

# The Volunteer

## Berrigan 'Spy'

Harrisburg, Pa.

Boyd F. Douglas Jr. admitted under cross-examination yesterday that he voluntarily began a dossier for the FBI after his first meeting with the Rev. Philip Berrigan. He said he envisioned himself as a future government agent.

"You were collecting information for the FBI then and without their knowledge or consent?" Douglas was asked at the federal anti-war conspiracy trial of Father Berrigan and six co-defendants.

"That is correct," Douglas responded in the concise tones that have marked his eight days thus far on the witness stand.

"Did you ever say that after you finished parole you would like to work for the FBI?" asked O'Dwyer, brother of former New York city mayor William O'Dwyer.

"Possibly I said that," Douglas answered.

"Did you have in mind that sometime you might make a career of that?"

"It was a possibility, yes," Douglas replied.

Previously, Douglas had testified that his motive in copying letters smuggled in and out of the Lewisburg, Pa., Federal Penitentiary for Father Berrigan was to protect himself in event of discovery. He said he was in league with a group whom he regarded as "a threat to the U.S. Government."

Douglas repeated this outline of his motive for O'D-

wyer. But when the witness first told of copying Berrigan letters, he was asked:

"Did you intend to send that letter to the FBI?"

"Yes," Douglas responded, "it was my intention in the future that the FBI have that information."

In the second day of cross-examination, the defense continued to stress the theme that Douglas was an FBI plant inside the penitentiary to entrap Father Berrigan and his fellow anti-war activists.

The seven defendants are charged with conspiring to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, to blow up heating tunnels in Washington and to vandalize draft boards in several states.

Father Berrigan entered Lewisburg in the spring of 1970 to begin a six-year term for the destruction of draft board records. Douglas was finishing up a five-year term for interstate transport of forged checks, and assault on a federal agent.

Douglas testified he became a mail and telephone courier for Father Berrigan, taking advantage of his own freedom to leave the prison daily to attend study-release classes at nearby Bucknell University. *Associated Press*