Houma. Mrs. McMaines is the woman star Garrison witness Perry Russo claimed he took to a party where he overheard a plot to kill the late President.

Novel today, meanwhile, again offered to speak before the Louisiana Legislature if he were granted immunity from arrest and imprisonment and "personal protection" while in the state.

But Rep. Lantz Womack, Franklin Parish, who received the offer by telegram from Novel's attorney, said he planned to take no action to invite the fugitive witnesses. He said he would back up Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Novel is wanted as a material witness by Garrison in his probe into the assassination.

Novel's attorney, Jerry Weiner, wire dfrom Columbus, Ohio that Novel would be willing to take lie detector tests and submit himself to truth serum or hypnosis if his "doubter, denier or accuser, no matter what his office, would do likewise."