

New Moves by Garrison

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3 Called In Kennedy 'Plot Probe'

New Orleans

District Attorney Jim Garrison subpoenaed three men yesterday — two from California and one from Nebraska — as "material witnesses" in his probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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

DALLAS

Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Branniff issued the subpoenas and ordered the men to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury February 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, who is also known as Lorenzo Pascillo, said Garrison had

said, associated with Ferrie in New Orleans during 1963 and both were ordained priests in the "Old Orthodox Catholic Church of North America."

VISIT

The Beckham subpoena said he was also reported to be seen in Dallas in November, 1963, with a number of persons "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-



LPI Telephoto
LAWRENCE HOWARD
A Dallas visitor?



EDWARD BECKHAM
Ordained priest



LORAN HALL
'I'll fight it'

information that Hall checked into the Dallas YMCA in October, 1963, and remained in Dallas until the time of Mr. Kennedy's death there on 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.

Ruby, now dead, shot Oswald to death at the Dallas

police station two days after the assassination and Oswald's arrest. Oswald later was named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of the president.

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 continued that Hall, while in New Orleans, associated with David Ferrie, a pilot who before his death on February 22, 1967, was a target of Garrison's controversial probe. It said Hall was present at discussions concerning the assassination.

Beckham, his subpoena

sponsored guerrilla training in Bermuda for raids on Cuba.

The document also says Howard arrived in Dallas in October, 1963, checked into the YMCA and remained in Dallas until the time of the assassination. It says he was in contact with Ruby "and other individuals believed to have been involved in the assassination," including Oswald.

TEXAS

"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.

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An Explanation

That Garrison Medical Report

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District Attorney Jim Garrison yesterday declined comment on a newspaper report that he was once declared unfit for military service due to mental troubles.

Charles A. Ward, issued a statement denying the report, published by the Chicago Tribune yesterday.

Garrison, aiming to prove the November 1963 assassination of President Kennedy resulted from a conspiracy, has charged two men with being involved in the plot. He has also implied United States Government officials knew of the plot.

According to the Chicago Tribune, an army medical board in San Antonio, Texas, reported to an army physical evaluation board in October 1951: "This patient has a severe and disabling psychoneurosis of long duration. It has interfered with his social and professional adjustment to a marked degree."

Ward said in his statement "there is nothing new in these statements. All of this was brought up and these charges were made when Mr. Garrison ran for District Attorney in the last campaign."

"Since Mr. Garrison's discharge from active duty with the U.S. Army, he has received two promotions as a member of the National Guard and the Army Reserve."

"He recently was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, and the Army would not permit a man who had a psychiatric illness to hold that rank as a reserve officer."

A source close to Garrison said the assumption that he suffered mental disorders amoebic dysentery during World War II, when he served as an artillery spot-

ter.

In 1950 he volunteered for combat duty in the Korean war without informing the authorities of his persistent illness. He was physically unable to stand up to the rigorous training program and crashed his plane, the source said.

A proud young man, he refused to disclose his illness to hospital authorities who diagnosed his condition as mental trouble, the source said.

Kennedy Probe Witness Takes Refuge in Iowa

At least one of three new witnesses subpoenaed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison in his Kennedy death plot investigation has sidestepped legal attempts to bring him here for testimony.

A former New Orleans disc jockey and entertainer, 27-year-old Thomas Edward Beckham, told newsmen at Omaha, Neb., today he is living in Iowa, the same state in which another wanted witness, Sandra Mof-fett McMaines, took sanctuary.

Iowa is one of four states which do not honor in interstate witness compact, under which Garrison sought Beckham's return to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

SUBPENAS FOR Beckham, Loran Eugene Hall of Kernville, Calif., and Lawrence J. Howard Jr. of Los Angeles were issued by Garrison's office yesterday.

The DA said all three men are important material witnesses in his continuing inquiry into the No. 22, 1963 murder of President John F. Kennedy at Dallas.

In his request for Beckham's subpoena, Garrison said Beckham was in Dallas when Kennedy was shot to death.

The DA also contended that Beckham was a close associate of onetime airline pilot David W. Ferrie, who was named as one of the presidential assassination conspirators in the indictment of retired New Orleans business-

for testimony by moving into the shelter of Iowa.

Russo had testified in a preliminary hearing for Shaw that Mrs. McMaines, then using the name of Sandra Mof-fett, had accompanied him to a party in Ferrie's apartment in 1963. Later that same night, Russo said, he overheard Ferrie, Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald plotting Kennedy's slaying. *en 4*

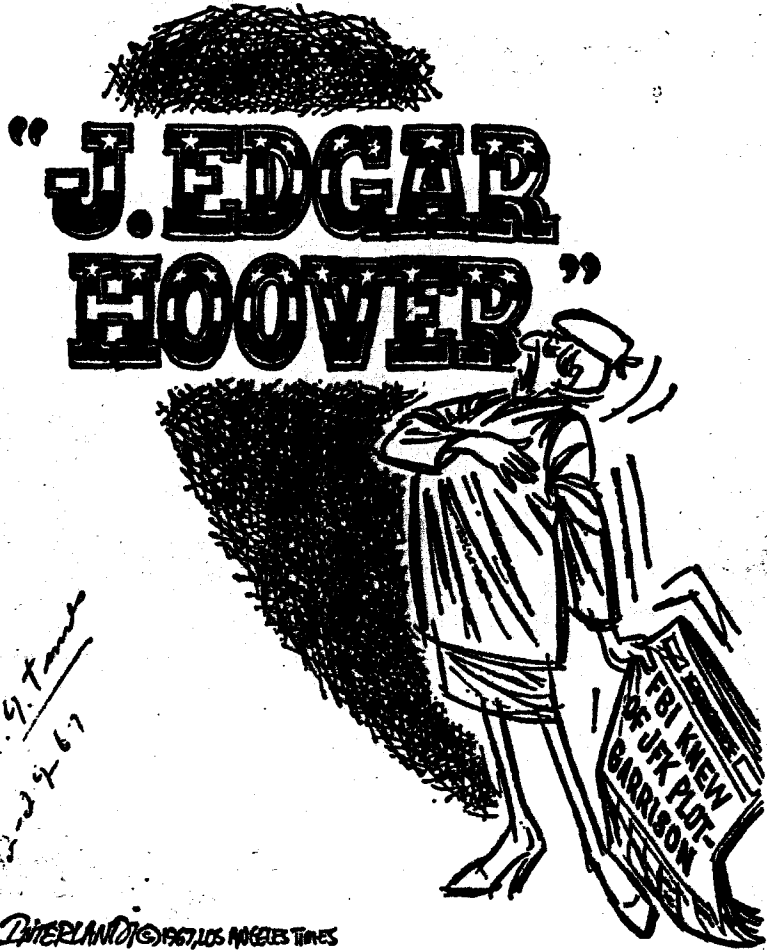
Ferrie, who died last February of what the coroner described as natural causes, once claimed to be an ordained priest in a small, off-beat religious order, the Old Orthodox Catholic Church of North America.

GARRISON, in a statement supporting the subpoena, said Beckham was a priest in the same order and "often wore a black suit with his collar reversed when he lived at New Orleans."

Beckham told newsmen at Omaha he was working as a musical entertainer in the area under the stage name Mark Evans.

Garrison listed his address as Omaha, but Beckham said in an interview he was living in a motel at Council Bluffs, Iowa, just across the Missouri River from the Nebraska city.

Mrs. McMaines, an acknowledged onetime girl friend of star prosecution witness Perry Raymond Russo, frustrated earlier efforts by the DA to have her brought here



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"You've gone too far, Jim Garrison—no one attacks . . . !"