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Thornley Bows To Garrison

Tampan Kerry Thornley, accused of perjury in a Louisiana investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, yesterday said he will not fight extradition to New Orleans for arraignment and trial.

Thornley was arrested here Thursday on a charge filed by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison.

Garrison accused him of lying to an investigating grand jury by denying he met assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans in 1963.

A one-time Marine Corps acquaintance of Oswald's Thornley said he will not fight extradition because he feels trial will be an "opportunity to establish my innocence in a court of law and to avoid



Kerry Thornley, Accused of Perjury
... willing to answer charges

being kicked around ... the rest of my life whenever someone decides to probe the assassination."

Thornley said his decision

not to fight depends on Garrison's making a formal request for his appearance through the governor of Louisiana.