

Ex-Castro Soldier Talks In Kennedy Death Probe

Washington

Loran Hall, a former soldier for Fidel Castro who later turned against the Cuban leader, began secret testimony yesterday before a House Subcommittee on assassinations regarding the murder of President John Kennedy.

The panel went into closed session after Chairman Richardson Preyer (Dem-N.C.) said Hall's testimony "may tend to degrade, defame or incriminate" other people without corroboration.

Hall has said in published and

broadcast interviews that Dallas businessmen offered him \$50,000 to kill Kennedy several months before the President was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Last June, Hall refused to testify to the assassinations panel. He invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

His lawyer said before yesterday's hearing that Hall's cooperation would depend on whether the committee obtained for him court immunity from criminal prosecution for anything he said in his testimony. *Associated Press*