

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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LESLIE NORMAN BRADLEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Bradley, who has been listed as a suspect in New Orleans District Attorney Garrison's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, has emphatically denied complicity in the assassination and our investigation indicates he was not involved. Assistant Attorney General Yeagley, who requested that Bradley be checked out, has already been provided substantial evidence that Bradley could not have been involved and is now being furnished results of interview with person who confirmed Bradley was in Wichita, Kansas, at time of the assassination. We are discontinuing our inquiries.

Our memorandum 2/8/68 noted Bradley spent three years in a Cuban prison prior to Spring of 1963 and that there had been speculation he was released from the prison for purpose of coming to U.S. to assassinate the President. It was shown therein that in May, 1963, we had furnished Yeagley the results of a very probing interview of Bradley on 5/15/63, immediately upon his return to the U.S., and that there was very little likelihood he had been given any assignment to carry out in the U.S. since he gave what appeared to be a logical accounting of the circumstances surrounding his imprisonment and subsequent release. It was noted, since we did not have documentary proof of Bradley's whereabouts on the date of the assassination, we were undertaking investigation to locate Bradley and to pinpoint his whereabouts during the pertinent period.

After tracing Bradley through several states, he was eventually located at Miami, Florida, and volunteered his full cooperation. He specified individuals who saw him on 11/22-23/63 and a substantial number have confirmed his presence in Wichita, Kansas, during the pertinent period.

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Memorandum W. R. Wannall to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: LESLIE NORMAN BRADLEY
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Assistant Attorney General Yeagley has already been furnished a memorandum covering the interview of Bradley concerning his whereabouts on 11/22-23/63 and other memoranda tending to confirm Bradley's presence in Wichita at the time. Kansas City has now provided a memorandum showing a fellow employee in Wichita recalls Bradley's exact reaction when told of the President's assassination.

OBSERVATIONS:

In reviewing this matter, it is seen that Bradley, a drifter and soldier of fortune, created suspicion because he reacted so strongly at the news of the President's death and added to this suspicion by abruptly leaving Wichita the following day. He came to Garrison's attention because an official at the New Orleans Airport recalled seeing Bradley sleeping in the Airport around the time of the assassination. Bradley has explained his reaction at the time of the assassination as being based on his immediate conviction that a conspiracy involving Cubans had caused the assassination and that he felt he could prove this by getting to Miami and talking to knowledgeable Cuban exiles. The pilot who took Bradley from Wichita to New Orleans on 11/23/63 confirms Bradley was trying to get to Miami, which Bradley did accomplish after several days delay in New Orleans. His theory was exploded when he could not even get the Cuban exiles to talk to him about the assassination.

Garrison has apparently dropped any interest in Bradley as, when threatened with a subpoena by one of Garrison's investigators who claimed he had six witnesses who could prove Bradley traveled from Dallas to New Orleans by bus on the day after the assassination, Bradley told the investigator to go ahead and subpoena him as he had positive proof of his flight from Wichita to New Orleans on that date. Bradley has not heard from Garrison's office since that time. There is no indication Bradley was in any way involved in the assassination and no further investigation by us is indicated.

ACTION:

Attached is letter to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley transmitting the memorandum corroborating Bradley's whereabouts and advising that we contemplate no further investigation of this matter.