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wo Arrests at **Arms Cache**

Authorities were check- hole and start to bury a bag, a with intelligence agen- a sheriff's spokesman said. ing with intelligence agencies yesterday to determine if two men caught burying guns and hand granades in a San Lorenzo field are members of any militant organization.

A tip to the Alameda county sheriff's office that the small arsenal was going to be buried in a field near the San Lorenzo industrial park, which borders on San Francisco Bay, led to the arrests Sunday night.

Deputies watched the site through night-vision field glasses and observed two men get out of a car, dig a federal authorities.

Gilligan and Merrill are bing held in the Alameda county jail for questioning by men get out of a car, dig a federal authorities.

The posse of officers moved in and arrested John Gilligan, 28, of New York, and John Merrill, 26, of Detroit, who refused to say any-thing other than to give their identities.

A third suspect, who was driving the car, sped from the scene when he caught

sight of the deputies.

The bag which was being buried contained 30 hand grenades and two automatic pistols, police said.

Cillian and Marrill are