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# Informer Says FBI Paid for Draft Raid

CAMDEN (N.J.) — (AP) — The FBI paid for the tools, equipment and training for a raid on the Camden draft board because the government wanted the raid carried out, an FBI informer claimed today.

On the basis of an affidavit signed by FBI informer Robert Hardy of Camden, N.J., defense lawyers filed a motion for dismissal today and charged that Hardy had trained the defendants for the raid and had provided ropes, drills, bits, a van, trucks and groceries paid for by the FBI.

The defense charged that, prior to Hardy's entrance into the group, the plan had been abandoned, and that Hardy rejuvenated the plot.

#### Top Level Decision

Hardy also said the deci-

sion to let the raid take place rather than arrest the conspirators earlier had been made at the top level of the federal government.

Hardy said he contacted the FBI after a "dry run," of the raid at which he had expected arrests to be made, "and I was told that, against the wishes of some of the local FBI people, the higher-ups — 'someone at the Little White House in California,' they said — which I took to mean someone in the FBI or Justice Department then in California, wanted it to actually happen."

#### Paid \$60 A Day

Hardy said he "provided 90 percent of the tools necessary for the action. They couldn't afford them, so I paid and the FBI reimbursed."

He also said, "it was paid on an hourly basis at a rate equivalent to what I normally made, \$60 per day, plus all expenses."

Last Aug. 22 FBI agents arrested eight persons inside the Federal Building in Camden who were removing records from the Selective Service office. Twenty other persons were arrested later.

Hardy said he first learned of the plot in June 1971 through a friend, Michael Giocondo of Camden, one of the defendants.

The plot had already fallen through after having been discovered by the FBI, Giocondo told Hardy.

Then, Hardy said, he went to the FBI and was asked to keep the bureau posted on developments.

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