

'Father' Riker Sent Letter To Hitler, FBI Declares

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30 (U.P.).—The Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed today that "Father" William E. Riker, leader of the "Holy City" communal colony who is charged with sedition, wrote a letter to Hitler and received a reply from his secretary. Nat Pieper, special agent in charge of the San Francisco FBI office, said investigators found a copy of the letter to Hitler during a search of Riker's effects.

Riker was scheduled to appear before Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure today to answer charges of sedition based on his alleged interference with the morale of the armed forces and attempts to cause insubordination and disloyalty. He was arrested under a secret grand jury indictment.

"Arthur Castner, Riker's right hand man, informed us that Hitler's secretary answered the letter, expressing 'limited approval' of Riker's ideas," Pieper said.

The FBI did not reveal the content of Riker's alleged letter to Hitler, but it was believed the cult leader had expounded theories of