

DA Claims No Intention of Subpenaing Kennedy

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Garrison Says Governor
Phoned About Matter

District Atty. Jim Garrison said Saturday that he has no intention of subpoenaing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy when he comes to New Orleans Friday.

Garrison confirmed that Gov. John J. McKeithen called him this week and asked if he (Garrison) intended to subpoena Sen. Kennedy. "I replied that this was the last thing on my mind," said Garrison.

"The inference that my office has ever considered serving a subpoena on any member of the Kennedy family is totally false," said Garrison. "The personnel in my office have sympathy for the members of the Kennedy family and feel that enough harm has been done to them by the distortions of the present administration of the national government without our adding to their harassment."

"This is not intended as a criticism of the press inasmuch as I am certain that the situation was set up and fed to the press. It is even possible that false information was sent to Sen. Kennedy to create a legitimate concern in his mind that some embarrassing action was contemplated."

"It is true that Gov. McKeithen called me the other day and asked if I intended to subpoena Sen. Kennedy and I replied that this was the last thing on my mind. I think the real story will be found by tracing back to the source of the story."

Garrison continued, "The obvious aim of this particular fabrication was to embarrass Sen. Kennedy by falsely inferring that he somehow had hidden information wanted by us and to further add to the picture being developed national-

ly of me as an irrational person.

"As far as I am concerned, Sen. Kennedy is more than welcome in New Orleans and in Louisiana. I think all the men of courage who have shown they are willing to oppose the incumbent—from George Wallace to Sen. Eugene McCarthy to Sen. Kennedy—should be regarded as a healthy and hopeful sign. I have no doubt that Sen. Kennedy will receive a warm welcome here in his own right."

"Furthermore, I think he will find when he reaches Louisiana that we remember with affection his brother, the late President John F. Kennedy. It would be my personal hope that New Orleans and Louisiana would demonstrate to him that this is a place where he

and his family will always be most welcome in visiting."

In another development, Edgar Eugene Bradley, charged with conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy by Garrison, was granted a six months continuance in his fight against extradition to New Orleans.

Los Angeles, Calif., Municipal Court Judge Joan D. Klein ordered Bradley, 42, North Hollywood, Calif., to appear Sept. 30 for an extradition hearing on a fugitive warrant from Louisiana.