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WASHINGTON (Reuter) — A plan to cut by more than half a multi-million-dollar sale of ground-to-air missiles to Jordan has been scuttled by King Hussein, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger disclosed yesterday.

Following protracted negotiations between the State Department and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Administration had offered to cut from 14 to six the number of Hawk missile batteries to be sold to Jordan.

But Hussein refused to accept anything less than his original request.

The missile sale was scaled down by the State Department in the face of a congressional threat to scrap the whole deal on grounds that it would upset the balance of power in the Middle East.

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Oswald killer called informer for FBI

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — The Warren Commission — facts about the organized which investigated President crime-U.S. intelligence partJohn F. Kennedy's assassina- nership are emerging, do we tion, was accused yesterday realize that we have been told by a long-time critic of sup- almost nothing that is true pressing a document showing about who killed John Kenthat Lee Harvey Oswald's nedy, why he was killed and killer was an FBI informant. why powerful forces have sup-

Mark Lane, who has spent pressed the facts for so long years arguing against the and still appear to fear the commission's contention that truth."

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The letter showed that Dal- Thomas Downing of Virginia, las strip-club operator Jack have called for a reopening of Ruby, who killed Oswald two the Kennedy assassination days after the Kennedy assas- probe.

sination, had acted as an FBI informant.

Mr. Lane said the letter's absence from the Warren Commission report shows that many things remain to be divulged about the November 22, 1963, assassination.

Mr. Lane, head of a private group which calls itself the Citizens Commission of Inquiry, said the Warren Commission knew of the Hoover letter concerning Ruby weeks before issuing its report.

"The Warren Commission learned that Ruby was an FBI informant, but it suppressed that information," he said.

"Now more than ever, when

Mr. Lane gave reporters what he said was a copy of a June 9, 1964, letter from Mr. Hoover to J. Lee Rankin, chief lawyer for the Warren Commission.

In it, Mr. Hoover told the council that an FBI agent approached Ruby in 1959 for information about criminal elements in Dallas and found him willing to talk.

"Between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, Ruby was contacted on eight other occasions, but he furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued," Mr. Hoover wrote.

Mr. Lane told reporters, "that seems to me to be a questionable assertion."

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MADRID (AP) — A coalition of underground political and labor groups called on Spaniards yesterday to join in efforts to overthrow the authoritarian regime of Gen. Francisco Franco and replace it with a democratic system.

The coalition was formed recently with groups representing Communists, Socialists, democrats, monarchists and a number of labor organizations from all over Spain.

Its membership is not known but opposition sources put it at "hundreds of thousands."

The coalition, under the name of Platform of Democratic Convergence, said in a manifesto to foreign news media in Madrid that the Franco regime has prevented Spaniards from exercising fundamental rights. It pledged "to restore popular sovereignty" and "to open a constituent process."

The platform said every effort will be made to bring all Spanish opposition groups into a single organization as the best means to try to oust the political regime Gen. Franco brought about after winning the civil war in 1939.

The platform's manifesto rejected the present Spanish regime and what it called "its foreseen continuation" under Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, Franco's handpicked suc- cessor as king.

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House rejects Ford's bid to lift arms ban on Turkey

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Gerald Ford's efforts to lift the Congressional embargo on arms sales to Turkey was rejected by the House yesterday as opponents argued it would be submission to blackmail.

The resumption of U.S. arms sales to Turkey, which had been backed by the President, was rejected 223 to 206 despite a last-minute appeal from Mr. Ford.

Applause burst from the galleries and the floor as the arms sale, which was being approved during most of the vote, suddenly reversed in the final minute and was rejected.

the word blackmail in connection with Mr. Ford is not seeking reduction of Turkey's occupation forces on Cyprus so that he can save U.S. bases in Turkey.

Supporters of the resumption of sales contended Congress' embargo had not worked to bring about Cyprus negotiations and that the U.S. needed to maintain bases on Turkey are vitally important surveillance on the Soviet Union.

In a letter read to the House just before the vote, Mr. Ford said:

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