M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: BILL BOXLEY, Investigator

SUBJECT: Supplement to BILL TURNER's memorandum on EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY dated February 16, 1968

At the time of these interviews, December 18, 1967, THOMAS THORNHILL was employed at the May Company on Laurel Canyon in the Van Nuys, California, area, not at Montgomery Ward. At that time he informed us that he was transferring to the Art Department of the May Company's downtown store in Los Angeles. MRS. ARTHUR (CAROL) AYDLOTTE stated that she had met EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY originally through the manager of the Patrick Henry bookstore in the Los Angeles area who she said was named HARVEY STOWERS whom she identified as a former U.S. government agent.

MRS. AYDLOTTE stated that BRADLEY, upon her telling him that her husband ARTHUR possessed a .375 Magnum rifle, attempted to recruit her to persuade her husband to use the weapon for an assassination attempt upon President John F. Kennedy. She told us that her own investigation had determined that BRADLEY had a bank account with approximately $1,000 balance from which there had been no withdrawals within the past eight years. However, she states that he lives at an estimated annual expenditure rate of approximately $30,000 to $35,000.

In reviewing our portfolio of photographs MRS. AYDLOTTE stated she is certain she has seen GORDON NOVEL visiting in the home of CLINTON WHEAT along with LORAN HALL. She recalls also that HALL has spoken at the home of ROGER BURR. She specifies the time of BRADLEY's association with COL. WILLIAM GALE as approximately four to five years ago. Her comments about JOHN LORENZ included the specific designation as fascist and very close to BRADLEY. In addition to the photographs of LORAN HALL and GORDON NOVEL whom she placed with BRADLEY, MRS. AYDLOTTE selected the photograph of THOMAS MARION COX of Dallas and stated that his face was "very familiar, I believe I have seen him with BRADLEY." She named MARION REYNOLDS as a representative of DR. McINTYRE's along with REV. BOB WELLS.

MRS. AYDLOTTE said that her mother, MRS. NATALIE KNITTEL, of 414 D South Rose Street, Burbank, California, had heard BRADLEY propose the use of the storm drain system as a location for the prospective assassination of President Kennedy and had suggested a manhole escape route from the system.

She said that BRADLEY seemed preoccupied with the subject of assassination and on occasion had shown her husband, ARTHUR AYDLOTTE, various assassination devices including poisons, ground glass and booby traps in a garage at his residence which garage was torn down in 1963. Another BRADLEY contact whom she named was a

DR. BOLEN of Glendale, whom she described as a "weirdo" and she states drives a new Mercedes Benz every year.

After interviewing MRS. AYDLOTTE we spoke to THORNHILL at the May Company after 5:00 P.M. on December 18, 1967.

THORNHILL generally substantiated MRS. AYDLOTTE's commentaries about BRADLEY. He stated that he had heard HALL at the Knights of Columbus one evening speaking with an older, well known Cuban whose name he (THORNHILL) could not recall. Again, he had heard HALL speak at a political meeting at a private home but THORNHILL stated he knew of no connection between BRADLEY and HALL. THORNHILL recalls BRADLEY having asked for an introduction to GENERAL WALKER after the latter's speech at the Sport's Arena shortly after WALKER was released from a mental institution prior to the assassination.

THORNHILL said that BRADLEY to his knowledge was close to DAVID BRANSBY, CLIFFORD BARKER, although he commented that the BARKER-BRADLEY relationship appeared to be one subrosa in nature, and GEORGE WILLARD. THORNHILL said that BRADLEY seemed to excert great influence with certain members of the Van Nuys Police Department. He named a man named BRONDELL and another whom he called McALISTER as BRADLEY's Orange County connections with the CIA. THORNHILL said that REV. CARL McINTYRE stays at BRADLEY's home during McINTYRE's visits to the West Coast. THORNHILL also describes BRADLEY as being sadistic in temperament.

THORNHILL says that he had heard BRADLEY boast of a heart attack drug with which he (BRADLEY) states he is familiar. THORNHILL said that shortly after hearing BRADLEY boast of the use of the drug that he had a close friend who suffered one. THORNHILL states that BRADLEY also was suspiciously connected with two other deaths in the Los Angeles area. That of NEWTON ARMSTRONG, the editor of a conservative Bay area newspaper who died apparently a victim of hanging and the apparent accidental shooting of one DALLAS RQUEMORE at the scene of which incident BRADLEY was the first spectator.

On December 19, 1967, between 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. in Lancaster, California, BILL TURNER and I met with DENNIS MOWER whose residence in Lancaster is 342 E. Nugent. The meeting was accomplished through a system of cut-outs and screening which involved our waiting until MOWER approached us in a designated restaurant in Lancaster from which point we proceeded to a motel of DENNIS MOWER's choice in Lancaster for the conference. The group consisted of men introduced to us as JIM BOYD, PAUL HUNT, and DENNIS MOWER. The motel was the Caravan Inn. MOWER, a former co-defendant with ROBERT DEPUY of the Minutemen was described to us the day before by THORNHILL as the righthand man of DR. WESLEY SWIFT, a colleague of COL. WILLIAM GALE of the California rangers. The meeting was set up through a telephone call from THORNHILL to MOWER.

MOWER was understandably tight-lipped and extremely suspicious for the first fifteen or twenty minutes of our conversation in the motel room. However, he seemed to warm up as the conversation proceeded and became quite cooperative after the first forty or forty-five minutes of our talking.

MOWER stated he was extremely suspicious of BRADLEY's role in the hanging death of NEWTON ARMSTRONG, JR., of San Diego, publisher of a conservative newspaper named "Evolve", and of the death of CHARLES GRIFFARD who MOWER said had been going to resign from the anti-communist committee of the Minutemen on the night that GENERAL WALKER was to speak at a Shrine Meeting. MOWER said that BRADLEY met with GRIFFARD to try to talk him out of the resignation. He was unsuccessful and later in the night BRADLEY telephoned MRS. GRIFFARD with the information she should go into her husband's study. She did -- and found her husband's body. MOWER related this incident to illustrate sadistic tendencies on the part of BRADLEY.

MOWER stated that DALLAS ROQUEMORE of Bellflower had been with ROY GILLESPIE and that they were tied to the Orange County group which had split away from the regular Minutemen organization. He identified TOM BURLY of Orange County, San Francisco and Los Angeles area operations as having penetrated to use his words REV. BOB WELLS' church, along with EUGENE BRADLEY.

MOWER listed other BRADLEY associates as: CLIFF BARKER, JACK KADAR, BILL COLLEY, BURLY, BOB KADLE and VINCE AUDETTE. Others he named included COLONEL DAVID BRACKUS whom he identified as commandant of the California National Guard Reserve.

He said that HALL's contact to BRADLEY was a man named LES JOHNS a Birch Chapter leader. MOWER named a man, first name unknown, BANTON, III, who he said is in the investment business as being LORAN HALL's contact to South American arms company for delivery of weapons to Guatemala. He listed COOKIE and HORTENSE FAIRCHILD as close to BRADLEY, along with PAUL PATTERSON, a columnist, who apparently has some relationship to COLLEY and KADAR. MOWER told us of an application form he had seen filed by PROFESSOR MELVIN CRANE when he applied for a teaching position at San Diego State, on which CRANE had noted that he formerly was a CIA operative in 1958. However, the CIA connection had been deleted from CRANE's records in 1962, MOWER said. He identified CRANE as a close friend of BRADLEY's.

MOWER confirmed that BRADLEY had attempted to recruit him to assassinate President Kennedy and he stated that he had reported the attempt to FBI agents HOLBROOK and QUINN.

After the interview with MOWER we returned to the Los Angeles area and I again saw TOM THORNHILL at the May Company that evening. At this meeting THONRHILL added the name of MATT CEVETAK to the close associates of BRADLEY. He further said that BRADLEY once had formed a firm called Movers, Inc., which he operated from his home and that prior to that time he had been for several years an executive with the Sears store in Van Nuys.

On December 20, 1967, I met with REV. and MRS. WESLEY BRICE at their home, 6451 Gaynor in Van Nuys, California. BRICE said that prior to the assassination, BRADLEY told him he had to "take a swing through the South." He said that BRADLEY had been to a meeting with DR. CARL McINTYRE in Collinswood, New Jersey, prior to going on the southern swing. He said that BRADLEY told him he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination.

REV. BRICE said that BRADLEY had scheduled stops in Houston, Dallas and Shreveport. He stated he believed BRADLEY was to meet with NED TOUCHSTONE in Shreveport then proceed to Dallas where he had scheduled a meeting with a wealthy, unnamed man.

REV. BRICE said that on the evening of the assassination BRADLEY telephoned his home and spoke with MRS. BRADLEY. In the house at that time with her were BRICE and JAMES BARRON whom BRICE described as a liquor store owner, living at 634 Harvard Road, Burbank, California. BRICE said that BRADLEY left Dallas the next day, that is on November 23, and that while in Dallas he stayed at a hotel about a block from Dealey Plaza (it is to be noted that the Hotel Dallas is situated almost exactly halfway between the Dealey Plaza and the Dallas Morning News).

REV. BRICE said that concurrent with BRADLEY's trip through Dallas on the day of the assassination, one TRUE WILHELM, a manufacturer of tractions and other medical devices was attending a medical convention being held at Parkland Hospital in Dallas on November 22. Coincidentally, REV. BRICE points out, TRUE WILHELM is a very good friend of EUGENE BRADLEY. BRICE gave me WILHELM's address currently as being 107 Country Club Drive, Burbank, his telephone number 848-7866.

REV. BRICE said that BRADLEY had been in South America during World War II and was in intelligence work there in Hawaii and in Guam during and immediately after the war. After Guam BRADLEY supposedly went to Brazil. During this time he held a rank equivalent to Lieutenant, BRICE said, and his duties according to BRADLEY consisted of investigating plane wrecks.

Both REV. and MRS. BRICE were nervous and uncertain as to how far they could take me into their confidence during the meeting. They seemed to place special emphasis upon an incident which they never actually went so far as to clarify in relation to the assassination. The incident involved the shooting death of the husband of a belly dancer they said was named CRYSTAL JADE. The husband apparently had been shot near a stone quarry near Kingsmen, Arizona, late in 1963 or early in the Spring of 1964. While the relationship of this incident to the assassination is unclear at this time they were insistent upon the name and incident being noted in connection with the interview.