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TESTIMONY OK, SAYS GARRISON

Howard's Talk Called
'Honest, Complete'

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Wednesday that testimony given him by Lawrence Howard Jr. of El Monte, Calif., during his visit here early this week was honest and complete.

Garrison said although the 32-year-old unemployed welder is not connected in any way with his probe into the assassination of President Kennedy, Howard had a useful background of knowledge concerning areas of interest to his office.

The importance of Howard's testimony, Garrison added, grew largely out of his experience as an anti-Castro leader in Florida in 1963.

It was apparent, the DA said, that Howard was interested in helping as much as possible with regard to the probe.

After successfully fighting extradition from California to Louisiana in January, Howard last week volunteered to come any way.

Garrison said his office has had a difficult problem in getting many witnesses back into Louisiana so they can be questioned.

He said Howard's cooperation was unusual enough to warrant public acknowledgment by his office.

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