

\$50,000 Asked

No, Informer Quotes FBI

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HARRISBURG — (AP) — Boyd F. Douglas Jr., the key government witness against the Harrisburg Seven, testified today that the FBI flatly refused his request in 1970 for \$50,000 for his informant services which led to the indictment of the antiwar activists.

Douglas, 31, began his second week on the witness stand in the prosecutor's attempt to prove that the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six other vigorous opponents of the war in Vietnam attempted to publicize their movement by plotting to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up tunnels.

An Answer

The former convict testified calmly about a letter he wrote on Oct. 3, 1970, requesting "additional money" from the FBI.

"How much was it?" asked prosecutor William S. Lynch.

"Approximately \$50,000," Douglas replied.

"Did you ask for a concrete answer, and get a concrete answer?" Lynch asked.

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"Absolutely no," Douglas replied.

Douglas said he made the request in writing shortly after he had received \$1500 from the FBI "for information received on the Rochester incident." The offices of the Selective Services Board, the U.S. Attorney, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were vandalized on Sept. 6, 1970, in Rochester, N.Y.

5 Weeks Later

Douglas told the jury a formation in mid-October 1970 on the defendants' alleged plot to blow up the heating tunnels.

Then, Douglas continued, five weeks later when FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover

disclosed the alleged plot to kidnap Kissinger in congressional testimony, it almost blew his cover.

He testified that Sister Elizabeth McAlister, one of the defendants, "was highly suspicious that I was the leak . . . she was quite paranoid in reference toward me."

Told Lie

U.S. District Court Judge R. Dixon Herman asked Douglas whether he denied that he was the leak.

"Yes, I told her she was wrong," Douglas replied.

Douglas quoted Sister Elizabeth as telling him that only the persons in the inner circle of the Catholic left knew about the kidnaping plan.

"She said she could count the number of persons on her hand," Douglas testified.

"And you were a member of the inner circle?" the judge asked.

"Yes," he said. "She felt none of the other people would have given this information but me . . . she felt the leak was me . . . she said if things quieted down and nothing happened as a result of Hoover's statement I might be reinstated in her mind."