

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: February 23, 1968

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

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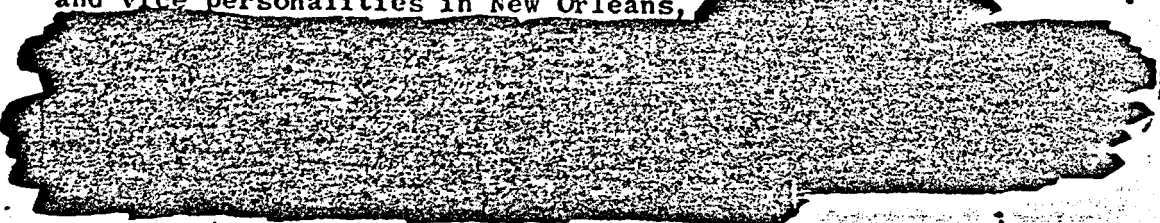
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The "Washington Post" for February 16, 1968, carried an article entitled "Witness Backs Up Garrison." This article reported that Max Gonzales, a court clerk, said that he witnessed meetings at New Orleans' Lakefront Airport in "either June or July" of 1963 between Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, California, and the late David W. Ferrie. The article reports that Garrison is attempting to extradite Edgar Eugene Bradley on conspiracy charges. Garrison reportedly stated that the allegations of Gonzales coincide with those he made in an affidavit included among papers seeking Bradley's extradition to New Orleans.

A check of Bureau files revealed one reference to the name Max Gonzales, which might be identical with the Max Gonzales mentioned in the above newspaper article. This file reference reveals that in February, 1965, former New Orleans criminal informant, [redacted], who had ties with hoodlum and vice personalities in New Orleans,

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We have previously reported that Garrison may have had the wrong Bradley arrested and that instead of Edgar Eugene Bradley the individual Garrison is interested in is Leslie Norman Bradley. The latter individual is a former airline pilot who has described himself as a "soldier of fortune." In August, 1960, Leslie Norman Bradley, was sentenced to a ten-year prison term in Cuba on a charge that he took part in a plot against the Castro regime. Leslie Norman Bradley was released from a Cuban prison

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April 22, 1963, among a group of Americans who were released by Castro in exchange for food and medical supplies. His background fits in with the type of individuals Garrison has been claiming are involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

If Garrison actually has had the wrong Bradley arrested, he undoubtedly knows that such situation presents a real obstacle to him and that it could subject him to severe criticism from the American public and the American press. To overcome this possibility, it appears that Garrison may have "manufactured" a witness to claim he saw Edgar Eugene Bradley meet David Ferrie in New Orleans during the Summer of 1963. If this is true, it appears that Garrison has gone no further than his own staff to "manufacture" Max Gonzales as the witness he needs.

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For information.

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