

DA 'INVITES' M'KEITHEN TO APPEAR BEFORE JURY

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District Attorney Jim Garrison said today that he is "inviting" Gov. John J. McKeithen to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Thursday at noon.

The jury, at Garrison's instigation, is conducting an investigation of allegations made by the Metropolitan Crime Commission and Life Magazine that organized crime elements are operating in New Orleans.

The DA said today that the jury "has expressed a desire to hear from the governor" and, he said, "I am inviting the governor to come down and appear before the jury Thursday."

GARRISON EMPHASIZED that he is not issuing a subpoena for the governor.

The governor, contacted in Baton Rouge, said that "if in the opinion of the grand jury" he could help in any way by appearing, he would be "glad to do so."

The MCC has been saying for a number of years that organized crime influences are present in the city, while Garrison had flatly denied the charges. Recently, Life Magazine published three articles making the same charges. The governor, after meet-

ing with executives of the publications, said that he was convinced that there is evidence of organized crime in the state and he has instigated his own investigation.

THE MAGAZINE said that there are three illegal "bookie" operations in New Orleans.

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The magazine also charged that Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello made numerous calls to Aubrey Young, former aide to McKeithen.

Friday, the DA's office issued a subpoena for Marcello to appear before the grand jury. It was served on his wife over the weekend.

Yesterday, two brothers of Marcello, Samuel and Peter Marcello, were served with subpoenas.

THE GRAND jury attempted to subpoena the confidential records of the MCC. The MCC charged that this was an attempt to "destroy" the crime commission and "intimidate" its members.

The commission was successful in temporarily blocking the subpoena. The MCC appealed to the State Supreme Court for a stay and it was granted.

The commission has also appealed the denial of its motions for the recusal of Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara and Garrison as advisors to the grand jury.