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NEW YORK AP — A Brooklyn grand jury returned a four-count indictment today against three Yemeni Arabs charged with conspiring to kill President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

The indictment, containing the same charges filed against them last Saturday, was returned after two days of grand jury testimony, chiefly by an informant who told police he was asked to be the trigger man in the assassination.

The informant, identified only as a man with an Arabic name, claimed the three Arabs contacted him because he is an expert marksman.

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The defendants are Ahmed Ragueh Namer, 43, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19.

They were charged with conspiracy, criminal solicitation and two counts of possession of dangerous weapons.

The trio, all shipping clerks in the garment district, were arrested Saturday after the informant phoned police.

The father and Abdo were seized in their Brooklyn apartment, where police said they found an M1 rifle, an M1 carbine and 24 rounds of ammunition.

Hussein, who was said to have fled out a window and down a fire escape when police entered the apartment, was arrested five hours later on the street outside the building.

In Yemen, the elder Namer's wife said she had letters which would clear her husband. She said she had asked him to send her a gun.

Namer came to the United States from Yemen about 15 years ago, and is a naturalized citizen.

A cousin in Yemen said Namer had once been a member of the secret police in Aden, a former British protectorate at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula. Aden is now independent South Yemen.

The Secret Service and other agencies were investigating the possibility that one of the Namers had once worked for foreign intelligence organizations. The possibility was said to be based on correspondence found in the apartment.

One law enforcement officer said there was reason to believe that one of the trio "was perhaps a spy before or after he came to this country."

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NEW YORK AP — An unidentified man who allegedly tipped off police to a plot against the life of President-elect Richard M. Nixon spent 90 minutes before a grand jury Tuesday.

Earlier, hundreds of spectators had jammed Brooklyn's Criminal Court room as three heavily guarded defendants appeared for a hearing.

Accused of the plot, and of trying to induce the informant to actually be the trigger man in Nixon's assassination, are an immigrant from Yemen, 43-year-old Ahmed Ragueh Namer, and his sons, Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 19.

Police say an M-1 rifle, an M-1 carbine, and 24 rounds of ammunition were found in the Namer's Brooklyn apartment when police raided it and arrested the trio Friday.

Namer's wife said in Yemen that she has letters which would clear him of the charges. She said she could prove she had asked him

to send her a gun, indicating the guns found in the Brooklyn apartment were for that purpose.

A cousin of Namer said in Yemen, "A gun is identity for the Yemeni."

Another cousin said in the Middle Eastern country that Namer once had been a member of the secret police in Aden.

The grand jury heard 24 hours of testimony on the case and authorities announced it would resume its investigation Wednesday.

In addition to the informant, described only as a 26-year-old man with an Arabic name, the jury heard a policeman who took the informant's telephone tip concerning the alleged plot, and the officers who seized the Namers.

Judge John Eury then postponed the hearing until Friday.

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