

# The Elusive Mr. Hall

*"Come out, come out wherever you are."*

—A line from "Hide And Seek."

Loran Eugene Hall — Cuban cover name: Lorenzo Eugenio Pascillo — doesn't live here anymore.

Last April, Hall was told an investigative journalism article would soon be published that would link him directly to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The source of Hall's information, according to TATTLEER informants, was one R.K. Brown (probably Robert K. Brown), a man who allegedly has ties to the CIA or other intelligence organizations and was once the publisher of right-wing literature in Boulder, Colo. If Brown was the source of Hall's information, Brown was right. It was about that time that TATTLEER received confirmation from a third source that Hall was involved in JFK's death.

Ultimately, that confirmation led to an article that was published in the July 13, 1975, regular issue of TATTLEER. Hall would have been able to buy a copy of that issue about July 7 in his former hometown of West Covina, Calif.

But what Hall did back in April when he got wind of what was up is at least as important as the fact that he is no longer in the United States.

According to informants, Hall made contact with the Sultant of Oman, whose tiny nation is on the tip of the peninsula at the mouth of the Persian Gulf. Hall contacted the good sultant because he wanted



LORAN EUGENE HALL -- grubby with his beard.

a job. He offered to train the sultan's army, but was turned down because he was "overly qualified" - whatever that might mean. Hall abandoned that letter in his garbage, from which it was plucked and read by informants.

**CREDIT CARD** receipts from gasoline stations show that Hall then drove from West Covina to Dallas - or at least was headed directly that way, according to the route on which he was driving.

Upon his return to California, Hall met his son, Michael, who, according to informants, hitchhiked from Wichita, Kan., to West Covina.

**The son, the informants believe, came to help his father dispose of his California holdings - said to be three pieces of real estate.**

Hall's wife, it is believed, may have visited a divorce attorney.

After Hall had left the country, a neighbor said she was glad he was gone and accused him of being cruel to cats and dogs in the neighborhood.

While some of the foregoing is solid conjecture, it is confirmed that Hall left West Covina and landed in Ensenada, Mexico, just about the time that TATTLER's July 13 issue went on sale in California. Hall checked into room 17 at the Santa Isabella Hotel, apparently without adequate cash to buy a drink in the bar, for he asked hotel personnel if the hotel would accept his BankAmericard.

**THE HOTEL CLERK** told TATTLER that Hall arrived on July 11. On July 12th, he checked out of room 17 (a relatively small room) and into room 24 (a much larger one), paying for his overnight stay in 17 with a \$100 bill. Hotel personnel recall the incident because the desk clerk didn't have adequate change for the \$100 bill and

had to seek it out at the bar. According to informants, Hall suddenly had a wallet-full of cash - several bills of which were in the \$100 denomination.

**Between the time Hall checked into room 17 and until he switched over to room 24, a mysterious man in a blue car with Colorado license plates arrived at the hotel and visited Hall in his room. Hall allegedly arrived at the hotel in a white car, and informants who have been tracking Hall for years say Hall does not own such a car.**

Hall left Ensenada on July 14, 1975. He drove to the local airport and waited for a white Lear jet to touch down and pick him up. The plane was still moving when Hall jumped aboard. Observers described Hall as a man wearing a white suit coat, white



and black checked trousers who had a beard. (As will become apparent further on in this article, Hall has a tendency to go "grubby" when going underground or operational.)

Dramatically, and romantically, Hall is now said to be in Rhodesia.

**IF THOSE OBSERVATIONS** are correct, there are three conclusions that might be drawn from this situation:

1) There are fewer and fewer "safe" places for people like Loran Hall to hide these days. Reason says that if you can't take the heat in West Covina and it's too warm in Ensenada, why Rhodesia?

2) Charges that Hall was implicated in the JFK assassination are wrong and Hall is simply getting out of the country to avoid the bad publicity. That is undoubtedly what Hall would counter-charge against this publication - but he hasn't so far.

3) This publication - like hundreds of groups before it - has been fed "misinformation," to lead it and its readers astray.

That third point is an interesting one - a proposition that pops up throughout the assassination itself and the subsequent investigations that have followed it.

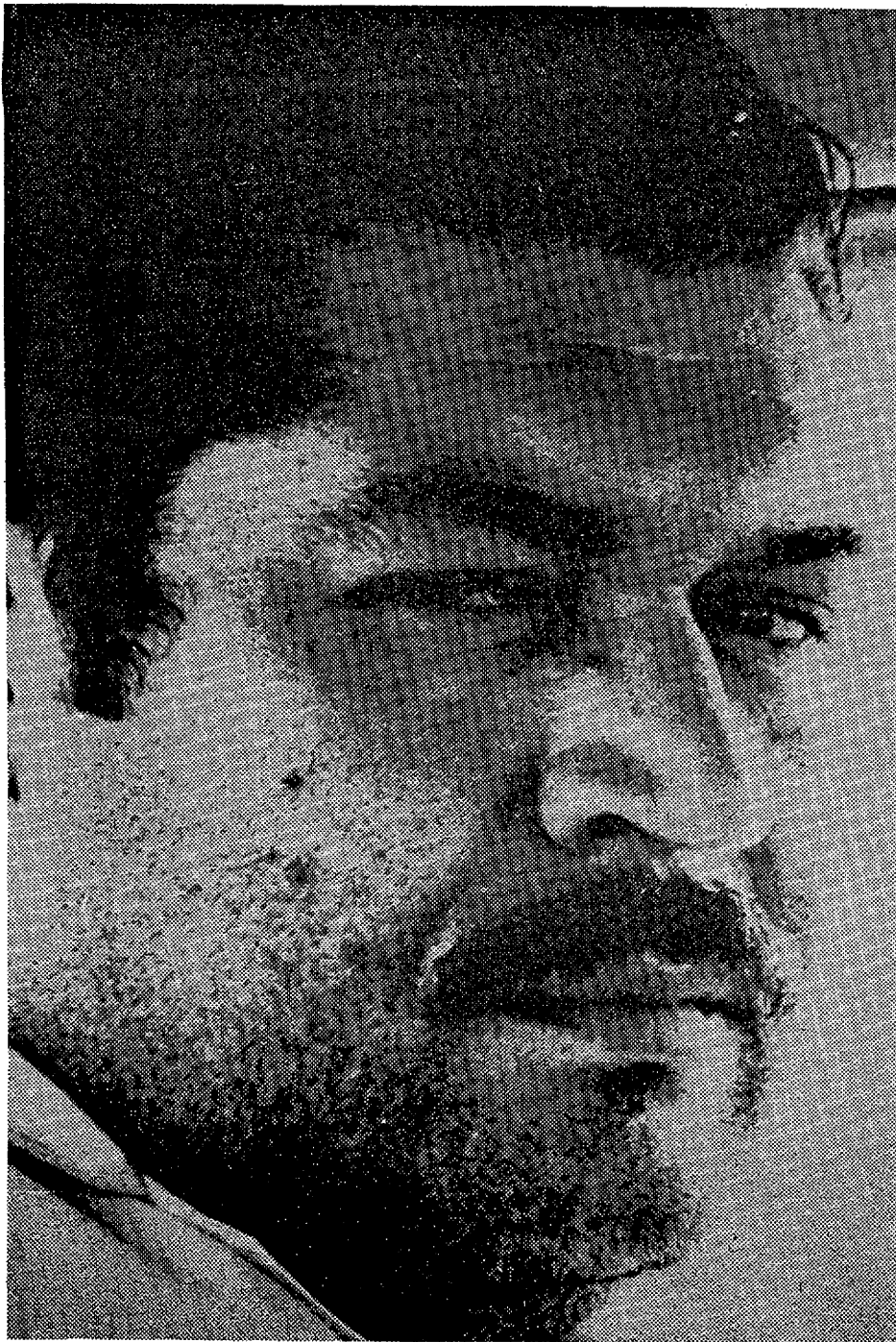
There is a little-known theory about the role of Lee Harvey Oswald in the

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*THE CUBAN commandos gathered for this group shot after being raided by local authorities. Excluding the police, the men are believed to be (from left to right, back row): Steve Wilson, Ed Collins, Ronald Ponce DeLeon, Garry Patrick Hemming, Lawrence Howard, Cookos Arce and perhaps Ronald Augustinovich.*

*The two in the front are believed to be Roy Harrgraves (or Bill Dempsey) and Little Joe Garman.*



**LAWRENCE HOWARD JR., close associate of Loran Hall.**

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assassination that will be receiving more and more currency as renewed interest in the JFK case builds. It aptly illustrates what the "misinformation" theory is all about.

ACCORDING TO the theory, unpopular politicians can gain popularity by having a crisis confront them that clearly indicates they are faced with some evil force.

For example, when Richard Nixon and his wife Pat went to Venezuela and his car was stoned in a street riot, Nixon's popularity shot up in the polls. Many

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## **Oswald ate his breakfast in code ... telling agents of plot's progress**

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political observers contend that had it not been for the Venezuelan riot, Nixon would never have been able to overcome his "Checkers" image and be nominated for President.

Because of the fortunate political side-effects of the Venezuelan incident, cynical observers have suggested that perhaps it was a planned riot, orchestrated by the CIA.

Conversely, John Kennedy found himself in low political esteem at the time of the Texas fence-mending trip. The trip itself had all the overtones of the political barnstorming.

**Assume the worst: The plot to kill Kennedy was a "fake" assassination plot, one that was infiltrated and became real. Is there anything to support such an assumption?**

There is, if you recognize that Lee Harvey Oswald was a government agent,

working for at least the CIA if not the FBI, too. Oswald was able to leap in and out of Russia in a single bound, able to sojourn this country from New Orleans to Dallas at will, and capable of associating himself with both right and left wing extremist groups. Indeed, there is ample evidence, backed up by sworn testimony in the possession of this publication, that Oswald was the CIA eyes and ears – the inside man – on the rumored right-wing plot to assassinate the President.

In fact, prior to the assassination, Oswald ate breakfast in code, telling CIA contacts in the restaurant what the progress of the assassination plans were at that moment. The code was:

Scrambled eggs: "Assassination called off."

One egg: "One additional assassin in Dealey Plaza."

Two eggs: "Two additional assassins in Dealey Plaza."

And so on.

(By the time the assassination plans were completed, Oswald was probably down to one meal a day.)

Now, switch to the scene of the assassination and recall the statements of the witnesses: The first shots fired sounded like "firecrackers." According to most rational expert belief (and that excludes the Warren Commission Report), the first shot fired hit JFK in the back, barely penetrating his skin. The second shot flew over the open-topped car and struck the curb (apparently with so little force that it did not go on to injure anyone in the crowd). These first two shots could very well have been "down loaded" shells - bullets that had a major portion of their gun powder removed. And those shots would have been fired by the gunman – or "sniper team" – that believed it was involved in a "fake" assassination. Then the fatal shots were fired from in front of Kennedy's car.

The theory makes a lot of sense when you consider Oswald's statements

following his arrest, statements that have been confirmed by former CIA agent George O'Toole to have been truthful, in that stress evaluation of them indicate Oswald wasn't lying.

Oswald said he hadn't murdered anyone. (Indeed, had he been on the sniper team that was firing underloaded bullets, he could make such a statement with a clear conscience.

OSWALD ALSO TOLD his brother that he had been made the "patsy," and that everything would be straightened out in due time. (Interestingly enough, the concept of a "pasty" is perfectly in line with intelligence operations. An intelligence operation that would plan and perform such a job would have three elements: A source, which would direct and fund the operation; a "cut out," which would deliver the message and the money to the proper sources; and a "team" or "teams" that would actually perform the operation. A "pasty" would be used to allow the "team" or "teams" to make an escape, and then the "cut out" if not the "team" or "teams" would be "disposed of," or murdered, thus accounting for the statistically impossible number of mysterious deaths of people connected with the assassination and the investigation.)

Consequently, the entire concept of an infiltrated "fake" assassination plot is very much in keeping with the facts, and such a "fake" assassination plot would have depended on one key element: Providing the CIA through Oswald with "misinformation."

Thus it is that we come to the role of Loran Hall. It is entirely conceivable to several former intelligence agents from several branches of government that have been interviewed by TATTLER that Hall is the constant source of "misinformation."

Consider Hall's shadowy background:

Hall was arrested in 1959 and placed in prison with one Louis Santo Trafficante, Miami's Mafia boss who was kicked out of the U.S., went to Italy, got a forged French passport, travelled to Argentina, and then picked up another forged passport and came to Cuba, where he was arrested for illegal gambling.

HALL SUBSEQUENTLY fought for Fidel Castro to liberate Cuba, unaware that Castro would make Cuba a Communist country once the revolution was won, which was a severe disappointment

to Hall and many other Cubans who fought with Castro.

Castro's Communist takeover of Cuba led to the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion, which had been planned during the Eisenhower administration by the security committee led by Richard M. Nixon, then Vice President.

Kennedy went through with the disastrous Bay of Pigs affair - but he didn't supply the air cover the Cuban exiles who were trained in Florida by the CIA felt he should have.

Thus, the Cuban exiles felt Kennedy had betrayed them.

"Hall was violently opposed to the U.S. policy in Cuba and felt that Kennedy was working against Cuban freedom rather than for it," an informant wrote to authorities after the Warren Commission investigation that tied Hall and two associates to an apartment meeting at Mrs. Sylvia Odio, at which a "Leon Oswald" and the other men present discussed the assassination of JFK in 1963.

With the failure of the Bay of Pigs, Hall

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## Hall said that Kennedy 'was a traitor' to the Cuban cause

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joined Alpha 66 and Operation 40, two of the many Cuban exile training camps in Florida and near New Orleans.

WHILE HIS ASSOCIATE, Gary Patrick (a.k.a., Gary Patrick Hemming), trained troupes on Big Pine Key and No Name Key in Florida, Hall travelled from California to Florida, through both Dallas and New Orleans, trying to drum up support for another invasion of Cuba.

(Another close associate of Loran Hall's, Lawrence Howard Jr. - believed to be the burly Latin man who attended the meeting at Mrs. Odio's apartment - said in a 1968 interview with investigators that the property on No Name Key and Big Pine Key had originally been leased by the CIA from Mrs. Wilma Weldon and W.R. Robinson, but that when the CIA abandoned the Cuban invasion idea, Howard and Rolando Masfeerer - brother of a Florida dentist named Kiki Ferrer - arranged for the lease of the land. The link

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*General Edwin A. Walker met with both Hall and Gary Patrick Hemming.*

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between government intelligence people and the right-wing Cuban groups was clear from the day Castro declared Cuba Communist.)

One man who became interested in the activities of the Cuban exiles is William Yates, who was living in a suburb of Dallas about the time of the assassination.

Yates read about Gary Patrick's training of exiles in the Dallas Morning News in 1963 an article, written by Larry Groves, that also mentioned a Dallas



*GARY PATRICK HEMMING, the leader of the commando forces at No Name Key. In a letter to supporters, he admitted that the men were being trained in "assassination."*

supporter, one Wally Welch.

Yates contacted Welch, who eventually, in May or June, introduced Yates to the legendary Loran Hall.

At that first meeting, Hall told Yates about the plans for another invasion and showed him some navigational maps showing the harbors of Cuba. Hall said the maps had been stolen from a federal office.

**HALL ALSO TOLD** Yates that he was bitter about the betrayal by the CIA of the Cuban exiles and said Kennedy was "a traitor" to the cause of Cuba's freedom.

Again, in September of 1963, Hall returned to Yates' home. The dates of that meeting are pinpointed by Yates as between the 23rd and 28th, which Yates remembered because his wife gave birth to their fourth child on Sept. 15, 1963. Yates was not home. But his wife recalls that Hall suddenly appeared at their door with a large burly Latin-appearing man (perhaps Lawrence Howard Jr.) and another, slight man (maybe William Seymour, who could pass for a "Leon Oswald" in terms of his build and facial features). Hall had painted his car a shiny black, because, he told Yates' wife, the

federal authorities were cracking down on his gun-running activities. (Hall was arrested in Dallas about this time with various arms.)

(If William Seymour was with Hall and possibly Lawrence and passing himself off as "Leon Oswald," this is further indication of the intelligence operation "multiple Oswald" theory.)

Yates noted, upon his return home and meeting with Hall, that all three men were "grubby," with beards.

Again in October, Hall visited Yates. This time he was accompanied by a man who "much more closely resembled Oswald." Hall wanted some ammunition and medical supplies that Yates had stored at his home, which Yates refused Hall.

**SWITCH NOW TO** Gary Patrick Hemming, the operations man in No Name Key, instructing the troupes.

Wrote Hemming to a supporter: Training involved "sabotage, demolition, receptions committee, assassination, propaganda, and counter propaganda." Assassination!!!!

(Hemming, it must be noted, com-



plained to his fellow Cuban supporter that the Cuban exiles were depressed when governmental authorities went around cutting off the welfare checks to their families when it was discovered that dad was off playing illegal war games.)

HEMMING FURTHER noted that the cause had been getting good press lately, particularly from one Bob Brown, a reporter for AP, UPI, Life-Time and the Cuban correspondent for Guns Magazine. Hemming describes Brown as a former special agent for the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps (who just happened to have the same name as the man who supposedly warned Hall that an article would be published some time after April, 1975, which may have caused Hall to leave the country).

Hemming further observed that he "spent time with Gen. Edwin Walker both of these days. Appears he plans to become involved in the Cuban fight."

(Gen. Walker, it may be recalled, ran an unsuccessful ultra-conservative campaign for governor in Texas, and a close friend to right-wing billionaire H.L. Hunt. The Warren Commission falsely concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald tried to kill Walker, which was probably part of the "pasty" build up the intelligence operation conspirators designed for the eventual "lone assassin" theory developed by the Warren Commission.)

Regarding Hall's role as the purveyor of "misinformation," consider these points:

- **HALL HAD TOLD** Yates that he was in Dallas to raise funds. Yates invited Hall to stay at his home (this was after their first meeting in May or June of 1963). Instead of moving around Dallas visiting those who might help him, Hall laid around the house watching television.

- **AFTER THE REPORT** by Sylvia Odio that a "Leon Oswald" (whom she identified as Lee Harvey Oswald) and two

**CUBAN EXILE LEADER**  
*Lawrence Howard Jr. helped train commando forces in Big Pine Key and No Name Key. While the Dallas YMCA register showed that Hall and Howard checked in on Oct. 17, 1963 and left five days later -- during the time three men visited Mrs. Sylvia Odio -- Howard denies he was in Dallas at that time. Howard does fit the description of a "large burly Latin appearing man," a description given by Mrs. Odio and William Yates.*



*WILLIAM SEYMORE accompanied Loran Hall and possibly Lawrence Howard Jr. on one of Hall's many trips to Dallas and may have gone with Hall to the apartment of Mrs. Sylvia Odio, where three men, including a "Leon Oswald," discussed assassinating President John F. Kennedy. Many believe that Seymore resembles Lee Harvey Oswald to some degree.*

other men discussed the assassination of JFK in her apartment, Hall was interviewed by the FBI. Hall was questioned by one Leon F. Brown, a special agent whose name should or should not be confused with the name R.K. (Robert K.) Brown, depending upon what the facts really are.

Hall told Special Agent Brown that it was "possible" that he met a Mrs. Odio, but that he didn't specially recall meeting her. He also said that it was "possible" that he had been at Magellen Circle, apartment A (Mrs. Odio's address at that time), but that he didn't recall that for certain. One line of the FBI report in-

dicated that Hall "stated that this Cuban woman lived ..."

The FBI report, now Commission

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## Hall does an about face ... has memory 'jogged ...'

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Document 1553, quotes Hall as having recalled that "the three of them, Hall, Howard and Seymour, had gone to the apartment of a Cuban woman..."

By the time New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison started to investigate the JFK case, the Odio incident became critically important. Garrison subpoenaed Hall but he immediately and successfully fought extradition.

THEN, IN A TURN about, Hall allowed one of Garrison's men to interview him about the FBI report filed by Special Agent Brown.

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In that interview, Hall said he had never laid eyes on Sylvia Odio, even though he admitted to the FBI on Sept. 23, 1964, that such a meeting had been "possible."

While he had told the FBI agent that it might have been "possible" that he had gone to Mrs. Odio's apartment, Hall recanted that to the Garrison investigator.

In short, Hall said that the FBI report was inaccurate in many ways - and, of course, he hadn't said what the FBI agent wrote down.

(In an interview with Robert K. Brown, mentioned in the beginning of this article, Brown stated that Loran Hall is a "psychological liar.")

By May of 1968, Hall did another about turn. He visited Edwin Messe, Gov. Ronald Reagan's legal affairs secretary, and announced that he had information about a conspiracy involved in the Kennedy assassination.

HE SAID THAT his memory had been "jogged" by "certain individuals reminding me of persons I was in contact with in 1963 before the assassination."

Hall supplied Messe with names of "these certain persons I met while making speeches in the Los Angeles area when I was raising funds for anti-Castro activities."

"On almost every occasion after I finished talking at one of these meetings,

I'd overhear some people there discuss the possibility of assassinating Kennedy - and how it might be done.

"Not just Kennedy. But also (Chief Justice) Warren and other government officials - how they could be gotten rid of."

Hall went on to say that he was giving serious consideration to honoring the subpoena issued by Garrison.

The Los Angeles Times reported that "Hall ... denied knowing any of the alleged conspirators - including a North Hollywood man, Edgar Eugene Bradley - a position he apparently now has retreated from."

About the meeting with Mrs. Odio that the Warren Commission investigated, the Los Angeles Times concluded that the FBI had questioned Hall.

"The commission concluded that because of the contradictions in what Hall told the FBI and its own evidence that Oswald was elsewhere on that - Oswald could not have been one of the three men who visited Mrs. Odio's apartment."

situation only a few days later when he submitted to further interviews with Garrison investigators.

Hall suddenly remembered that there was a Leslie Bradley he knew during the Cuban revolution. (Hall could recall that Leslie Bradley, whom he had met in the late 1950s, but he previously had not been able to remember anything about an Edgar Eugene Bradley until his memory had been "jogged.")

Hall's new recall allowed him to remember many precise events but didn't go so far as to provide him with the ability to implicate himself - or anyone else.

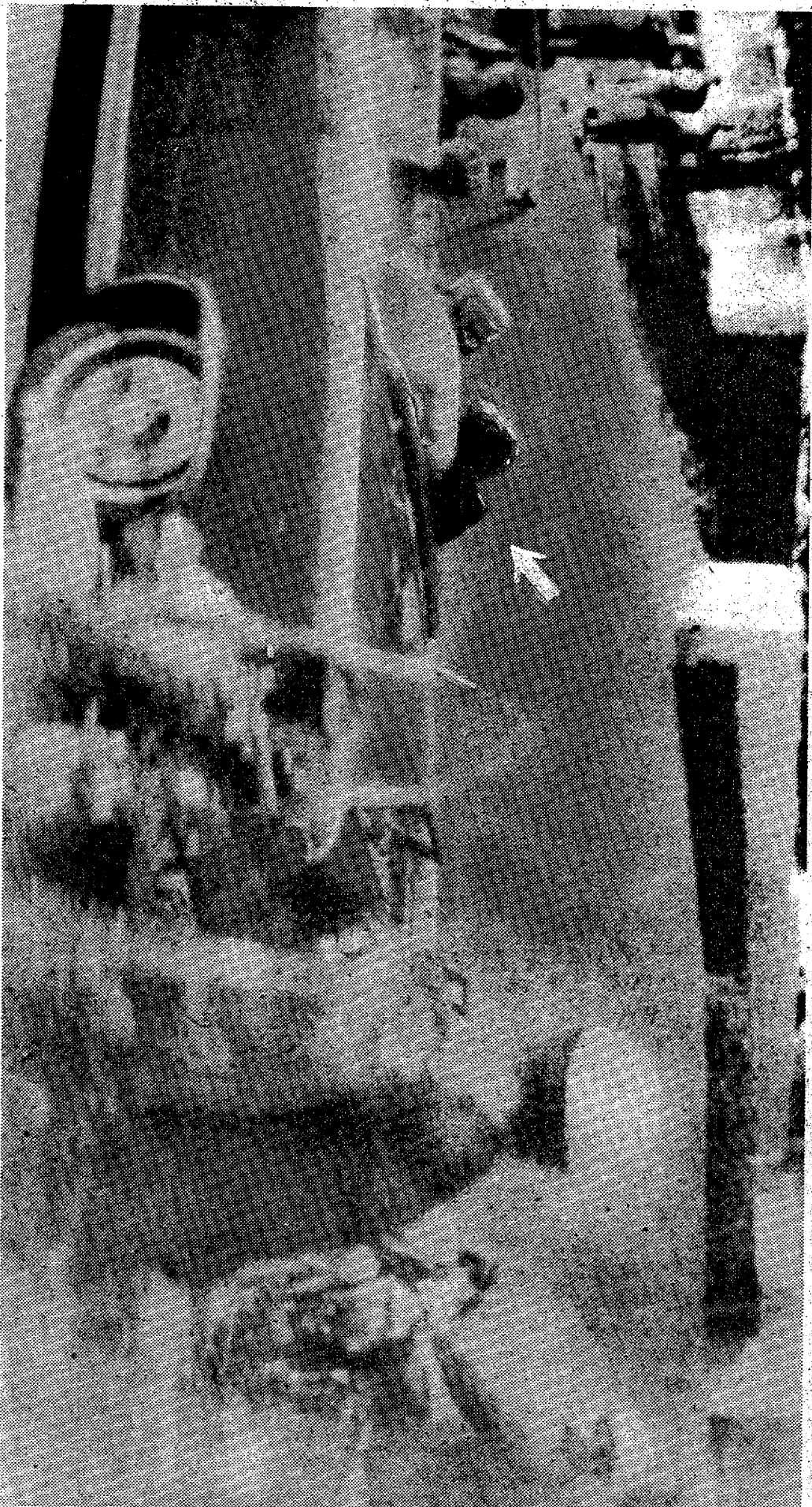
Oddly enough, Hall recalled, many people he met during 1963 felt that Kennedy ought to be assassinated - and so stated that.

Among the people he said expressed such feelings were Edgar Eugene Bradley, who Garrison had indicted but was unable to extradite and who eventually had those charges dropped against him.

Other interesting names Hall recalled from that period included Lester Logue, Hunt (probably H.L.), Dan Smoot and General Edwin A. Walker. Hall said that John Rousselieu had gotten him approved by the John Birch Society to speak at right-wing meetings where assassination talk was running wild.

• SHORTLY THEREAFTER Hall bylined an article in a national newspaper in which he confessed that he had been offered \$50,000 to kill JFK - but, naturally, he turned it down.





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For a man who has been described as a "psychological liar," Loran Eugene Hall has been in all the wrong places at almost precisely the right time.

That he may be in Rhodesia at the moment seems to confirm that. What role he may have had in the death of President John F. Kennedy — or

knowledge about it — is still an unanswered question.

But one thing is certain:

Loran Eugene Hall better continue to have wallets full of \$100 bills if he is going to stay on the run.

According to receipts this publication has obtained, Hall's BankAmericard — number 4024-673-718-827 — expired as of the end of July, 1975.