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

News media 12/21/67 reported that New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has filed charges against Edgar Eugene Bradley in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Newspaper accounts report Garrison was personally pursuing "the suspect" in Los Angeles and that an arrest was "imminent, within the next few days."

The "Washington Post" for 12/21/67 reported a contact by news media of Edgar Eugene Bradley, North Hollywood, California. Bradley informed the press that Garrison "is either being highly paid to do this or he's off his rocker." Bradley identified himself as the West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntire, a New Jersey radio broadcaster. Bradley told newsmen that "I'm neither a right-wing extremist or a left-wing extremist, I don't belong to a thing and 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," when "we just drove through." (News clipping attached)

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.

A check of Bureau files disclosed Edgar Eugene Bradley attempted to contact the Director in August, 1963. As a result of such attempted contact, Bradley was contacted by Mr. William G. Simon who was then Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office. Bradley identified himself to Simon as being 45 years old. He stated he had served in the United States Navy and that he had become very interested in communism at that time.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

He claimed after leaving the United States Navy he worked for Lockheed Aircraft as a technical representative, later served as sales manager for a Sears and Roebuck store in the San Fernando Valley and then operated a moving and storage business. Bradley informed Simon that he then became associated with Dr. Carl McIntire, a New Jersey Minister whom he claimed had daily broadcasts over 500 radio stations in the United States. Bradley informed Mr. Simon that he could not discuss with Simon the reason why he desired to have personal contact with the Director.

Bureau files further disclose that Bradley sent a letter to the Director dated 9/11/63 at which time he informed the Director that he was active in a group that desired to draft the Director as a Presidential candidate. He indicated his group had conducted a survey in 35 states and that the Director had been named as the overwhelming choice as the logical Presidential candidate.

Bureau files also disclose that Bradley was active in the "Loyalty to America First Committee" whose aim was to draft the Director for President. An article appeared in the "Valley Times Today" (California) for 8/27/63 reporting that Bradley had informed newsmen that his group had initiated a "draft J. Edgar Hoover for President" movement and that his group was a private body of citizens who were concerned over the fact that political machines appeared to be choosing Presidential candidates rather than the American people. Bradley informed newsmen that his group planned a "giant mail campaign" and also were making plans for a mass public rally.

At the Director's instructions, the Los Angeles Office contacted Bradley and a close associate, Bruce E. Nownes, and tactfully informed the two men that while the Director is honored by such well-meaning gestures of confidence in his administration of the FBI, the Director has absolutely no political aspirations and only wishes to continue in his present capacity as long as he is able to make a contribution and to be of service to his country. Bradley and Nownes were further informed that the Director could not give any encouragement to their endeavors and that he would appreciate their desisting from further dissemination of their material and associating his name with any political position. Bradley and Nownes were also told that the Director desired that any money they collected for this endeavor be returned to the contributors.

Bureau files disclose Dr. Carl McIntire has received considerable publicity in connection with his association with the International Council of Churches in the United States. Dr. McIntire has received considerable publicity in the past for his allegations that the National Council and World Council of Churches are infiltrated by the communists. He has also alleged that communist ideas are being introduced into the Federal Council of Churches of Christ through Sunday school literature. He is well known for his radio broadcasts throughout the United States.

**ACTION:** For information. By separate communication we are disseminating a concise summary of the data set forth above to the White House and the Attorney General.