

JFK 'Plot' Figures Met, La. Aide Says

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A North Hollywood, Calif., man charged with conspiring to kill President Kennedy held airport conferences in New Orleans before the assassination with another principal in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation, a Louisiana court official says.

Max Gonzales, a court clerk, said yesterday he had witnessed meetings at New Orleans' Lakefront Airport in "either June or July" of 1963 between Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood and the late David W. Ferrie.

Garrison is attempting to extradite Bradley on the conspiracy charges. Gonzales' allegations, he said, coincide with those he made in an affidavit included among papers seeking Bradley's extradition to New Orleans.

At the time of Ferrie's death a year ago, Garrison called Ferrie "one of history's most important men." Garrison claimed Ferrie was murdered or committed suicide because of involvement in the Kennedy murder, but the coroner ruled the death natural.

A New Orleans civic leader, Clay L. Shaw, awaits trial, probably next month, on a charge of plotting with Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to kill the President.

The legality of the Bradley extradition papers presently is being studied by the California Attorney General's office. If the papers are found in order, Gov.

Reagan will be obliged to set a hearing on the request.

Garrison had claimed in requesting extradition that he could prove Bradley had met with co-conspirators in New Orleans both before and after the assassination and was in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, the day of the murder.

He offered as evidence of the latter charge an affidavit by a former Dallas deputy sheriff who claimed Bradley had posed as a Secret Service agent in front of the Texas Book Depository after the shooting.

Until Gonzales' disclosure in New Orleans, it was not known what testimony Garrison planned to produce to support his claim that Bradley, West Coast business representative for a radio evangelist, had been in New Orleans.

Gonzales, a private pilot and minute clerk for a New Orleans Judge, said that about a month before Garrison charged Bradley he visited the office of the DA, a personal friend, and saw photos of Bradley on Garrison's desk.

He told Garrison he had seen the man in the pictures talking with Ferrie, an ex-airline pilot, in a booth at the restaurant airport. Another time, he said, he saw them conversing while Ferris was doing mechanical work on a plane.

Bradley repeated his denial yesterday that he knew any figures involved in the Garrison investigation, that he had been in Dallas the day of the assassination or had visited New Orleans before last year.

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