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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 11 (AP)--GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN WANTS GORDON NOVEL, FUGITIVE WITNESS IN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE, RETURNED QUICKLY TO LOUISIANA FROM OHIO SO HE CAN MAKE SOME STATEMENTS UNDER OATH.

NOVEL'S LATEST CLAIMS CONCERNING MCKEITHEN AND NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON YESTERDAY SPURRED MCKEITHEN TO TELEPHONE THE OFFICE OF OHIO GOV. JAMES A. RHODES.

MCKEITHEN WAS UNABLE TO REACH RHODES BUT, HE TALKED WITH HIS ASSISTANT, JOHN M. MCELROY, AND ASKED THAT THE EXTRADITION BE EXPEDITED.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN BATON ROUGE SAIB HE RECEIVED ASSURANCE THAT THE MATTER WILL BE GIVEN EARLY ATTENTION.

NOVEL IS HELD AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, ON A FUGITIVE WITNESS WARRANT.

AN APPLICATION FOR NOVEL'S EXTRADITION WAS BEING PROCESSED THROUGH LOUISIANA LEGAL CHANNELS, BUT HAD NOT REACHED MCKEITHEN.

NOVEL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE SOLD EAVESDROPPING, OR BUGGING EQUIPMENT TO MCKEITHEN'S OFFICE "TO PROTECT THE GOVERNOR FROM GARRISON."

"RIDICULOUS," RETORTED MCKEITHEN. THE GOVERNOR AND THE OGEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAVE BEEN CLOSE POLITICAL FRIENDS.

OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NOVEL SOLD BOTH "BUGGING" AND "ANTI-BUGGING" EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. THE ANTI-BUGGING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GREW OUT OF A REPORT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS BEING INVADED WITH ELECTRONIC LISTENING DEVICES.

CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE BERNARD J. BAGERT YESTERDAY ORDERED LILLIE MAE MCMAINES--KNOWN HERE AS SANDRA MOFFETT--RETURNED TO THE CITY FROM OMAHA, NEB.

GARRISON'S OFFICE SOUGHT MRS. MCMAINES, 22, WIFE OF A PART-TIME OMAHA MINISTER, AS A WITNESS IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF A PLOT WHICH HE SAYS WAS CONSPIRED IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MRS. MCMAINES HAS DENIED ATTENDING A PARTY AT THE APARTMENT OF THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE, A KEY FIGURE IN GARRISON'S CASE.

PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, 25, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCEMAN, TOLD A THREE-JUDGE COURT PRELIMINARY HEARING LAST MONTH HE HEARD FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW PLOT THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT AFTER THE MID-SEPTEMBER 1963 PARTY. HE SAID HE TOOK SANDRA MOFFETT TO THE PARTY.

MRS. MCMAINES IS FREE ON BOND IN OMAHA AWAITING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.

SHAW HAS BEEN INDICTED ON A MURDER CONSPIRACY CHARGE. THE 54-YEAR-OLD RETIRED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE IS FREE ON \$10,000 BOND.

KENNEDY WAS SLAIN NOV. 22, 1963 IN DALLAS, TEX., THE WARREN COMMISSION, NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION, SAID OSWALD WAS THE LONE ASSASSIN.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT HERE, CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE OLIVER P. SCHULINGKAMP SET FRIDAY AS THE ARRAIGNMENT FOR LAYTON P. MARTENS, 24, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA IN LAFAYETTE WHO WAS INDICTED FOR PERJURY IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S PROBE.

MARTENS WAS ONCE A ROOMMATE OF FERRIE.

IN LAFAYETTE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE OWNER OF THE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE MARTENS RESIDES HAD ASKED HIM TO MOVE BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE CASE. MARTENS, WHO LIVES IN NEW ORLEANS, HAS BEEN A PRACTICE TEACHER IN A LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE USL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. HE HAD DENIED MAKING ANY FALSE STATEMENTS.

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