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COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 4 (AP)-GORDON NOVEL WALKED OUT OF JAIL TODAY AND CAST FRESH MYSTERY ONTO HIS ROLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

NOVEL WATCHED A PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN PUT UP \$10,000 BOND TO FREE HIM ON A FUGITIVE CHARGE.

THEN HE REPEATED TO NEWSMEN HIS INSISTENCE THAT HE ONCE WORKED FOR DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, WHO WANTS NOVEL BACK IN NEW ORLEANS IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INQUIRY INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

BUT NOVEL DECLINED TO GO INTO SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT HIS WORK, ANSWERING SEVERAL QUESTIONS; "I THINK YOU BETTER ASK GARRISON ABOUT THAT." NOR DID NOVEL SHED ANY LIGHT ON A CRYPTIC REFERENCE TO CUBA, WHICH HE MADE IN AN INCOMPLETED STATEMENT WHEN HE APPEARED YESTERDAY IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

NOVEL AND HIS COLUMBUS LAWYER, JERRY WEINER, SAID THEY WOULD FIGHT TO PREVENT NOVEL'S RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO COMMIT BURGLARY OF A MUNITIONS PLANT. GARRISON ALSO ISSUED A WARRANT FOR HIM AS A WITNESS IN THE ASSASSINATION CASE.

NOVEL, ARRESTED SATURDAY IN SUBURBAN GAHANNA, TOLD NEWSMEN HE WORKED FOR GARRISON AS CHIEF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SECURITY SECTION. HE WOULD NOT SAY WHEN OR HOW LONG HE WAS EMPLOYED BY GARRISON.

"HE KNOWS...ASK HIM," NOVEL SAID. "MY CODE NAME WAS ALEXANDER AND ELECTRONICS WAS MY FIELD."

WEINER PREVENTED HIM FROM SAYING MORE.

LATER NOVEL SAID, "I'M GOING TO TELL MY STORY WHEN THE TIME COMES." WEINER ADDED, "THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS HEAR THE WHOLE STORY MYSELF."

AT ONE POINT, REFERRING TO THE MUNITIONS BURGLARY, NOVEL SAID, "YOU WILL SEE THAT IT WAS THE MOST PATRIOTIC BURGLARY IN HISTORY." AT ANOTHER POINT, HE RESPONDED TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT THE BURGLARY CHARGE: "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY MUNITIONS PLANT."

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NOVEL GAVE A LOUISIANA ADDRESS WHEN HIS BOND WAS PUT UP, BUT SAID HE PLANNED TO STAY IN THE COLUMBUS AREA INDEFINITELY.

MISSING FROM THE 50 OR 60 NEWSMEN AND SPECTATORS WHO WATCHED NOVEL COME OUT OF JAIL WAS ABBY MULLIGAN, A COLUMBUS GIRL WHO HAS BEEN

IDENTIFIED AS NOVEL'S FINCE. SHE IS A ONETIME BUNNY AT CHICAGO'S PLAYBOY CLUB.

ON HAND WITH WEINER TO GREET NOVEL WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

NOVEL INSISTED GARRISON "WANTS TO MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF" WITH THE ASSASSINATION CASE. "JIM GARRISON IS THE GREATEST CHARACTER ASSASSIN OF ALL TIME...AND I'VE GOT THE STUFF IN HERE TO PROVE IT," NOVEL VSAID, REFERRING TO AN ATTACHE CASE HE CARRIED.

HE REFUSED TO OPEN THE CASE AND WOULD SAY ONLY THAT IT CONTAINED A TRANSCRIPT OF A LIE DETECTOR TEST HE TOOK SATURDAY IN MCLEAN, VA. A NEWS SERVICE AND A BROADCAST NETWORK PAID FOR THE TEST.

NOVEL SAID AGAIN HE KNEW CLAY SHAW, CHARGED BY GARRISON IN HIS INVESTIGATION, "BUT I ONLY KNEW HIM LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DID...HE'S A WELL KNOWN BUSINESSMAN IN NEW ORLEANS."

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