

Berrigan Jury

Reviews Testimony

HARRISBURG (Pa.) — (AP) — Testimony by paid FBI informer Boyd F. Douglas Jr. about the alleged plot to kidnap White House aide Henry Kissinger and blow up Washington's tunnel heating system was requested today by the conspiracy trial jury — and the judge sent the transcripts in.

The jury of nine women and three men got the case yesterday afternoon and spent nine hours reviewing the testimony of some of the 64 witnesses before retiring for the night.

This morning they went back to U.S. District Court Judge R. Dixon Herman, first to hear a rereading of his definition of conspiracy and then to ask for transcripts for four of the 14 days of Douglas' testimony, two of them under cross-examination.

Star Witness

Douglas, a 31 year old ex-convict, was the government's star witness against the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six other peace activists accused of conspiring to kidnap Kissinger, dynamite the tunnels that supply steam heat to 75 federal buildings and vandalize draft board offices in at least nine states.

1 Douglas and Berrigan
3 were inmates at the federal
- penitentiary at Lewisburg,
7 Pa., in the spring and summer of 1970 when, the gov-

ernment claims, the antiwar priest masterminded a plot aimed at ending American military involvement in Vietnam.

The testimony the jury requested included the first reading to them of the letters exchanged by Sister Elizabeth McAlister, a nun who is a defendant, with Berrigan in which they mentioned an idea to kidnap Kissinger.

Berrigan wrote that the proposal "opens the door to murder."

Attended Classes

Douglas, at the time, was serving as a courier for Berrigan and copying the letters for the FBI. He was able to leave the prison during the day as a study-release convict who attended classes at Bucknell University.

Douglas, in the testimony the jury wanted to read, said he agreed to be in charge of the explosives for the tunnel project and he suggested the necessity of having a gun to carry out the kidnaping.

In the cross-examination the jury asked to see, Douglas acknowledged that he had asked the FBI for a tax-free \$50,000 reward "to help the government obtain enough evidence to prosecute these people."

It has been the defense contention that Douglas lied and provoked the defendants strictly for his own personal gain.