

Probers Seek Arms Cache Link

Investigators were attempting to determine yesterday if a link existed between an ultra-right wing group—the American Minute Men — and a cache of military weapons

and ordnance that was uncovered in a raid Thursday at a West Bridgewater home.

One federal investigator said, "We have found that most often ultra-right wing groups are the ones who have possession of these weapons."

Uncovered in the seizure, which yielded two truckloads of arms and explosives, were two anti-tank guns, five machine guns, several submachine guns, an M-16 rifle, land mines, hand grenades, a number of pistols and revolvers, molotov cocktails, an 81 mm mortar shell and several thousand rounds of ammunition.

THE OCCUPANTS of the home, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Swan, of 11 Ellis Ave., were in Connecticut at the bedside of their son, Richard E., 29, who was critically injured in an automobile accident Friday night.

Federal investigators had raided Swan's apartment in Connecticut on Tuesday after local authorities had found arms in his car following the accident Friday night.

Swan is employed by the Firearms Division of Colt Industries, Inc., in Hartford.

The raid on the Swan home in Bridgewater followed a long

investigation by State Police Sgt. Paul O'Brien. He said someone had brought a hand grenade to his home and had said, "This is the type of thing being passed around down here."

The informant also mentioned a "militant far-right wing group," O'Brien said.

ARMED WITH a warrant issued by U.S. Commr. Robert Popeo to search for "contraband firearms," federal agents, Sgt. O'Brien and explosive experts from the Army at Ft. Devens uncovered the arms and explosives in the cellar and an upstairs bedroom of the house.

Also found in the house was an organization membership card with the initials A.M.M., reportedly the designation for the American Minute Men group.

The detail from Ft. Devens deactivated many of the explosive devices before they were taken from the dwelling.

An unidentified woman found in the house during the raid was not arrested. However, authorities said several arrests were expected for violations of the 1968 Federal Gun Control Act.