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December 22, 1967

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

News media reported on December 21, 1967, that New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has filed charges of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy against Edgar Eugene Bradley. According to news accounts, Garrison personally was pursuing the suspect in Los Angeles and an arrest was "imminent, within the next few days."

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The "Washington Post" for December 21, 1967, carried an article entitled "Garrison Files New Charges." This article, which is attached, reports that Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, California, informed representatives of the Associated Press that Garrison "is either being highly paid to do this or he's off his rocker." Bradley informed press representatives that he has worked out of his home for five years as West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntire, a New Jersey radio broadcaster. Bradley also told press representatives "I don't know anything about Garrison or the Kennedy affair. I have never been in New Orleans in my life except when my wife, daughter and I recently visited our son in school last March or April."

A check of our files disclosed that Edgar Eugene Bradley's name never came up in our investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We do not know why Garrison is charging Bradley as being involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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In August, 1963, Mr. Bradley attempted to contact me but did not state the reason for such desired contact. In my absence, Mr. Bradley was contacted by Mr. William G. Simon who was then Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office. Bradley declined to discuss with Mr. Simon the reason for his desired contact with me. He did state, however, that he was 45 years of age and had served in the United States Navy. He claimed it was during such period that he became interested in communism. He also stated that after leaving the United States Navy he worked for the Lockheed Aircraft Company and the Sears, Roebuck and Company in California. He added he then became associated with Dr. Carl McIntire whom he described as a New Jersey minister who was conservative in his views and who made daily broadcasts on radio stations throughout the United States.

Our files also disclose that Edgar Eugene Bradley was active in a group called the "Loyalty to America First Committee." In September, 1963, Mr. Bradley directed a letter to me wherein he advised that his group was initiating a "Draft J. Edgar Hoover for President" movement. At the same time, I learned that Bradley and his group planned a "giant mail campaign" and also were making plans for a mass public rally. I immediately had Bradley contacted by Special Agents of our Los Angeles Office who informed Mr. Bradley that I had absolutely no political aspirations and only wished to continue in my present capacity with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as long as I am able to make a contribution and to be of service to my country. Mr. Bradley was also informed that I would appreciate it if he and his group would desist from further dissemination of their material and associating my name with any political position. At my instructions, Mr. Bradley was also informed that I desired that any money they collected for this endeavor be returned to the contributors.

A check of our files concerning Dr. Carl McIntire disclosed that Dr. McIntire is Pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey, and is also

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President of the International Council of Christian Churches. He is an outspoken and bitter foe of the National Council of Churches. In the past he has been highly critical of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and has identified himself with the extreme right-wing element in the country, particularly with respect to his frequent criticism of the National Council of Churches as being an alleged tool of the communists.

This information is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
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- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)
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NOTE:

Data set forth herein was summarized in memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 12/21/67 captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," prepared by REL:as.