

U.S. Is Sued In Kennedy 'Plot'

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Chicago, April 6 (AP)—A suit charging the National Archives with suppressing documents about an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy in Chicago was filed today in U.S. District Court.

The suit, filed by Sherman Skolnick, a legal researcher, contends that the archives are withholding information that shows President Kennedy died not at the hands of a lone assassin, but as the result of a conspiracy.

Radio station WCFL, a Metro-media affiliate owned by the Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council, which aired the story before the suit was filed and worked with Mr. Skolnick in its preparation, said the suit "is believed to be the first in the nation challenging the authority of the archives to withhold information about the Kennedy death for 75 years."

Warren Commission Finding

The Warren Commission, a panel appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, said that Mr. Kennedy was killed by a single man, Lee Harvey Oswald, and that it could find no evidence of a conspiracy.

The suit asserts that five conspirators planned to kill the President at the Army-Air Force football game in Chicago November 2, 1963. But when Mr. Kennedy canceled his appearance because of a cold at the

last minute, the suit alleges, the assassination attempt was rescheduled for Dallas three weeks later.

The suit states that "less than an hour before the President's scheduled arrival," a Chicago lithographer was arrested for a minor traffic violation. It said the man, one of the conspirators, also was charged with carrying a concealed weapon after police noticed a hunting knife on the front seat of the car.

Skolnick's Theory

Mr. Skolnick contends the lithographer, Thomas Arthur Vallee, "was a double for Lee Harvey Oswald."

Attached to the suit were 11 documents, including three FBI reports pertaining to the assassination that recently were declassified by the National Archives.

One of the reports says that Mr. Vallee, in a January 14, 1964, appearance in a federal circuit court, "revealed he was very much against the present administration." The report also states that Judge Fordon B. Mash denied a defense motion to suppress evidence on the concealed-weapon charge and released Mr. Vallee on \$100 bond.

Another report states that William Corley, a Chicago television news director at the time, assigned a newsman to trace the license plates on Mr. Vallee's car, 3110RF-NY, but that the newsman reported that "the FBI had placed a freeze on any infor-

mation regarding this registration."

The third declassified document states that Judge Nash withdrew the finding of guilty on the concealed-weapon charge at Mr. Vallee's subsequent court appearance and continued the case for a year.

Mr. Skolnick, who said the documents were sent to him by an undisclosed person, said that recent efforts to trace Mr. Vallee's whereabouts were unsuccessful.

The suit demands that the Warren report be declared void.