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NOVEL (260)

COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 2 (AP)-GORDON NOVEL, SOUGHT IN THE NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, VOWED TODAY HE WOULD "FIGHT EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT."

THE 29-YEAR-OLD NOVEL, HELD IN THE COLUMBUS CITY PRISON, REFERRED IN A TYPEWRITTEN STATEMENT TO CHARGES FILED BY NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON WHO MAINTAINS THE PRESIDENT WAS MURDERED IN DALLAS IN 1963 AS A RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE LOUISIANA CITY.

NOVEL WAS ARRESTED SATSRDAY IN SUBURBAN GAHANNA AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ENTER A NEWS SERVICE OPERATED BY RICHARD L. PAUGH, A LOCAL COLUMNIST AND TELEVISION PERSONALITY. PAUGH DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH THE FORMER NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR BUT SAID HE HAD INTERVIEWED NOVEL "ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO."

NOVEL WAS HELD ON A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE WARRANT WHICH GARRISON'S OFFICE SAID BY TEL

PHONE RESULTED FROM A CHARGE OF
"CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THE SIMPLE CRIME OF BURGLARY."

THE FORMER NEW ORLEANS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR WAS HELD HERE UNDER \$10,000 BOND, SET LAST NIGHT BY COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE DEAN STRAUBACH, DESPITE A RECOMMENDATION BY GARRISON THAT THE BOND BE SET AT \$55,000.

NOVEL'S ATTORNEY, JERRY WEINER, SAID BOND WOULD BE POSTED TOMORROW.

~~NOVEL HAS A GIRL FRIEND HERE. HE ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS IN THE COLUMBUS AREA.~~ GAHANNA POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BRANDON SAID HE HAD NOVEL UNDER SURVEILLANCE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE WARRANT WAS ISSUED AND ADDED: "IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER OF IDENTIFICATION."

NOVEL REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS HE MADE HERE THAT GARRISON'S PROBE OF THE ASSASSINATION WAS "THE FRAUD OF THE CENTURY." HE JOKED WITH REPORTERS WHILE BEING TAKEN TO PRISON AND WHEN ASKED WHY HE WAS IN COLUMBUS, REPLIED: "IT'S THE NICEST TOWN IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES."

JAMES ALCOCK, GARRISON'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, SAID BY PHONE THAT NOVEL WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING WITH DAVID W. FERRIE TO COMMIT A BURGLARY OF A MUNITIONS DUMP IN HOUMA, LA., ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW ORLEANS. FERRIE WAS TO HAVE BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE NEW ORLEANS GRAND JURY PROBE OF THE ASSASSINATION, ACCORDING TO GARRISON,

BUT WAS FOUND DEAD BEFORE IT GOT UNDER WAY.

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COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADD NOVEL UNDER WAY.

GAHANNA MAYOR PAUL VAN AUKEN SAID "NOVEL WAS APPARENTLY PREPARING TO LEAVE BY A PLANE SATURDAY NIGHT. HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE NEWS SERVICE OFFICE TO PICK UP SUITCASES HE WAS KEEPING THERE."

VAN AUKEN SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE NOVEL MIGHT HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO GO, BUT NOTED THAT HIS GIRL FRIEND, TO WHOM HE IS REPORTEDLY ENGAGED, WAS OUT OF TOWN, POSSIBLY IN CHICAGO.

THE GIRL, ABBY MULLIGAN, WAS A BUNNY AT THE PLAYBOY CLUB IN CHICAGO, HER BROTHER SAID. THE BROTHER SAID SHE MET NOVEL AT THE CLUB AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HER A RING RECENTLY.

NOVEL WAS WITH MISS MULLIGAN'S FATHER WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED IN A CAR IN FRONT OF THE NEWS SERVICE OFFICE, POLICE SAID.

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ETC. 5TH GRAF EDITING OUT SENTENCE ABOUT GIRL FRIEND AT START OF GRAF.

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