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Nixon Assassination Plot Suspects Held

NEW YORK (AP) — A 43-year-old Arab immigrant and his two sons are being held in New York City on charges of conspiracy to commit murder, possession of dead-

A 43-\$100,000 bail each in connection Nixon. The three, who were arrested in Brooklyn Saturday night, were arraigned yesterday on charges of conspiracy to commit murder, possession of dead-

ly weapons and criminal solicitation.

They are Ahmed Rageh Namer, a naturalized American citizen who came to this country from Yemen 13 years ago, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19.

POLICE GAVE no details of the alleged plot.

Investigators were checking whether the three might have had any association with Sirhan B. Sirhan, the Jordanian immigrant who goes on trial in Los Angeles Dec. 9 on charges of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

No motive for the alleged plot had been revealed but Nixon, like Kennedy, has said the United States is committed to maintain Israel's military superiority over its Arab foes.

Nixon was in Key Biscayne, Fla. He was scheduled to return to New York, where he has an

apartment, tonight.

A NIXON AIDE, informed of the arrests, said Nixon "has no concern over it." He added, "Any idea of a major plot is overexaggerated."

The Namers reportedly took several trips to the West Coast and other parts of the country. Police sources said the men gave no satisfactory explanation on how they could afford to travel so much on their modest salaries. All three worked as shipping clerks.

In Washington, however, the Secret Service said any attempt to link the alleged plot with the Kennedy assassination was "pure speculation at the moment."

POLICE and Secret Service agents who burst into the Namer apartment Saturday found two rifles, two switchblade knives and a quantity of ammunition.

The arrests came after police received an anonymous telephone call from a man who said the Namers had tried to recruit him because he is an expert marksman.