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Novel's La. Return OK'd by Attorney

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BATON ROUGE — East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher today said that an attorney for elusive Gordon Novel has agreed to his client's appear-

ance in Louisiana before the grand jury here.

Pitcher said that he had met all of the demands of immunity from arrest by Novel who claims he has information of sensational nature on organized crime in the state.

The East Baton Rouge

Grand Jury currently is probing the influence of organized crime in the parish and the relationship between former governor's aid Aubrey Young and rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

Young, who turned state's witness in the investigation, made a surprise visit to Gov. John McKeithen's fourth floor executive suite this morning. He was reportedly accompanied by two investigators from the district attorney's office and apparently was engaged in an evidence-gathering trip.

It was not believed that McKeithen met with Young, who he fired last July after learning of his ties with Marcello, during the visit.

Young earlier had accompanied Pitcher and the foreman of the grand jury to Chicago in another fact-finding mission which the district attorney termed extremely successful.

Pitcher had gone north in an attempt to interview Novel in Columbus, Ohio, where he fled after leaving Louisiana and the searching grasp of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who wants him in connection with his Kennedy assassination probe.

Pitcher said the attorney for Novel, Jerry Weiner, has accepted all of his efforts and will recommend that Novel come to Louisiana.

"We are hoping to have him here this week," Pitcher said.

The grand jury is scheduled to reconvene at 10 a. m. tomorrow to continue its probe.