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GORDON DWANE NOVEL

On November 8, 1967, Gordon Dwane Novel, a self-described "electronic bugging expert" and a witness in District Attorney James Garrison's probe into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, voluntarily furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Novel stated that recently he has sold manufacturing rights for his antibugging device which he called checkmate, to the Zelex Marketing Corporation, 866 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York. Through the Zelex Corporation, Novel has received inquiries from several foreign governments, through their embassies in Washington, D. C., regarding bugging and antibugging equipment.

Novel said that he demonstrated both bugging and antibugging equipment to the following foreign government representatives:

Brigadier Furdoon L. B. Mehta, J. S.,  
Military Attache, Embassy of India,  
Washington, D. C.

(FNU) Storer, Attache, British Embassy,  
Washington, D. C.

Perry Lasada, Personnel Security, Embassy  
of Venezuela, Washington, D. C.

Erdogan Guven, Attache, Embassy of Turkey,  
Washington, D. C.

Asurin Joesoef, Office of the Military  
Attache, Embassy of Indonesia, Washington, D. C.

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M. Qadrud-Din, Second Secretary, Embassy  
of Pakistan, Washington, D. C.

Major General Chiang Wu-Wei, Military  
Attache, Embassy of the Republic of China,  
Washington, D. C.

Novel said that all expressed considerable  
interest in both types of equipment and said sales to  
their governments would probably be forthcoming.

Novel, additionally, advised that he sold one  
of his antibugging checkmate units to Charles Costello,  
whom he advised is connected with the Ace Vending Machine  
Corporation, Trenton, New Jersey, and that the magnetic  
field loop of the device was installed in the ceiling of  
Costello's private office in Trenton, New Jersey.

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