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California governor Ronald Reagan today refused to extradite Edgar Bradley to Louisiana. Mr. Bradley is charged by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison with conspiring to kill former President John F. Kennedy. Gov. Reagan concluded that the State of Louisiana failed to provide sufficient evidence that Mr. Bradley had been in Louisiana in 1963, the period during which the Louisiana extradition documents alleged that Mr. Bradley violated a Louisiana law relative to conspiracy with others to murder John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Reagan said his decision not to extradite Mr. Bradley did not consider the issue of guilt or innocence, but only the requirements of extradition law.

District Attorney Garrison based his case in part on an affidavit by a former Dallas deputy sheriff who said he saw Mr. Bradley on the steps of the Texas School Book Depository shortly after Mr. Kennedy was shot. Mr. Bradley said he was on a bus at that time, travelling from Oklahoma to Texas.