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# Report Secret Service Knew Of A JFK Death Plot Here

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—

Three attorneys said Tuesday a former U.S. Secret Service agent, now a prisoner at the federal medical center here, told them the agency knew before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated that an attempt to kill him was being planned.



ABRAHAM W. BOLDEN

A lawyer said former agent Abraham W. Bolden, 32, told him he was sent to prison after being refused permission to tell the Warren Commission about the information.

The charges were made at a press conference staged by Mark Lane, lawyer and author; Richard V. Burnes, assistant to District Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans, and John Hosmer, former judge and prosecutor from Marshallfield, Mo., who said he is Bolden's attorney.

Lane said the Secret Service received information that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made on a visit to Chicago, a visit later canceled out of fear for Kennedy's safety.

### Name Kept Secret

One of several names given to the federal agency then, Lane said, was the name of a man now being sought by Garrison in his probe of the assassination. He refused to identify the man and said the name has not been made public.

The lawyers said their information came during two days of talks with Bolden, sentenced in Chicago three years

ago to six years in prison for conspiring to sell official information in a counterfeiting case.

Bolden, first Negro named to the Secret Service's White House detail, was not in Dallas when the President was shot Nov. 22, 1963.

But the attorneys said he told them that he and other agents were told of a plot to kill Kennedy in Chicago and even shadowed one suspect.

### Perjury Charged

After Bolden asked to testify before the Warren Commission, he was arrested and convicted in the counterfeiting case on perjured testimony. Hosmer charged.

Officials of the medical center said Bolden was transferred here Nov. 9, 1966, from the federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., to help with maintenance of the hospital and is not a patient.

Lane is author of "Rush to Judgment," a book criticizing the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was alone in killing Kennedy.

### Agent's Conviction Here Recalled

Former Secret Service Agent Abraham W. Bolden was convicted by a U.S. District Court jury in Chicago in August, 1964, of conspiracy to accept a bribe.

The government charged Bolden, then 29, of 7632 S. Sangamon, offered to sell for \$50,000 an official report on counterfeiting to Joseph Spagnoli Sr., 31, of 5301 W. Quincy. Spagnoli was one of six men later convicted of counterfeit-

ing and conspiracy.

Bolden created a furor after his arrest on the bribe charge by charging his fellow Secret Service agents in Hyannis Port, Mass., were lax in their duties while guarding President John F. Kennedy.

Bolden denied the bribe charge. He claimed the government was trying to frame

him because he offered to testify before the Warren Com-

mission about lax conditions in the Secret Service.

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