

TIPSTER HEARD BY GRAND JURY

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Alleged Plotters of Nixon
Slaying Also Appear

NEW YORK (AP) — An unidentified man who allegedly tipped off police to a plot against the life of President-elect Richard M. Nixon spent 90 minutes before a grand jury Tuesday.

Earlier, hundreds of spectators had jammed Brooklyn's Criminal Court room as three heavily guarded defendants appeared for a hearing.

Accused of the plot, and of trying to induce the informant to actually be the trigger man in Nixon's assassination, are an immigrant from Yemen, 43-year-old Ahmed Rageh Namer, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19.

Police say an M-1 rifle, an M-1 carbine, and 24 rounds of ammunition were found in the Namer's Brooklyn apartment when police raided it and arrested the trio Friday.

Namer's wife said in Yemen that she has letters which would clear him of the charges. She said she could prove she had asked him to send her a gun, indicating the guns found in the Brooklyn apartment were for that purpose.

A cousin of Namer said in Yemen, "A gun is identity for the Yemeni."

Another cousin said in the Middle Eastern country that Namer once had been a member of the secret police in Aden.

The grand jury heard 2½ hours of testimony on the case, and authorities announced it would resume its investigation Wednesday.

In addition to the informant, described only as a 36-year-old man with an Arabic name, the jury heard a policeman who took the informant's telephone tip concerning the alleged plot, and the officers who seized the Namers.

Judge John Fury then postponed the hearing until Friday.