

# Berrigan Jury Told That Informer Tried to Incite Antiwar Acts

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—Two former Bucknell coeds testified that Boyd F. Douglas Jr., the Government informer against the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan and six other defendants, not only betrayed the group but was also an agent provocateur and catalyst in the alleged antiwar conspiracy.

Jane Hoover, 22 years old, said that during the summer of 1970 Douglas, then a convict in the Federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., urged her to undertake illegal acts against the Government. He told her he had become an expert on demolitions during his Army service, she testified, and planned to use his knowledge of explosives in some unspecified "meaningful action" in Washington.

Douglas Had Free Rein  
Father Berrigan and the other defendants are on trial on charges of conspiring to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, Presidential aide, blow up heating tunnels to Government buildings in Washington and destroy draft board records in several cities.

Both Miss Hoover and Mary Elizabeth Sandel testified that

Douglas had arranged several meetings between the alleged conspirators, bringing to Lewisburg for meals, picnics and discussions all of the defendants except Eqbal Ahmad, a Pakistani scholar, and Father Berrigan, who was in prison.

The two women were reluctant witnesses for the Government. Earlier they had refused to testify, and took the stand only after a grant of full immunity by Federal Judge R. Dixon Herman, which deprived them of the right to plead the Fifth Amendment guarantees against self-incrimination.

Douglas, then serving a five-year term for passing phony checks and pulling a gun on the F.B.I. man who tried to arrest him, enjoyed unusual freedom at Lewisburg. He was the only prisoner at the time who was allowed to attend classes at Bucknell. He used an apartment in the same house with Miss Hoover and Miss Sandel and he dated both of them. Once he proposed marriage to Miss Hoover, reportedly telling her he had terminal cancer and wanted to spend his last six months with her.

He told Miss Hoover, she testified, that she ought to be doing more than participate in peaceful protest against the

war. She said that Douglas had urged her to vandalize draft records.

Miss Sandel said Douglas had handed her a pamphlet about a rally protesting alleged mistreatment of other Berrigan at the prison and had urged her to attend the meeting.

### Transcribes Letters

All this time Douglas was an informant, she said, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was enlisted by the F.B.I. after prison officials said they had caught him acting as a courier between Father Berrigan and a group of pacifist followers.

Miss Hoover testified that at Douglas' request she had received several letters that she transcribed into his notebook for transmission to Father Berrigan. Douglas explained to her that the prison guards never looked at his notebook, she said, but if they found contraband letters on his person he would lose his unusual privileges.

Under cross-examination by the defense, the witnesses testified that none of the defendants they had met through prearrangement by Douglas had ever spoken of kidnapping Mr.

Kissinger or blowing up Washington. Miss Hoover told Louis Boudin defense counsel, that none of the defendants had ever she said. Wash-asked her to destroy draft board records. Only Douglas had ever counseled such action, she said.