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Secret Service Knew— Of Plot, Ex-Agent Says

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

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

The charges were made in a news conference staged by Mark Lane, lawyer and author; Richard V. Burnes, assistant to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans, and John Hosmer, former judge and prosecutor from Marshfield, Mo.

Lane said the Secret Service received information that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made on a visit by the President to Chicago, a visit later

canceled out of fear for Kennedy's safety.

One of several names given the federal agency then, Lane said, was the name of a man now being sought by Dist. Atty. Garrison in his probe of the Kennedy 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 two 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 shadowed one suspect.

After the assassination, when Bolden asked to testify before the Warren Commission, said Hosmer, he was arrested and convicted in the counterfeiting case on what Hosmer called perjured testimony.

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

Hosmer identified himself as Bolden's attorney and said he called Lane and Burnes into the case.

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