

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-69)

DATE: 3/28/67

FROM : SA J. PETER CHASE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

GORDON DWANE NOVEL telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office during the morning of 3/28/67 and supplied the following information.

NOVEL advised that DA JIM GARRISON is still attempting to intimidate him and is putting many pressures on him and his business. He advised that the business transaction that was initiated several weeks ago to sell NOVEL's interest in the Jamaican Village had fallen through because of a check that did not clear a Houston bank by the intended owner. Therefore, NOVEL advised that he is still co-owner of the Jamaican Village. During the evening of 3/27/67 NOVEL advised that DA JIM GARRISON planted a prostitute in the Jamaican Village and she, co-owner BEN LEHANS and two bartenders were arrested that same evening because of the alleged prostitution activities of this woman. NOVEL advised that GARRISON also planted narcotics in NOVEL's personal clothing and in his apartment located at 336 Exchange Place, New Orleans. NOVEL advised that GARRISON has contacted NOVEL's former wife, MARLENE MANGUSO NOVEL, who presently resides at 42 Oaklawn Drive. NOVEL described his former wife as being psychotic and probably very easily intimidated by someone of GARRISON's stature. NOVEL advised that his former wife was recommended by a doctor in Mercy Hospital to be committed to DePaul Sanitorium in April, 1966. NOVEL further stated that New Orleans attorney CIBIBI has the files on this case but felt that GARRISON would probably try to obtain them.

NOVEL stated that GARRISON plans to indict CARLOS MARCELLO for the Grand Jury hearing in the Kennedy assassination conspiracy because NOVEL stated that GARRISON believes MARCELLO is in some way tied up with JACK RUBY. NOVEL was not certain what evidence GARRISON has with the MARCELLO-RUBY tie, but advised that it was some way concerned with Bourbon Street night clubs and a Bourbon Street stripper named "JADA".

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NOVEL further advised that several weeks before Judge HAGGARTY had been assigned to preside in the assassination case, NOVEL stated that he (NOVEL), BEN LEHANS, and the other co-owner of the Jamaican Village, SONNY BENNETT, had an informal discussion. NOVEL stated that at the time HAGGARTY was very intoxicated and stated that he knows enough derogatory about JIM GARRISON to destroy him professionally. NOVEL stated that HAGGARTY advised at this time that he (HAGGARTY) was considering contacting J. EDGAR HOOVER with the information he had regarding GARRISON. NOVEL stated that he believes GARRISON to be very worried regarding the fact that HAGGARTY is presiding in the assassination because of the derogatory information that HAGGARTY allegedly has regarding GARRISON.

NOVEL stated that all of the attempts of intimidating him (NOVEL) by GARRISON with regard to the alleged prostitution activities in the Jamaican Village, etc., are for the purpose of discrediting NOVEL.

NOVEL advised that he plans to make a public statement to the news media regarding all of the derogatory information he has regarding JIM GARRISON on Thursday, 3/30/67, in Memphis, Tenn.