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PLOT SUSPECTS' PLEA INNOCENT

Bail Lowered for Alleged Nixon Conspirators

NEW YORK (AP) — A father and his two sons, immigrants from the Arab nation of Yemen, pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of conspiring to assassinate President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

Justice John R. Starkey of Brooklyn Supreme Court reduced their bail from \$100,000 to \$25,000 each. In New York, the Supreme Court is a trial court.

The defendants did not immediately post the lower bail.

Ahmed Rageh Namer, 43, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19, had been indicted earlier Wednesday on four counts—conspiracy to kill Nixon, criminal solicitation of an unidentified person to commit the crime, possession of two rifles and possession of two switchblade knives.

Although all three defendants are said to speak fairly good English, they entered their pleas through an interpreter.

Starkey rejected pleas by Asst. Dist. Atty. Harold Rosenbaum that the \$100,000 bail be continued because police are investigating "many other aspects of this case."

Defense attorneys Joseph Iovine and David Price requested lower bail on the grounds that the defendants had no criminal records, had roots in New York, and were presumed innocent.

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

He and his two sons work in New York's garment district as shipping clerks and live in a Brooklyn apartment.

Police raided the apartment Saturday night, acting on a telephoned tip from an unidentified informer who they said told them the trio had offered him money to be the triggerman in the assassination plot.

The elder Namer and Abdo

were arrested in the apartment, where the police said they confiscated the guns, knives and 2 rounds of ammunition. Hussein, who was said to have fled down a fire escape, was arrested five hours later outside the building.