

Calls Garrison "a giant"

Hall deposes to Garrison in

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New Orleans, is exonerated

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Loran Hall just returned from New Orleans at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning after spending a week there with Jim Garrison. Garrison has subsequently released a news release on the appearance of Loran Hall in New Orleans as follows:

In connection with our inquiry into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, this office has questioned Mr. Loran Hall at considerable length. Mr. Hall—who came to New Orleans voluntarily—was completely cooperative as a witness. It is apparent that Hall was in no way personally connected with the events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. On the other hand, it is equally apparent that other individuals and agencies caused Mr. Hall's name to be injected into exhibits of the Warren Commission and into other statements so that any effort to investigate the assassination would cause his name to appear.

Where elements of a professional intelligence agency execute an assassination, as was the case in the murder of President Kennedy, the operation includes not only the setting up of a decoy—like Lee Harvey Oswald—but the creation of artificial leads pointing to persons who are actually not involved. Our office is satisfied that the appearance of Hall's name in Commission exhibits and in other statements by supposed sources of information is such a case and is unsupported by any facts.

On the other hand, Mr. Hall proved to be a helpful witness for our inquiry because of his extensive experience in anti-Cuban raids from Florida in the early

1960's.

We want to make public our appreciation of Loran Hall's cooperation. Hall's genuine concern about the assassination of President Kennedy and about the subsequent concealment of the truth was apparent and our office is indebted to him for his help in the investigation.

Q. What was your reaction to your meeting with Garrison and your conversation with him?

A. I think my meeting with Garrison was quite interesting. I was sitting at a desk in front of one of his investigators and was going through a photo album book, identifying certain photographs and while I was looking through these photographs all of a sudden every muscle and tendon in my body tensed up and I knew that Garrison was standing behind me.

I looked up and then from behind me a man, speaking with no Southern accent, a voice that you knew was that of a man of intelligence and compassion said "Is this Mr. Hall?" His investigator said "Yes, this is Loran."

As I turned I did not think I was ever going to quit looking up because he is a huge man.

I stood and shook his hand and he recommended that we go to his office where there was more room. There were approximately 6 or 7 people in Garrison's office and Garrison stated "I want to bring this to your attention that we do have microphones in the walls. They are not on now and we don't use this type of questioning without permission of the witness or the person we are interrogating. These microphones were placed here by my predecessor."

He then stated that with my permission he would bring in a

tape recorder and tape our conversation so it would not be necessary to take so many notes. So he brought in the tape recorder and then the District Attorney of New Orleans went to work.

I want to say now that his questioning and his method impressed me as that of a man who was completely and totally thorough, highly competent and of a man of intense drive to get at the truth and to get all the information from me that I had concerning my activities for the year of 1963.

After four days of intensive questioning and identifying of names and pictures and of giving all the information that I had the interrogation almost was finished.

I had the privilege of having dinner with Jim Garrison and two of his special investigators and something happened that really struck me. We were sitting there having a salad when an old couple from Ohio who were in the hotel on vacation were sitting behind us having dinner. They were about 65 years old and the elderly lady got up from the table and walked over to the District Attorney and said "Yes, you have to be Jim Garrison. I could not mistake you, you are Jim Garrison aren't you?" And the District Attorney said "Yes, I am Ma'am."

And she said, "I want to have the pleasure of shaking your hand because we know that you are right and we pray for you everyday and with God's help and our our blessings we know that you will give the truth to the world that there was a plot to assassinate the President and please be careful because America needs you."

And then she went back over and sat down at her table and that really did something to me. It made me feel like here was a man of great qualities and I was really proud to be sitting there with the District Attorney of New Orleans.

Q. In looking through the photographs were you able to identify anyone from California?

A. Yes, I was able to identify about five or six photographs of people here in California.

Q. Did Garrison feel that these were important?

A. I don't know because I was the witness and he was not divulging information to me, he was getting information from me.

Q. Have you, since your trip or before, been threatened by anyone or warned to keep silent about anything?

A. There is a lady in Whittier who received a telephone call from a Mr. Bradley or someone who is supposed to be Bradley. First of all he asked would she give him my telephone number so that he could contact me and she told him she did not have my

telephone number and didn't know how to contact me. He said he wanted to get hold of me and told her to tell me to get off his back.

Approximately 3 to 3 1/2 months ago Bradley went to another lady in Whittier and took this envelope with newspaper clippings in it and gave them to this lady in Whittier to give to another lady in Whittier that knows me and said to be sure and

give this to Loran Hall. These are newspaper clippings where someone has written on the top of the newspaper clippings. It is my understanding that it is his (Bradley's) writing. It gives the date, the name of the mail and the name of the newspaper. It is the Valley Mail.

Q. There was no other message except telling this woman to tell you to get off his back?

A. What he was mostly interested in was contacting me and when she would not give him my address or how to get in touch with me then he said to tell me to get off his back.

Q. Then you think what he wanted was to speak with you directly?

A. Right, I would also like to say that on another previous occasion he had his attorney call my attorney and ask him if I had remembered Bradley yet. Then on another occasion he told a newscaster here in the L.A. area that "yes, I do remember Loran Hall, but I remember him by the name of Lorenzo Pascillo."

There are absolutely no doubts in my mind but that Bradley remembered me right from the beginning. When I did not remember him and I testified to the fact that I didn't recall ever having met him, then I recalled having met him and where and under what circumstances. This really bothers him because I placed him with and at the house that was noted for their anti-semitic and para-military feelings and thoughts.

As for him calling me Edgar Bergen's dummy, I don't blame him a bit because I would probably react in the same way. But now I do expect a note or something of an apology from Bradley, because I am positive in my mind from the calls and stuff that I have received from him that he

has remembered me right from the beginning. Not me but Bradley is the liar; he is the Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen is pulling his chain and it would really be interesting to see who is at the other end of the chain. Could it be the one pulling his chain is some member of the CIA or National States Right Party?

Q. You are saying that Bradley is a CIA man?

A. In my mind.

Q. What else do you know about Bradley?

A. That is all I know about Bradley.

Q. What do you think precipitated the assassination of President Kennedy?

A. I can say this. I have changed my mind considerably concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. I previously thought that it was originally precipitated by the liberal establishment, but since so many other facts have been brought to my attention, I have changed my thinking slightly. I no longer think that the liberal establishment precipitated the death of President Kennedy.

I think I can give some basis to the change in my thinking by say-

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ing that neither did the conservative establishment have anything to do with the assassination of President Kennedy, but that it was precipitated by the Fascists and the rightist anarchists and that actually they are one and the same.

By that I mean that President Kennedy in 1963 was trying to co-exist with Russia and with Cuba and with all of the other communist satellites and he also stated that he was going to do away with the CIA because it was an unnecessary evil in the way that they operated; that we needed an organization for intelligence purposes but that the CIA was actually a secret government; that they were responsible to no one except themselves.

When President Kennedy started co-existing with these other countries and made the statement that he was doing away with the CIA he was signing his own death warrant.

Now I will try to put everything in proper perspective. In the NSRP you will find that they have

a tremendous amount of ex-military officers. That in most instances a big percentage of these officers either with the NSRP or not a member of are employed as special engineers or some other title with the specialized industry war machinery.

Prior to 1941 army officers were third and fourth class citizens and in 1941 they became first class citizens.

They relished this and wallowed in their glory. In most instances this was proper because they had saved our country from the Nazis, but they became accustomed to being the real power and the glamour boys of the country. Then in 1961 and 1962 Kennedy said that we will co-exist. This meant that the war machinery manufacturers would start losing all of the deals they were getting from our defense efforts from the cold war. It really perturbed some of these men because they could see themselves going back into obscurity as 2nd and 3rd class citizens in a peacetime economy.

And so a few of them, plus a few members of our secret government, the CIA, decided that for the betterment of our country Kennedy should be put out of the way. So they then went to work building up a plot that would shake the world and their scheme was just about successful because Johnson took over office and we then became no longer co-existing with the Communists.

If it wasn't for a man like Jim Garrison, who has the fortitude and love of his country and the democracy for which we stand because he took it upon himself

to right the wrong that was done to John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, I firmly believe that the rightist anarchists and the CIA can take over our country right now and it would be a Fascist state except for two things. They would first have to demolish and destroy the conservative movement by the radical right. They would have to destroy organizations such as the John Birch Society and bring discredit upon it and in this way they could destroy all of the small charters. This is where the Conservatives are, in the small charters. If they can destroy persons like Bill Richardson, John Rousselot and Dr. Fort and bring discredit upon them or bring doubts upon them or in any way villify them then these anarchists and the CIA will bring about a Fascist society.

Q. By these anarchists who do you mean?

A. The fanatical radical right. I am positive in my own mind that once the fanatical radical right or the anarchists have successfully destroyed the conservatives, we will then become a total out-and-out Nazi-Fascist state.

The other thing that is in their way is a man, a big man, a giant of a man by the name of Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans Parish, and the 68% of the American people who think that the Warren Commission Report is a bunch of horseshit.

Because as Jim Garrison has said, if a Government can lie, a Government can kill. If a Government can kill then we have an anarchy and I am unequivocally,

right now, saying that there were some members of the Government who were responsible for the murdering of John F. Kennedy. There were a lot more members of our government who at 12:36 on the afternoon of November 22, 1963 were looking at their watches; there were a lot more at 12:36 who sighed with relief.

Q. Were any attempts made on your life before you went to New Orleans?

A. There were three things that happened to me any of which could possibly be considered as being attempts on my life. I don't know and I can't prove they were but I came down with serum hepatitis and that on the night of Dec. 31 at a New Years' Eve party someone hit my right arm with a needle.

I also know that a 1954 Mercury tried to run me off a mountain road while I was in route from my home to Bakersfield. On the third time that someone had taken a socket wrench and removed three bolts off my steering column and I almost had a head on collision with a retainer wall as a result of that.

Q. What do you think of New Orleans?

A. I think it is a beautiful and old city with a lot of new modern buildings, but the most significant thing about New Orleans was the fact that New Orleans is Jim Garrison's town. Not because he manpowered or forced his way but because the people of New Orleans gave New Orleans to Jim Garrison as a reward for the magnificent job that he has done in New Orleans as a District Attorney for now you can walk down the streets of New Orleans without getting roled, mugged or hustled. There are no more gambling casinos. There is no more open prostitution. Jim Garrison has cleaned the town up and made it a tourist town where you can go and see in safety without any threats of violence.