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Hall Not Involved in JFK Plot--DA

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison says that Loren Hall of Los Angeles, Calif., is not personally connected with the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

The DA, who had earlier subpoenaed Hall as a material witness in his investigation of the assassination, said yesterday that his office talked with Hall here "at considerable length."

"It is apparent that Hall was in no way personally connected with the events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas," Garrison said.

However, the DA charged, Hall's name purposely was injected into the Warren Commission report "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."

Garrison said that although Hall was not connected with the assassination, he is a helpful witness, "because of his extensive experience in anti-Cuban raids from Florida in the early 1960s.

"We want to make public our appreciation of Loren 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," Garrison concluded.

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