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# New Moves by Garrison

## 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.

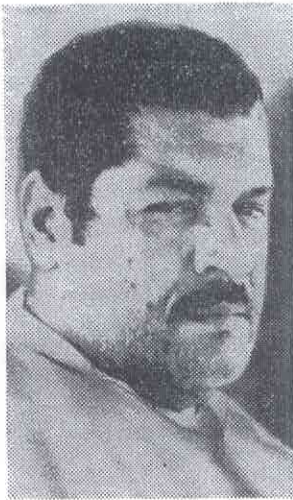
The three were identified as Loran A. Hall of Kernville, Calif.; Thomas Beckham of Omaha, Neb., and Lawrence J. Howard Jr. of Los Angeles.

### DALLAS

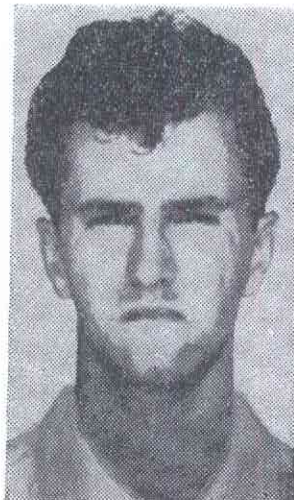
Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Brannif issued the subpoenas and ordered the men to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury February 1 and 2. The documents said the three would be granted immunity from arrest for anything happening prior to their entry into Louisiana.

The subpoena for Hall, who is also known as Lorenzo Mascillo, said Garrison had information that Hall checked into the Dallas YMCA in October, 1963, and remained in Dallas until the time of Mr. Kennedy's death here 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,"



UPI Telephotos  
**LAWRENCE HOWARD**  
A Dallas visitor?



**EDWARD BECKHAM**  
Ordained priest



**LORAN HALL**  
'I'll fight it'

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 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 How-

ard participated in CIA-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.

But he denied ever meeting Oswald, Ruby, Ferrie "or anyone else involved in the assassination or anyone ever mentioned by Garrison or anybody else."

Hall, a bartender in Wofford Heights, Calif., 125 miles north east of Los Angeles, said he had been in Louisiana "once, back in 1963 and that was for about 3½ hours while I was driving through to Miami."

In Omaha, Beckham, 27, a church bishop and country music singer, said he knows nothing of the Kennedy assassination and is being sought by Garrison for "trumped up" charges.

Beckham said that such a trip to New Orleans would be a "waste of taxpayers' money" and would serve "only to feather the nest of Garrison."

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