

\$1.5-Million Bail Asked by U.S. For Reputed Heroin Smuggler

The Government requested yesterday that bail for Auguste Joseph Ricord, the mysterious "Mr. Andre" described as the "kingpin of the Latin-American connection" in heroin, be set at \$1.5-million.

United States District Judge Lee Peter Gagliardi, who presided at a special holiday arraignment, put off setting bail and hearing the defendant's plea until "Tuesday or Wednesday's" because Ricord's lawyers were not present.

Ricord, who is charged with conspiracy to violate United States drug laws although he is thought never to have entered this county, was flown here from Paraguay Saturday night. The United States had been asking for his extradition since May, 1971.

Water M. Phillips, the chief of the United States Attorney's Narcotics Division in Manhattan, told Judge Gagliardi that Ricord, a citizen of Argentina who was born in France, had a long history of arrests in Italy and France.

He said Ricord was stenciled to death in absentia for collaborating with the Gastapo in France and for theft or arms.

Mr. Phillips charged that Ricord was the man behind shipments of 160 pounds of pure heroin to the United States in August and October 1970.

Later, Mr. Phillips described Ricord as "the No. 2 man" in



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Auguste Joseph Ricord
after his arraignment in
U.S. Court House here.

Latin-American heroin smuggling. He said he could not disclose who the head of the ring is thought to be.

Ricord was taken to the Nassau County Jail where he has been held since Saturday night. Mr. Phillips said he was not being held at the Federal Detention Headquarters on West Street for "security reasons."

He said that two co-conspirators, Anibal Segovia and Juan Rodriguez, had escaped from the West Street jail and were thought to be back in Paraguay.