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COLUMBUS, OHIO (AP)—A MEETING INVOLVING TWO FIGURES IN CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOOK PLACE IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS TODAY BUT APPARENTLY THEY ONLY AGREED IN ANGER TO DISAGREE.

JERRY WEINER, COUNSEL FOR GORDON NOVEL, SAID HIS CLIENT MET IN A DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING WITH MARK LANE, AUTHOR OF THE CONTROVERSIAL BOOK, "RUSH TO JUDGMENT". THE BOOK WAS THE FIRST CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

NOVEL IS FIGHTING EXTRADITION TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE DISTRICT ATTY. JIM GARRISON WANTS HIM AS A WITNESS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED PLOT IN NEW ORLEANS TO KILL THE PRESIDENT. NOVEL HAS BRANDED THE GARRISON PROBE A HOAX.

WEINER SAID THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT THE REQUEST OF LANE AND THAT IT INVOLVED MOSTLY QUESTIONING OF NOVEL BY LANE. WHEN NOVEL STARTED TO QUESTION LANE, THE AUTHOR REFUSED TO ANSWER, WEINER SAID.

"IT ALL ENDED VERY ABRUPTLY. HE JUST GOT UP AND WALKED OUT," WEINER ADDED.

BOTH MEN TALKED WITH REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING WITH EACH CRITICIZING THE OTHER AND MAKING ACCUSATIONS.

NOVEL BRANDED LANE AS A "PUBLICITY MAN FOR JIM GARRISON" AND ASSERTED HE IS "DOING PROPAGANDA WORK FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY."

LANE CHARGED THAT A SODIUM PENATHOL TEST GIVEN NOVEL IN COLUMBUS A FEW WEEKS AGO WAS "RIGGED." HE ALSO ATTACKED WEINER AND SAID HE WAS GUILTY OF "CONDUCT UNBECOMING TO AN ATTORNEY."

NOVEL SHOWED UP IN COLUMBUS SHORTLY AFTER GARRISON LISTED HIM AS BEING ONE OF THE PERSONS HE WANTED AS A WITNESS IN HIS CONSPIRACY PROBE. LOUISIANA AUTHORITIES ARE SEEKING HIS EXTRADITION IN CONNECTION WITH A BURGLARY CHARGE BUT PAPERS RECENTLY WERE SENT BACK BECAUSE OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAID WERE ERRORS.

LANE STOPPED IN COLUMBUS ON HIS WAY TO GRANVILLE, OHIO, TO MAKE A SPEECH AT DENISON UNIVERSITY.

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