

'Getaway Time' Offered, Attorney Says

FBI-SLA 'Deal' Reported

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 5 —The FBI considered giving members of the Symbionese Liberation Army 48 hours "getaway time" if it agreed to release Patricia Hearst, a San Francisco attorney disclosed today.

Vincent Hallinan, a lawyer long associated with left-wing causes, told The Washington Post he participated in a day-long conference nearly two weeks ago at which the strategy was discussed.

The meeting took place March 30 at Vacaville Prison, some 45 miles east of San Francisco, where Clifford (Death Row) Jefferson, an SLA sympathizer, is serving a life term.

Present besides Jefferson were Hallinan; Randolph Hearst, Patricia's father; Charles Bates, FBI agent-in-charge of the San Francisco region; Raymond Procnier, director of the California Department of Corrections, and the Rev. Cecil Williams of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Church.

Jefferson asked for the meeting, which resulted in a letter to the SLA signed by Jefferson and two other inmates urging it to begin negotiations with Hearst for the release of Patricia. The SLA is believed to have been spawned at Vacaville through a prisoner's self-help organization.

In the course of the discussions, Hallinan recalled today, "I got the FBI to agree they would allow 48 hours after the

used for food donations to the poor once Miss Hearst is released.

Bates, the local FBI chief, conceded that various options, including a lead-time offer, were discussed at the Vacaville meeting. But he insisted, "I gave no assurance. This was a bull session. A decision like that would have to be made somewhere else. We would have to hear first what the SLA wants, to give up Patty. Then, it would have to be run past the FBI, the local police, the DA's office and the whole gamut of authorities."

It had long been rumored that Randolph Hearst would be agreeable to an arrangement that would give the SLA an escape route in return for his daughter. But until now it was not known that the FBI was considering such a course.

Bates said he is assuming that Patricia is still alive. Asked if the FBI knows where she is, he replied, "Not at this moment."

Did you ever know, Bates was pressed? "I'm not going to comment. To telescope what I know and get her killed is the last thing I'm going to do."

The atmosphere of uncertainty, intensified by Miss Hearst's strident taped pledge of allegiance to the SLA delivered two days ago, continued to stir debate. The Hearst family insists the message did not reflect Patricia's real state of mind.

In an effort to reopen a dialogue with the SLA, the fam-



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Charles Bates, San Francisco FBI chief, says search for kidnaped Patricia Hearst will continue.

it is possible Miss Hearst was brainwashed and may believe her decision was made of her own free will.

Dr. Frederick J. Hacker, a professor of psychology at both the medical and law schools of the University of Southern California, said, "There are brainwashing tech-

niques and persuasion techniques that are effective at not only changing a person's mind but imparting to the victim the impression that he changed his mind voluntarily. The most dangerous thing about coercion is it can convince the coerced that it was voluntary."