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3 Witnesses Named in Garrison Probe

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison subpoenaed three men Friday — two from California and one from Nebraska — as “material witnesses” in his probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The three were Loran A. Hall of Kernville, Calif.; Thomas Beckham of Omaha; and Lawrence Howard Jr. of Los Angeles.

Judge Matthew Branniff issued the subpoenas and ordered the men to appear before the grand jury here Feb. 1 and 2. The documents said the three would be granted immunity from arrest for anything happening prior to their entry into Louisiana.

THE SUBPOENA for Hall said Garrison had information that Hall checked into the Dallas YMCA in October, 1963, and remained in Dallas until the time of Kennedy's death there Nov. 22, 1963.

The subpoena contended that Hall was in Dallas with Jack Ruby “and other individuals believed to be involved in the assassination,” including Lee Harvey Oswald.

Hall, the document said, “brought a weapon to Dallas shortly before the assassination.” It added that he was “arrested and briefly jailed in Dallas in October, 1963.”

Garrison contended in the document that Hall was active in the “Free Cuba” movement in Florida, Louisiana and Texas and that “he was previously engaged in CIA-sponsored guerrilla training in Florida for raids on Cuba.”

THE SUBPOENA said Hall, while in New Orleans, associated with David Ferrie, a pilot who before his death Feb. 22, 1967, was a target of Garrison's controversial probe. It said Hall was a target of Garrison's concerning the assassination.

“You're kiddin'!” was Hall's comment when informed of the subpoena.

Hall said he would “be in Los Angeles Saturday to fight that . . . right down the line.”

Hall said he had been in Texas during the time the subpoena noted and that he had been active for one year in the “Free Cuba” movement in 1963.

But he denied ever meeting Oswald, Ruby, Ferrie “or anyone else involved in the assassination or anyone ever mentioned by Garrison or anybody else.”

HALL, A BARTENDER in Wofford Heights, Calif., 125 miles northeast of Los Angeles, said he had been in Louisiana “once, back in 1963 and that was for about 3½ hours while I was driving through to Miami.”

He said he was in Dallas “for two days” about two or three months before the assassination. I was driving through on my way to Miami and stayed at the YMCA for one night or two—I don't remember which.”

“He said he had been active in the “Free Cuba” movement, collecting “equipment” from California, Texas and Florida and “executing raids on Cuba.”

Hall said the raids went on for about a year until a boat he was on was stopped by CIA agents.

“They confiscated everything we had but let me go. I was never charged with anything.” Hall said.

BECKHAM, his subpoena said, associated with Ferrie in New Orleans during 1963 and both were ordained priests in the “old Orthodox Catholic Church of North America.”

The Beckham subpoena said he was also reported to be seen in Dallas in November, 1963, with a number of people “believed to have played a part in the assassination of President Kennedy.”

The subpoena for Howard said Garrison has information that Howard was with Ferrie in 1963 during visits to New Orleans and that Howard participated in CIA-sponsored guerrilla training in Florida for raids on Cuba.

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