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COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 4 (AP)-GORDON NOVEL WAS RELEASED TODAY ON \$10,000 BOND TO BEGIN HIS FIGHT AGAINST RETURNING TO LOUISIANA, WHERE A PROSECUTOR WANTS TO QUESTION HIM IN AN INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

A PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN POSTED THE BOND FOR NOVEL, 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER NEW ORLEANS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR WHO HAD BEEN IN JAIL HERE SINCE SATURDAY. HIS COLUMBUS LAWYER, JERRY WEINER, SPENT MOST OF YESTERDAY TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR THE BOND.

IN A COURT APPEARANCE, NOVEL SAID FOR THE FIRST TIME HE HAD DONE ✓ INVESTIGATIVE WORK FOR NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, WHO WANTS NOVEL AS A WITNESS IN HIS ASSASSINATION INQUIRY.

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NOVEL SAID HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN THE COLUMBUS AREA FOR THE TIME BEING.

"I'VE HAD A GOOD VACATION HERE," HE SAID OF HIS JAIL STAY, "BUT I DON'T RECOMMEND THE FOOD."

OF GARRISON, NOVEL SAID, "HE THINKS HE'S A BIG MAN AND WANTS TO MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF." A FREQUENT RESPONSE TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS WAS: "I THINK YOU BETTER ASK GARRISON ABOUT THAT."

OF A BURGLARY CASE INVOLVING A MUNITIONS PLANT, NOVEL SAID, "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY MUNITIONS PLANT."

HE SAID NOTHING FURTHER TO EXPLAIN CRYPTIC REFERENCES YESTERDAY TO CUBA AND HIS ROLE IN THE GARRISON INQUIRY.

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WITH DALLAS ARCACHA

NOVEL 380

COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 4 (AP)-A CONCERTED FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION TO LOUISIANA LAY AHEAD FOR GORDON NOVEL FOLLOWING A COURT APPEARANCE YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE DISCLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT HE DID INVESTIGATIVE WORK FOR NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER NEW ORLEANS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR, HOWEVER, WAS POSTING \$10,000 BOND FOR RELEASE FROM JAIL HERE. HIS ATTORNEY, JERRY WEINER OF COLUMBUS, SAID THAT WOULD COME TODAY.

NOVEL APPEARED IN COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL COURT ON A FUGITIVE CHARGE FILED BY SUBURBAN GAHANNA POLICE FOLLOWING HIS ARREST THERE SATURDAY AT GARRISON'S REQUEST.

GARRISON FILED A FUGITIVE WARRANT AGAINST NOVEL LAST WEEK FOLLOWING HIS DISAPPEARANCE FROM NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE IS WANTED FOR A SECOND APPEARANCE BEFORE A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

NOVEL SHOWED UP AT THE COURT HEARING WITHOUT A LAWYER AND BEGAN ARGUING HIS OWN CASE FOR A LOW BOND.

"I USED TO DO WORK FOR GARRISON," NOVEL SAID. "IN FACT, I DID SOME OF THE INVESTIGATING IN THIS SO-CALLED PLOT. I'VE GOT A LOT OF CHARGES OF MY OWN TO MAKE ABOUT HIM."

JUDGE WILBUR SWILL INTERRUPTED NOVEL BEFORE HE COULD SAY MORE.

LATER, NOVEL SAID HE HAD HEARD IT SAID HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS VOLUNTARILY BUT "I DID NOT INTEND TO DO THAT BECAUSE OF THIS CUBAN. . ."

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THIS TIME, WEINER, WHO HAD JUST ENTERED THE COURTROOM, SILENCED NOVEL.

THE LAWYER SAID HE SILENCED NOVEL BECAUSE "I NEVER WANT A CLIENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT I DON'T KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT HE IS GOING TO SAY."

BEFORE LEAVING NEW ORLEANS LAST MONTH, NOVEL HAD TOLD A NEWSMAN HE FELT GARRISON WANTED TO QUERY HIM ABOUT ACTIVITIES "DURING 1961 WHICH ARE RELATED TO MR. SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH."

ARCACHA, 44, WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS YESTERDAY ON A WARRANT FROM GARRISON CHARGING HIM WITH A MUNITIONS DUMP BURGLARY CONSPIRACY IN

WHICH THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGES NOVEL ALSO TOOK PART.

ARCACHA, NOW OF DALLAS, HEADED THE ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1961. THE GROUP'S ADDRESS WAS THE SAME AS THAT GIVEN ON SOME PRO-CASTRO "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA" LEAFLETS PASSED OUT IN AUGUST 1963 BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD-- NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE SOLE EXECUTIONER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY THREE MONTHS LATER.

THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROCEEDING HERE WAS CONTINUED FOR 30 DAYS. BUT WEINER SAID EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS PROBABLY WILL SUPPLANT ANY FURTHER ACTION THERE.

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