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Bradley Asks Reagan Deny Extradition Try

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Gov. Ronald Reagan today was asked to deny Louisiana's request for the extradition of Edgar Eugene Bradley, who asserts he never was in New Orleans until nearly four years after the time he is accused of plotting the murder of President John F. Kennedy.

The much-delayed hearing to determine whether Reagan should permit Bradley's extradition to face New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's charges that Bradley conspired with others to kill Kennedy opened in the state capital today.

REAGAN did not attend the hearing. The hearing was held by his legal secretary, Edwin Meese III.

Bradley, 49-year-old North Hollywood business representative for a radio evangelist, sat in the governor's counsel room immediately behind his attorney, George Jensen of Beverly Hills.

Bradley, accompanied by his wife and 20-year-old son Brent, appeared relaxed and affable. The Bradleys willingly posed for photographers before the proceedings began.

He and his wife laughed softly several times at Jensen's sallies in his opening remarks during the informal hearing. At one point, Bradley turned smiling and said something to his son, when Jensen declared that only the affidavit by Garrison showed was that he is in fact district attorney of New Orleans.

MEESE ANNOUNCED at the beginning of the hearing that no decision would be made immediately by Reagan but that a report would be submitted to him for study after the hearing.

Jensen keyed his opening remarks to denials that Bradley had been in the state of Louisiana before April, 1965, never had been in the city of New Orleans until April, 1967, and never was at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport in his life.

The conspiracy charge alleges Bradley was at the airport, among other places in the city, between Aug. 1, 1963, and Nov. 22, 1963, to plot with Clay Shaw, who also is charged with conspiracy, and others for the death of President Kennedy.

Jensen's preliminary statement also noted Bradley took a lie detector test and, according to Jensen, showed that Bradley was truthful in asserting he was not in New Orleans as charged.

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