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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

The "Washington Post" for February 16, 1968, carried an article entitled "Witness Backs Up Garrison." This article reported that Max Gonzales, a court clerk, said that he witnessed meetings at New Orleans' Lakefront Airport in "either June or July" of 1963 between Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, California, and the late David W. Ferrie. The article reports that Garrison is attempting to extradite Edgar Eugene Bradley on conspiracy charges. Garrison reportedly stated that the allegations of Gonzales coincide with those he made in an affidavit included among papers seeking Bradley's extradition to New Orleans.

A check of Bureau files revealed one reference to the name Max Gonzales which might be identical with the Max Gonzales mentioned in the above newspaper article. This file reference reveals that in February, 1965, former New Orleans criminal informant, NO-1227-C-TE, who had ties with hoodlum and vice personalities in New Orleans, was arrested by New Orleans police officers and investigators from the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and was charged with pandering. On March 18, 1965, this criminal informant told the New Orleans Office that he had been contacted by a Max Gonzales of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and was advised that the District Attorney's Office had a good case against the informant and for \$2,000 it would be dropped.

We have previously reported that Garrison may have had the wrong Bradley arrested and that instead of Edgar Eugene Bradley the individual Garrison is interested in is Leslie Norman Bradley. The latter individual is a former airline pilot who has described himself as a "soldier of fortune." In August, 1960, Leslie Norman Bradley was sentenced to a ten-year prison term in Cuba on a charge that he took part in a plot against the Castro regime. Leslie Norman Bradley was released from a Cuban prison

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