

Secret Service Was Told of Plot to Kill JFK, Claim

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Ex-Agent, Now in Prison,
Makes Statement

A former United States Secret Service agent, now in prison at the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., claims that the agency knew of a plan to kill President Kennedy before his assassination, according to three lawyers.

A lawyer representing Abraham W. Bolden, 32, said Tuesday in Springfield that his client told him he was sent to prison after being refused permission to tell the Warren Commission about the alleged information.

The statements were made in a news conference staged by Mark Lane, lawyer and author; Richard V. Burnes, assistant to District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans; and John Hosmer, former judge and prosecutor from Marshfield, Mo., who is representing Bolden.

Hosmer said that he called Burnes and Lane into the case.

Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," will speak in New Orleans Thursday, 7:30 p. m., at Tulane University's McAlister Auditorium.

At the news conference Tuesday, Lane said the Secret Service received information that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made during a visit to Chicago, a visit later canceled because of fear for Kennedy's safety.

One of several names given

the federal agency then, Lane said, was the name of a man now being sought by Garrison in his probe of the Kennedy assassination. He refused to identify the man and said the name has not been made public.

The lawyers said their information came during two days of talks with Bolden, sentenced in Chicago two years ago to six years in prison for conspiring to sell official information in a counterfeiting case.

Bolden, the first Negro named to the Secret Service's White House detail, was not in Dallas when the President was shot Nov. 22, 1963.

But the attorneys said he told them that he and other agents were told of a plot to kill Kennedy in Chicago and even shadowed one suspect.

Hosmer said that when Bolden asked to testify before the Warren Commission after the assassination, he was arrested and convicted in the counterfeiting case on perjured testimony.

Officials of the medical center said Bolden was transferred there last year from the federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., to help with maintenance of the hospital. They said he is not a patient.