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## A Balky Witness In 'Kennedy Plot'

### New Orleans

A bartender subpoenaed as a material witness by District Attorney Jim Garrison said yesterday that he disliked the late President John F. Kennedy but denied any knowledge of a conspiracy to kill him.

Loran E. Hall, in a telephone interview with the New Orleans States-Item from his bar in Kernville, Calif., said he felt President Kennedy "should have been removed from office — by ballot, not by bullet."

Hall also said he will not return voluntarily to New Orleans, where Garrison wants to question him in connection with the controversial probe of what Garrison says was a plot which resulted in Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, November 22, 1963.

But if a court order is issued in California to extradite him, said Hall, "I naturally will go to New Orleans."

have absolutely nothing to hide."

Hall, who Garrison says was associated with Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby in Dallas, said he first saw Ruby "when I, like the rest of America, saw him shoot Oswald on television."

Hall said he was arrested in Dallas in September, 1963 — two months before the assassination — and earlier in Miami because of his part in proposed raids on Communist Cuba.

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He said he had planned to take medical supplies, arms and ammunition to anti-Castro Cuban revolutionaries. He said he was questioned by Central Intelligence Agency agents after his arrest.

Garrison, Hall said, is interested in him because he once told FBI agents he was present at a meeting at the Dallas home of Mrs. Sylvia Odio. The meeting, described

in the Warren report, involved a person whom Mrs. Odio said was introduced to her as "Leon" Oswald.

However, Hall said yesterday that he never attended any such meeting but falsely told the FBI that he was there because he was "frightened."

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