

Veterans Assert Testimony Was False

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 15 — The Vietnam Veterans Against the War charged today that the Federal indictment of six of its members for plotting disruption of the Republican National Convention next month was based on the "false testimony" of an informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The veterans group said that it had 14 hours of tape recordings in which the alleged informer, William Lemmer, "documents that 95 per cent of his testimony to the F.B.I. and the Justice Department is false and was given to them in order to raise his own income as an informant."

Some of the information in the tapes is contained in affidavits filed in the Federal District Court here by two members of the veterans' group, Martin Jordan and Donald Donner.

The affidavits charged that Mr. Lemmer, who had been the Arkansas-Oklahoma regional coordinator for the organization, admitted to them that he had been paid by the F.B.I. and that he was receiving travel expenses and payments for his apartment and a new car.

Bombing Plan Reported

The affidavits charged that he had "aided and abetted" a teen-ager in a plan to blow up a building known as Old Main at the University of Arkansas. They said that Mr. Lemmer showed the youth, who was arrested and convicted, how to make and place the bomb.

The Federal indictment charges that, at a meeting in Gainesville, Fla., on May 27, the six defendants conspired to

"organize numerous 'fire teams' to attack with automatic weapons fire and incendiary devices police stations, police cars and stores" in Miami Beach, and that during the Republican convention period, the defendants planned to "fire lead weights, 'fried' marbles, ball bearings, 'cherry' bombs and smoke bombs" at the police, and to disrupt communications systems.

Meanwhile, the veterans group called for demonstrations by its members at Federal courthouses around the country to protest the grand jury action Thursday night in voting indictments of the six members. However, it canceled plans for demonstrations here.

Reports Provocateurs

"The situation here is very uptight and we do not want to take any chance of the possibility of confrontations," Michael Oliver, the San Francisco coordinator of the group, said here.

He said that plans for a candlelight vigil in front of the courthouse had been canceled because of the tension and because "numerous provocateurs were uncovered in Miami."

Instead, about a dozen Florida veterans hope to meet with Gov. Reubin Askew on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Oliver said the form of the demonstrations would be up to local chapters, but added, "They will be peaceful—I'd like to stress that word."

Three of the veterans—Scott Camil, John W. Kniffin and William J. Patterson—are still jailed here in lieu of \$25,000 bonds. A fourth, Alton C. Foss, was released in Miami after putting up a house as security.

Two others—Peter P. Mahoney and Donald P. Perdue—are still at large.

Four other veterans—Jack L. Jennings, William B. Horton, John V. Chambers and Wayne Beverly—are in jail here after refusing to testify before the grand jury.