

# Secret Service Continues Inquiry Into Nixon Plot

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The possibility that one or more of the four Yemeni Arabs involved in the alleged plot to assassinate President-elect Richard M. Nixon was working—or had once worked—for foreign intelligence organizations was being investigated yesterday by the Secret Service and other Government agencies.

Law enforcement officials were careful to stress that the investigation into the backgrounds, political affiliations and "foreign contacts" of the three plot suspects and an unidentified informant was in an early stage, with the possibility of their intelligence connections only a suspicion.

The investigation is based on large quantities of correspondence and other material seized when 43-year-old Ahmed Rageh Namer and his two sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 18, were arrested in their Brooklyn apartment on Saturday.

A law enforcement official said that "there is reason to believe" that one of the alleged plotters "was perhaps a spy before or after he came to this country."

## Yemen Dispatch Quoted

In an Associated Press dispatch from Al Matawir, Yemen, yesterday, a cousin of Ahmed Namer was quoted as having said that Ahmed Namer was a member of the secret police in Aden, which is now independent South Yemen, a former British Protectorate at the tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Ahmed Namer came to the United States about 13 years ago, and law enforcement officials are attempting to learn whether he ended his associations with whatever political or governmental entities he might have worked for in his native country.

Employers of Ahmed Namer and his two sons — as well as many of the Namers' acquaintances in the East New York section of Brooklyn where they lived when they were arrested — have said that the family seldom discussed politics.

The unidentified informant against the Namers appeared yesterday before a Kings County grand jury for 90 minutes. Security precautions were taut, and the press and public were prevented from seeing the informant as he en-

tered the fourth-floor grand jury room.

During the afternoon, Acting District Attorney Elliott Golden was asked whether he had any information to substantiate reports in the Arab community that the informant was "a secret agent of the Yemen Government."

"I have absolutely no comment," Mr. Golden said.

Thus far, there has been no indication about what side, if any, the Namers have taken in the bitter, five-year war between the Yemeni Republicans and the Royalists who oppose the regime.

## Tribal Battle Recalled

But one United Press International dispatch from Aden, South Yemen, quoted "reliable Arab sources" there as having said that the unidentified Yemeni informant and the Namers were from opposing tribes that recently fought each other in Rada Province in Yemen.

How the Arab sources knew who the informant is was not explained in the dispatch.

Mr. Golden said yesterday that he hoped, if an indictment was handed up, to keep the name of the informant a secret until the trial of the three men on charges of conspiracy to murder, criminal solicitation and possession of dangerous weapons.

The grand jury adjourned at 5 P.M. yesterday and will return to hear more witnesses at 10 A.M. today. A hearing yesterday morning before Judge John S. Fury was postponed until Friday at the request of lawyers for both sides because of the grand jury investigation.

Besides hearing the secret informant's testimony along with

that of police investigators, the grand jury saw an M-1 rifle and a carbine that the police said were found when the Namers' apartment was raided.

Mr. Golden said shortly before the grand jury adjourned that the Office of the District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles had communicated with him about the Namer case.

There had been speculation that the Namers and Sirhan B. Sirhan, the Jordanian Arab who will stand trial for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, might have been associated in some way.

Lynn D. Compton, the chief deputy district attorney in Los Angeles, said that he simply called Mr. Golden "to see if the plot business had any implications for us, and the answer was no."

He said that "there's nothing we're aware of that might involve us or is of any interest to us—and nobody's contacted us or asked us to do anything."