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Bradley Denies Garrison Charge

Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, linked by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans with a "plot" to assassinate the late President John

F. Kennedy, said today he doesn't know what it is all about and will readily make himself available to proper authorities.

Garrison's office yesterday telephoned Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess here and said a warrant for Bradley's arrest would arrive today. Pitchess said he would consult with the District Attorney's office here before taking any action.

Bradley is West Coast representative of the Rev. Carl McIntire, president of the American Council of Churches.

Why anyone would want to link him with the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of President Kennedy is a mystery to him, Bradley said.

"All I can say is that Garrison is trying to frame somebody—maybe the man I'm employed by," he added. "Maybe he has been fed information from others who would like to ruin my reputation."

Bradley is the father of two grown children, a son and a daughter.

He is the second person accused by Garrison of conspiracy to assassinate the late President.

Clay L. Shaw, 54, former managing director of the New Orleans Trade Mart was named in a similar charge last March. Shaw pleaded innocent and is scheduled for trial in February.

Bradley's employer, Dr. McIntire, responded to the development by terming Garrison's charge "wild and irresponsible."

Speaking from his church in Collingswood, N.J., he said. "We know of no basis for any such accusation against Mr. Bradley whom we know to be a very fine Christian gentleman. Garrison, for some weeks, has been talking about a 'right-wing' conspiracy."

He called for an investigation of the prosecutor and said Garrison may have the wrong Bradley.

McIntire is regarded as a conservative theologian. He has criticized the National Council of Churches and describes the United Nations as "a center for Communist espionage."

Garrison yesterday was at a Los Angeles hotel, registered under the name "Clyde Ballou."

In checking out of the hotel to leave for New Orleans, he made his first public comment about Bradley. He asserted in newsmen that Bradley's claim that he was in El Paso, Tex., when Kennedy was killed can be refuted.

Federal agents "know he was in Dallas and know what he was doing," Garrison said of Bradley.