

FBI Silent On Berrigan Note-Taker

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The FBI had an official "no comment" yesterday on the case of the man discovered taking notes at a Wednesday meeting of congressmen and persons connected with the conspiracy case against the Rev. Philip Berrigan.

Reporters were unable to determine the owner of the car in which the man was driven off after newsmen said they recognized him as an FBI agent.

At the District Motor Vehicle Department inquiries were referred to the Police Department, saying the Motor Vehicle Department could give that information only to the police.

A spokesman for the Police Department was given the registration number and was asked to make the inquiry of the Motor Vehicle Department. He subsequently said, "I can't get that for you." Unofficial sources said the automobile was a "security car."

Rep. William R. Anderson (D-Tenn.) sponsored the session at the Congressional hotel. Attended also by four other members of Congress, it was intended as a briefing on the conspiracy and immunity laws and included a lawyer for defendants in the Berrigan case plus Dr. Eqbal Ahmad of Chicago, one of the eight persons indicted by a federal grand jury in Harrisburg, Pa.