

# A Priest Refuses To Answer Queries At Hearing on 'Plot'

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(UPI) — Although granted immunity from prosecution, a Roman Catholic priest and a divorced mother of three refused today to answer questions posed by a Federal grand jury investigating an alleged plot to kidnap a Government official and bomb Federal installations.

The Rev. J. William Michelman of Baltimore, and Mrs. Patricia Chanel, 41 years old, of Silver Spring, Md., both risked contempt of court citations for refusing to respond to the grand jury's questions.

Father Michelman, who had refused to testify before the panel last month, said today, "Priestly confidence was my base for the rejoinders." He was asked seven questions by

the grand jury in his one-hour appearance.

"The time was filled with the questions, and a dialogue about the seal of confidence and priestly trust," Father Michelman said. "It was an educational session for those unfamiliar with priestly confidentiality."

## 'I Explained It'

"I explained it and they seemed to comprehend. But it's hard to tell from faces."

Mrs. Chanel, who had refused to respond to the panel's questions yesterday, said after today's appearance:

"I did not answer questions. Some of them I would not dignify with an answer."

After Mrs. Chanel appeared before the panel during an afternoon session the grand jury announced an indefinite recess.

"I pleaded the Fifth Amendment on every question except my name and address," Mrs. Chanel said. "I suggested that they subpoena [J. Edgar] Hoover since he knows a lot more about this than I do."