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## 3 Arabs Indicted In Anti-Nixon Plot

NEW YORK (AP) — A Brooklyn grand jury returned a four-count indictment today against three Yemeni Arabs charged with conspiring to kill President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

The indictment containing the same charges filed against them last Saturday, was returned after two days of grand jury testimony, chiefly by an informant who told police he was asked to be the trigger man in the assassination.

**THE INFORMANT**, identified only as a man with an Arabic name, claimed the three Arabs contacted him because he is an expert marksman.

The defendants are Ahmed Rageh Namer, 43, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19.

They were charged with conspiracy, criminal solicitation and two counts of possession of dangerous weapons.

The trio, all shipping clerks in the garment district, were arrested Saturday after the informant phoned police.

**THE FATHER** and Abdo were seized in their Brooklyn apartment, where police said they found an M1 rifle, an M1

carbine and 24 rounds of ammunition.

Hussein, who was said to have fled out a window and down a fire escape when police entered the apartment, was arrested five hours later on the street outside the building.

In Yemen, the elder Namer's wife said she had letters which would clear her husband. She said she had asked him to send her a gun.

Namer came to the United States from Yemen about 13 years ago, and is a naturalized citizen.

A **COUSIN** in Yemen said Namer had once been a member of the secret police in Aden, a former British protectorate at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula. Aden is now independent South Yemen.

The Secret Service and other agencies were investigating the possibility that one of the Namers had once worked for foreign intelligence organizations. The possibility was said to be based on correspondence found in the apartment.

One law enforcement officer said there was reason to believe that one of the trio "was perhaps a spy before or after he came to this country."