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Valleyite Denies Complicity in Kennedy Death

NORTH HOLLYWOOD—Edgar Eugene Bradley, who was charged in New Orleans with conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, denied any knowledge of the charges Wednesday night. Bradley, a 49-year-old representative of an international church council, expressed shock after being informed that the office of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison had filed charges of conspiracy to kill the late President.

"This man must be nuts," Bradley told newsmen after being contacted in his home at 12208 Emelita St., North Hollywood.

Garrison himself, when located in a bar at the L.A. airport International Hotel, where he has been staying under an assumed name, refused to talk to newsmen.

Arrest 'Hiatus'

However, a spokesman in his New Orleans office is quoted as saying Bradley's arrest was "imminent," and added that Garrison himself was out of the city and "pursuing" Bradley.

Los Angeles and North Hollywood detectives said no teletype had been received from New Orleans for the arrest of Bradley.

Capt. Ray Holt, head of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Intelligence Unit, said Garrison had not contacted his unit or the Los Angeles police intelligence unit.

The governor's office in Sacramento said no overtures had been received from New Orleans asking for extradition.

Bradley, when questioned in his home, admitted a photograph Garrison's office released of the man against whom the charges were filed, is a picture of him.



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EDGAR E. BRADLEY
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"Shocked"

However, he said he does not know Garrison or any of the principals in the investigation. He said he had been in New Orleans only once, and that was during a vacation last April.

"I'm as shocked as anybody," Bradley said. "No wonder they're saying his (Garrison's) investigation is ridiculous."

He first heard of the charges through a son who received a telephone call from the New York Times.

"I thought it was a big joke," Bradley said.

"Now I realize the seriousness of it... and I know the damage Garrison can do. I know I've never

done anything in my life I'm ashamed of."

Bradley said he would like to help find those guilty if Harvey Lee Oswald didn't kill the president.

'Obvious Frame'

Bradley, the father of two grown children, said he had never been approached by investigators about the assassination, and considered Garrison's charges "an obvious frame."

Bradley told newsmen he had been questioned "recently" by an officer, who told him he was looking for a man with a similar name.

Bradley said the officer left, "convinced I was not the man."

He did not elaborate on the officer's visit.

The North Hollywood man is West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

McIntire Council

McIntire, head of the New Jersey-based church council, is known as a conservative theologian, and has been accused by critics of being strongly right-wing in his political beliefs.

On the day of the assassination of Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963, Bradley said he was in El Paso, returning home by bus from a business visit with Dr. McIntire.

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