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Gremillion May Not Face LL&T Charges Until '70

Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion probably will not go to trial until next year on charges arising out of the financial downfall of Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp., U.S. Attorney Louis C. LaCour said today.

"Because of the complexity of the issues and the volume of pleadings filed by the defense," LaCour said, Gremillion and the other four defendants are unlikely to face trial this year.

Federal District Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe today granted the U.S. Attorney's Office 30 more days, or up to Nov. 8, to file answers to defense pleadings.

THE FIVE were indicted by the federal grand jury Feb. 14 on fraud and conspiracy charges after an investigation of the LL&T operations by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission. The firm is in federal bankruptcy proceedings.

The defendants are free on \$2,500 bond each. LaCour said their pleadings will require answers by the government and "probably an extensive hearing on the motions."

Defendants in the case are Gremillion, state Rep. Salvador Anzelmo of New Orleans, Baton Rouge attorney Joseph Kavanaugh, LL&T President Charles Ritchey and LL&T Board Chairman Ernest Bartlett.

LACOUR SAID the defense filed 73 motions after a conference in which the government furnished the defense with all documentary evidence presented to the Grand Jury and intended to be used in the trial.

LaCour also pointed out that a Justice Department attorney working on the case has been involved in the case of Arkansas Loan and Thrift Corp. which resulted in the conviction on 26 counts of Bartlett, also the former chief executive officer of AL&T.

LaCour said he was not disputing the defense's right to file these motions but he said each of them has to be studied and answered.