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**Talked with DA
in N. O.--Howard**

Kennedy assassination probe witness Lawrence Howard Jr. said Tuesday in Los Angeles after returning from New Orleans where he conferred with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison that Garrison is a "very fine person and sincere in his investigation."

"I now feel he (Garrison) is definitely on to something and the direction of his investigation is the right one," Howard added.

He added he spent four and a half hours talking with Garrison Tuesday "clearing up a number of things," but declined to give details.

Howard, a 32-year-old unemployed welder of El Monte, Calif., successfully fought extradition to Louisiana as a material witness in the probe, but during the past week he announced he'd come to New Orleans voluntarily.

Asked why he changed his mind, Howard said he wanted to clear his name and he felt he should help the investigation if he could.