

Latest Suspect in Kennedy's Assassination Awaits Arrest

Sheriff's Division Set to Act Getting Teletype Warrant From New Orleans for North Hollywood Man

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A North Hollywood man waited Thursday in the relative calm of his home—except for brief visits to a barber and his attorney's office—to be arrested on a charge of plotting the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

But Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, the man waiting, must remain patient until today, at the earliest, said spokesmen for both the sheriff's and the district attorney's offices.

A warrant for the arrest of Bradley, West Coast representative of a noted radio evangelist, was issued Thursday in New Orleans at the request of its district attorney, Jim Garrison.

The warrant was relayed here by teletype, and the Los Angeles County sheriff's fugitive division set in motion preparations to act upon it.

"If we even receive any knowledge that a felony exists, we have practically no choice but to make an arrest," said a sheriff's office spokesman.

Fugitive Warrant Asked

But, because of the curious nature of the case, sheriff's deputies took the precaution of asking the district attorney's office here to issue a local fugitive warrant for Bradley.

But Bradley insists he has nothing to flee. In fact, Bradley informed the sheriff's office he was ready to surrender any time it is convenient.

But a district attorney's spokesman said the fugitive papers could not be completed until at least today—and maybe not until early next week.

Garrison, who had been staying at the International Hotel here under the name Clyde Ballou, checked out Thursday night for an unknown destination. He did not confront Bradley during his stay here, although his office in New Orleans had said Garrison came here specifically to track down Bradley.

Local law enforcement officials said Garrison personally made no effort to solicit their aid.

Bradley, at his home at 12208

Emelita St., repeated his assertion that Garrison's accusation is false and said he would have welcomed a confrontation with the prosecutor to tell him so.

"I personally would like to face the man," said Bradley. "I would like to see Mr. Garrison investigated. I would like to see the full forces of the law brought to bear on him."

Bail of \$10,000

Bradley was charged in New Orleans with "criminal conspiracy to commit murder" in a warrant signed by a Criminal Court judge. His bail was set at \$10,000.

Bradley claims he has been in New Orleans, where Garrison has said an assassination plot was hatched in 1963, only once—while vacationing with his family last spring.

He was nearing the end of a Tulsa-

to El Paso bus trip, he said, on Nov. 22, 1963, the day the President was shot to death in Dallas.

Garrison, as he left the hotel Thursday night, disputed Bradley's claim. Federal agents "know he was in Dallas and know what he was doing," Garrison asserted.

Bradley indicated he was prepared to fight extradition to New Orleans, a tactic employed successfully by other persons arrested out-of-state at the request of Garrison's office.

"Would you go to New Orleans?" Bradley was asked.

'Why . . . Cooperate?'

"I don't think I need to. I would act on my attorney's advice. But why should I cooperate with someone making false accusations?" he replied.

Bradley's attorney, George J. Jensen, said: "Let's put it this way—

anyone in that position is going to fight this thing tooth and nail."

Bradley is the second person charged by Garrison with conspiring to kill Mr. Kennedy.

The other was New Orleans civic leader Clay L. Shaw, 54, who was later indicted, vehemently

protesting his innocence, and is awaiting trial.

Shaw, in the formal charge against him, was linked by Garrison to Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren Commission found acted alone in Dallas, and the late David Ferrie, eccentric ex-airline pilot. The charge against Bradley made no mention of Shaw, Oswald or Ferrie, three men Bradley denies being acquainted with or ever having seen.

Bradley is West Coast radio representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, fundamentalist New Jersey-based head of the International Council of Christian Churches, described by its critics as a right wing organization.

Bradley said he believes Garrison's charge may be "another harassment of Dr. McIntire" and that someone is trying to blacken the minister "through me, because some people don't approve of a fundamentalist Christian being on the air."

Many Phone Calls

Bradley, appearing weary Thursday, said he had slept only 20 minutes the previous night. His rest was disturbed, he said, by telephone calls from throughout the nation. The calls, he added, were from well-wishers as well as reporters.

"I feel sorry for Mr. Garrison," he said. "I am going to say a prayer for him. I think he should have a talk with himself."

"He may be being paid to find a patsy. It looks like he has committed himself and doesn't know how to get out of it." *end*

Garrison Says Oswald Warned FBI

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New Orleans

Lee Harvey Oswald tipped the FBI five days ahead of time that an attempt would be made to assassinate President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, District Attorney Jim Garrison claimed yesterday.

Oswald has been identified by the Warren Commission as the man who fired the fatal bullets into Mr. Kennedy. Garrison contends that Oswald was a "patsy."

At a news conference, Garrison, who has been conducting a controversial probe into the assassination for more than a year, said Oswald was a Central Intelligence Agency agent.

Garrison said again that Mr. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy that was hatched in New Orleans. He said that the final meeting of the conspirators took place on November 17, 1963.

TELEGRAM

"That day," Garrison said "the FBI sent out a TWX (interbureau telegram) announcing that on November 22, an attempt will be made to assassinate John F. Kennedy in Dallas."

The telegram he claimed "went to J. Edgar Hoover (FBI Director). What came down to President Kennedy you can judge for yourself in that he was allowed to ride without a bubbletop (on his car) in that parade in Dallas."

Asked by a newsman what evidence he had to prove the existence of the FBI telegram, he said, "if you and I were in a closed room, I could prove it. But I'm not going to allow any evidence to get out now."

New Orleans TV station

WVUE said later in the day that it had learned that Garrison was basing his charge on information that Oswald had sent a telegram to the FBI. It said that WVUE had a copy of the telegram on file.

The TV station quoted Garrison as saying that if he could get a copy of the tele-

gram, "it would break the case wide open."

In Washington, the FBI declined comment on Garrison's statements. FBI and CIA officials had testified before the Warren Commission that neither the FBI nor the CIA had ever employed Oswald or had any connection with him.

Garrison also charged that:

- There is a danger that secret files about the assassination may be changed before they are released to the public.

- "The Federal Government is protecting the assassins every day."

- At least 15 persons participated in the conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy, including some members of the "extreme, extreme right wing."

- Communists were not involved in the assassination.

Garrison repeated his claims that President Johnson has "actively concealed evidence about the murder of his predecessor." He added that "he can't be allowed to get away with it."

He said that President Johnson "knows very well that Lee Oswald did not pull the trigger."

RAMPARTS

The District Attorney, appeared at the news conference to help publicize a Ramparts magazine story on the assassination by former FBI agent William Turner. He said "every word in Ramparts is accurately stated."

Garrison said that Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, Calif., one of the two men he has charged with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, had in 1964 tried to work up support in California to elect Hoover

as President.

Besides Bradley, Garrison has filed conspiracy charges against Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman. Shaw's trial is set for February.

In Los Angeles the sheriff's office received a warrant by mail yesterday from Garrison's office accusing Bradley of conspiring in the assassination.

Late yesterday the L.A. district attorney's office issued a fugitive complaint charging Bradley with "criminal conspiracy to commit murder" in the Kennedy assassination.

Los Angeles county sheriff Peter Pitchess said that he had been in contact with the attorneys of Bradley, who lives in North Hollywood, and indicated that Bradley would surrender in municipal court this morning.

Yesterday Garrison said he would also subpoena three new out-of-state witnesses within the next few days, but he did not identify them.

Garrison also said that a Loran Hall of California had inside knowledge of the assassination the day it happened. He said Government officials never called Hall before the Warren Commission.

Loran Eugene Hall of Johnsondale in Tulare County is mentioned in the Warren Commission report. He told the FBI that in September of 1963 that he was in Dallas soliciting aid in connection with anti-Castro activities. **END**

Complaint Issued for Suspect in Assassination of Kennedy

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North Hollywood Man Accused by New Orleans Official
Is Expected to Surrender at Sheriff's Office Today

The district attorney's office issued a fugitive complaint Tuesday against Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, accused by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of conspiring in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Sheriff's Inspector John Knox indicated that Bradley will surrender some time today, probably in the morning. No warrant for his arrest was obtained when the complaint was filed in Municipal Court.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, in an unusual press conference and formal statement, made it clear that issuance of the complaint was merely a "simple procedural act to get this person into court."

"This does not indicate an opinion on our part as to the validity of the charge or the guilt or innocence of Mr. Bradley," Younger said.

He said a Louisiana warrant received by mail earlier in the day, requiring the arrest of Bradley for criminal conspiracy to commit murder, had been found valid on its face.

Reciprocal Arrangements

Issuance of fugitive complaints in such circumstances is a routine matter based on reciprocal arrangements between states and occurs probably 100 times a month, Younger said.

When Bradley is brought before the court, he added, the matter will be continued for up to 30 days to enable the governor of Louisiana to undertake extradition proceedings. A final decision will rest with Gov. Reagan.

Bradley's attorney, George Jensen, said he will surrender his client.

"I will fight extradition tooth and nail," Jensen said. "I will not let him go to Louisiana."

Younger told newsmen he has no reason to believe that anyone who may have conspired in the murder of President Kennedy is within Los Angeles County jurisdiction. He said his office has never been contacted in any way in regard to such a conspiracy.

Bradley, of 12208 Emilita St., North Hollywood, a West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntire,

Fundamentalist radio evangelist, has insisted Garrison's charge is false.

Bradley is the second person charged in Garrison's controversial inquiry into President Kennedy's assassination. The other is New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, 54, who was indicted.

Garrison was in Los Angeles for a few days last week, staying at the International Hotel under the name Clyde Ballou. He did not consult with local law enforcement officials and did not see Bradley during his visit.

In New Orleans Tuesday, Garrison held a press conference in which he said the FBI put out a message in November, 1963, warning that an attempt would be made on President Kennedy's life during his visit to Dallas that month. The FBI declined to comment on Garrison's claims. END