

SOUGHT AS JFK WITNESS

Hall Willing to Testify Here

(Special to the States-Item)

LOS ANGELES—Bartender Loran E. Hall today said he will come to New Orleans to testify in the investigation of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy, if District Attorney Jim Garrison can obtain a California court order for him to do so.

Hall, sought by Garrison as a material witness, said that, if a court order is issued, "I naturally will go to New Orleans. I have absolutely nothing to hide."

A SUBPENA FOR Hall and two other persons was issued last week by Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff. Hall said then that he would not return to New Orleans voluntarily.

Meanwhile, officials indicated that a date may be set later today for an extradition hearing for Edgar Eugene Bradley, a Los Angeles man whom Garrison has charged with conspiracy to kill the President.

Hall, interviewed at his Kernville, Calif., bar, said he disliked President Kennedy, but denied any knowledge of a conspiracy to kill him.

Kennedy, Hall said, "should have been removed from office by ballot, not bullet."

HALL, WHO Garrison says was associated with Jack Ruby in Dallas, said he first saw Ruby "when I, like the

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rest of America, saw him shoot (Lee Harvey) Oswald on television."

Hall said he was arrested in Dallas in September 1963, and earlier in Miami because of his part in proposed raids on Communist Cuba. He said he had planned to take medical supplies, and arms to the Cuban people. He said he was questioned by the Central Intelligence Agency after his arrest.

Garrison, Hall said, is interested in him because he once told FBI agents he was present at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Odio. The meeting, described in the Warren Report on the President's slaying, involved a "Leon" Oswald, Mrs. Odio told the commission.

However, Hall today said he never attended any such meeting. He said he told the FBI that because he was frightened.

HALL SAID HE is "very hostile" to Supreme Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman

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of the commission, because of his judicial decisions. He described himself as a "militant conservative" and Oswald as a "Communist."

Since the subpoena was issued, Hall said, he has been the target of harassing phone calls. He said he was "concerned because of the unnatural deaths of so many people who have been involved in the assassination probe."

Hall admitted he knew Lawrence J. Howard Jr., also of Los Angeles, who was subpoenaed along with him by Garrison. But he said he has not seen Howard since before the assassination, which was Nov. 22, 1963.