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# Leslie Bacon Enters Plea Of Innocent

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Leslie Bacon pleaded innocent yesterday to a charge she lied to the federal grand jury which questioned her a year ago about the March 1, 1971, bombing of the U.S. Capitol.

After entering her plea before U. S. District Judge Walter McGovern, the 20-year-old anti-war activist told newsmen. "It's an absurd indictment."

She said she believed she was indicted for perjury nearly a year after her testimony because "the FBI is still under pressure and embarrassed . . . They haven't caught or charged anybody."

"I think it's interesting that the grand jury I testified before didn't charge me with perjury — it was the new one about two weeks after the other one expired," she said.

Michael Kennedy of San Francisco, Miss Bacon's attorney, said the indictment had "political overtones" and he would file a dozen motions contesting it. The motions tentatively were set for argument August 14 and 15.

Kennedy said a mid-September trial is likely.

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