

# FBI Informer In Berrigan

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The key government witness in the alleged priest-led plot to kidnap President Nixon's national security adviser appears to be an ex-convict who played a double agent role. Boyd Frederick Douglas Jr. has disappeared but those who knew him as an antiwar student on the Bucknell University campus here are convinced that

he was an FBI informer.

They think Douglas, a smooth-talking 30-year-old mystery man who divided his time between the campus and the federal penitentiary, provided testimony that led to the indictment of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and five others.

Berrigan, jailed for destroying draft records in Maryland,

met Douglas in Lewisburg Penitentiary where both were serving federal sentences. Douglas was going outside the wall during the day to take courses at nearby Bucknell.

Douglas dropped from sight Jan. 5, 20 days after he won parole. On that day, he testified before a secret grand jury in Harrisburg about the kidnap-

bomb conspiracy. Now, the government turns aside all questions about him, and efforts to find him were unsuccessful.

The last word many of his friends here had from him came on that January day. They say he telephoned them after he left the grand jury, warned them to tell the truth if

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summoned as witnesses and not to perjure themselves.

"I took it as a friendly warning," says Tom Love, 23, a peace activist who shared an apartment with Douglas last summer near Bucknell. "I figured then he was an informer, the bastard."

It is alleged that the kidnap-bomb conspiracy involved a

plot to hold presidential assistant Henry Kissinger captive until American involvement in Vietnam ended. The indictments, returned Jan. 12, also charge that the defendants plotted to blow up heating tunnels of federal buildings in Washington.

No trial date has been set. The grand jury, continuing its

investigation, sent out a new wave of subpoenas last week. The defendants have pleaded innocent and attacked the charges as "a frameup."

The story begins with Douglas commuting daily to classes under a study-release program for prisoners. He became part of the peace movement on campus and later told

his new friends of a close friendship in prison with Berrigan.

"I am convinced Boyd was caught carrying messages for Berrigan and was then victimized by the FBI," says Dr. Gene Chenoweth, head of Bucknell's political science department and a close friend.