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Authorities at the state Capitol in Columbus also maintained that extradition papers received here did not establish whether Novel was wanted as a material witness or in connection with the burglary.

Weiner also claimed, in arguing for the dismissal, that the affidavits were vague.

Garrison has said he wanted to question Novel but has not said what his connection was with an alleged plot to kill President John F. Kennedy that Garrison said was originated in New Orleans.

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No 'Hold' On Garrison Probe Figure

Columbus, Ohio

Gordon Novel, once described as a "most important and material witness" in the New Orleans probe into the assassination of President Kennedy, was relieved of legal ties here yesterday because New Orleans officials indicated they are no longer interested in him, officials said.

Municipal Court Judge William T. Gillie dismissed three pending extradition cases against the 29-year-old former night club owner.

Gillie acted after spokesmen for the suburban Gahanna police department said New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison did not reply to phone calls and telegrams asking about his intentions to secure custody of Novel.

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