

# Vet Informer's 'Contract' Tale

Gainesville, Fla.

The government's star witness testified yesterday that, after he was unmasked as an FBI informer, the alleged ringleader of a group of anti-war Vietnam veterans on trial here asked him to "fill a contract" for a gangland-style slaying.

The testimony by William V. Lemmer, a would-be Green Beret with a history of mental instability, followed today on the stand in which he said the alleged mastermind, Scott Camil, told him he was training "political assassination teams," armed with the spoils of the narcotics trade, on an isolated farm.

None of these acts are mentioned in the government's indictment.

When Lemmer concluded his testimony, U.S. District Judge Winston E. Arnou ordered the trial suspended until tomorrow morning to allow the defense time to study two written statements and ten hours of tape cassettes suddenly handed over by the government.

Then he grimly ordered prosecutor Jack Carrouth into his chambers. Forty five minutes later, Carrouth and his superior, U.S. Attorney William Stafford, emerged tight-lipped. "No comment," they said as they stalked down the hall.

The government is required by the Jencks Act to turn over to the defense all official statements and documents relating to a witness after testimony is completed. Arnou, hoping to speed

the trial, has pressed for the material to be made available earlier.

But the government has delayed with material on each of its witnesses, saying the documents were not available, and, in one case, saying it had no "Jencks material" until defense lawyers discovered an FBI report, which the judge ordered turned over.

Lemmer is widely regarded as the government's chief informant in the case of the seven members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and a supporter charged with plotting to disrupt the Republican National Convention.

Frequently lapsing into military jargon and gangland slang, Lemmer testified Camil talked of forming

"political assassination squads" and "fire teams" to raid Miami police stations to divert policemen from the hoped-for riots during the convention.

Even after admitting he was on the FBI payroll, Lemmer said, he rode with Camil and others to plan the raids and talk with leaders of a Cuban exile group called Abdala about obtaining rifles, 80-m. and 60-mm. mortars and Israeli submachine guns.

Later, riding in a car back to the veterans' Gainesville base, Lemmer said, Camil said he had "taken out a contract on someone he didn't know and needed someone to fill it."

Lemmer declined. "I said I had no weapons with me," he testified. *New York Times*