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Testimony Is Praised By Garrison

District Attorney Jim Garrison says that testimony given him by Lawrence Howard Jr. of El Monte, Calif., early this week was "honest and complete."

Garrison said the 32-year-old unemployed welder is not implicated in any way in his probe of the Kennedy assassination but that Howard had useful background information of interest to his office.

Howard was successful at preventing his extradition from California as a witness by Garrison, then volunteered to come here and testify.

Garrison said the importance of Howard's testimony grew primarily out of his experience as an anti-Castro leader in Florida in 1963.

The DA said his office has had many difficulties in getting witnesses to come here for questioning and that Howard's cooperation was unusual enough to warrant public acknowledgement by his office.

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