

# Agent Tells Trial of 'Faith' in Informer

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HARRISBURG, Pa., March 22—The FBI agent who engaged convict Boyd F. Douglas Jr. as an informer in 1970 testified today that if he had known that Douglas was trying to recruit persons for illegal activities he still would have retained him as an informer.

Delmar Mayfield also told the jury in the trial of seven antiwar activists here that he had "full confidence" and "great faith" in Douglas, whom he described in an August, 1970, letter to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as "an accomplished confidence man."

Mayfield read in court a letter in which Douglas, referring to himself as a revolutionary committed to "strategic sabotage," invited a woman to participate in a "project." The agent then acknowledged that it was a "recruiting" letter and said:

"... I would have retained him as an informant. However, I would've instructed

him not to try to recruit anyone for anything."

Mayfield said he gave Douglas little direction. "He was the person dealing with the people. I could not tell him how to deal with them," he said.

The prosecuting attorneys have said Douglas was the chief source of information that led to the indictments of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and the six others on charges of conspiracy to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, to bomb tunnels under federal buildings and to raid federal offices.

Mayfield, the agent to whom Douglas reported regularly in the summer, fall and winter of 1970, was asked by defense attorney Leonard Boudin if he would have retained Douglas as an informer or given him Army explosive manuals that summer if he had known that Douglas was serving time for

assaulting an FBI agent with a pistol. Such knowledge, said Mayfield, "would not have made any difference."

"When you gave him these manuals on explosives and demolitions," asked Boudin, "didn't you know that if they were in the hands of a person who could understand them they were quite dangerous?"

"I had no qualms whatsoever in handing them to Mr. Douglas," said Mayfield, who said he had never reviewed the explosives manuals. "I had complete confidence in him. I had been working with him for some period of time and I had great faith in him."

Mayfield also testified that the FBI told Douglas in 1970 that he would be paid \$1,000 a month, \$600 for service and \$400 for expenses, after his release in mid-December 1970 from Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary.

A letter from FBI Director

J. Edgar Hoover's office on Nov. 27, 1970, approved the financial arrangement with Douglas. Mayfield explained that Douglas would be paid upon receipt of information.

The letter was prepared by Hoover's office the same day the director publicly announced an "insidious plot" to kidnap a high government official.

Mayfield, under cross-examination, testified that the FBI had reimbursed Douglas for a \$100 contribution to the defense fund of eight persons arrested in September, 1970, in connection with a raid on draft offices in Rochester, N.Y.

Douglas has testified that he received \$1,500 for providing information that led to the arrest of the raiders and then later helped to raise funds at Bucknell University for their defense.