

Judge Rejects Garrison Plea On Hall Return

(Special to the States-Item)

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A California judge today rejected New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's request that bartender Loran E. Hall be returned to New Orleans to testify in the probe of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Superior Court Judge P. R. Borton said Hall's categorical denial that he knew any of the alleged conspirators showed that he was either not a material witness in Garrison's investigation or that he committed perjury.

HALL, HIS skin yellowed by jaundice, told the court he appeared against doctor's orders. He said he is to report to a Los Angeles area veterans hospital tomorrow for treatment of a serious liver ailment.

After the hearing, Hall said he expects Garrison to try other means to get him to New Orleans. "I expect he may even file conspiracy charges against me," Hall said.

Asked why, or on what grounds, Hall said emotionally, "I don't know . . . he had no reason to think I could contribute anything, anyway."

Hall has said previously he would come to New Orleans only if the court ordered him to do so.

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said Garrison has information Hall checked into the Dallas YMCA in October of 1963 and remained in Dallas until the time of the Kennedy assassination.

It contends he was in Dallas with Jack Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald "and other individuals believed to be involved in the assassination."

This subpoena also says Hall was associated with David William Ferrie in New Orleans. Garrison claims Ferrie, now dead, conspired with Oswald and others here to kill Kennedy.

Hall has denied knowing any of the principals in the case.