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WANTS FREE RIDE TO LOUISIANA

Garrison Finally Rounds Up Willing Southland Witness

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New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison reaped the first positive response Thursday from the recent commotion his investigation into the Kennedy assassination has stirred up in Southern California.

But for Garrison's purposes, the development appears likely to be one of negative merit.

Lawrence Howard, 33, of El Monte, accepted a Garrison subpoena as a material witness and said he would be happy to travel to New Orleans, at Louisiana's expense, to appear before a grand jury.

But Howard said that the controversial DA's assertion that he knows about an assassination conspiracy is so much malarkey and that the only reason he is willing to testify is because:

"I want to clear my name. I've got nothing to be ashamed of."

If Howard of 12226 Pineville St., does make the trip to New Orleans, he will become a unique figure in Garrison's unpredictable investigation.

No One Else Agrees to Journey

Not one other person sought out of Louisiana by Garrison has agreed to set foot in New Orleans—where Garrison has unleashed a barrage of charges which, if true, could shoot down the Warren Report, a document which held that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

Nor has any state surrendered one of its residents to Garrison.

The New Orleans prosecutor also seeks two other Californians, Edgar Eugene Bradley, 46, of North Hollywood, whom he has charged as a conspirator in the assassination, and Loran Eugene Hall, 38, of Kernville, named, like Howard, as a material witness.

Both deny any knowledge of a conspiracy and are legally resisting anticipated efforts by Garrison to force their presence in New Orleans.

Howard, an unemployed welder, was not served with the subpoena until Thursday morning, since he has been on a three-week trip to Mexico, a combination hunting and mining venture.

He has freely admitted that he trained Cuban anti-Castro guerrillas in Florida in the early 1960s but denies any acquaintance with men named by Garrison as assassination conspirators.

Garrison apparently is interested in both him and Hall because of a story told by Mrs. Sylvia Odio, a Cuban refugee, about a pre-assassination visit from three men, one of whom resembled Oswald.

Both Howard and Hall have said since the issuance of the subpoenas that they cannot remember meeting with Mrs. Odio, and in 1961 FBI agents dismissed the relevance of her story.

Howard said Thursday he wants to "clear my name" because he's concerned by a possible reflection on his two children and the effect Garrison's allegations might have on future potential employers if he doesn't do so.

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WILLING TO TRAVEL—Lawrence Howard holds subpoena he accepted in New Orleans probe. Howard said he would be happy to appear there.
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