

FBI infiltrator in Attica trial claimed

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BUFFALO — A 26-year-old woman said yesterday she infiltrated radical political organizations, including the Attica prison riot legal defense, as a paid informer for the FBI.

Mary Jo Cook said she was paid an average of \$300 a month plus expenses to report to the FBI under the code name "Jo Leroy" from summer of 1973 until fall 1974.

"I was hired by the government to commit a political crime but one which I won't be prosecuted for," she said.

Miss Cook, who graduated cum laude from Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., in 1970, said she decided to reveal her undercover activities after "I realized what I was doing was not only wrong, but undermined ev-

erything I had learned to believe in growing up in America.

"I thought I was being loyal to America when I started," she said. "But I guess I watched television too much not to be convinced that the FBI would ask me to do anything wrong."

Miss Cook said she worked on the jury project evaluating potential jurors in the recent Attica murder trial. "I was made privy to information about the defense," she said. "And I said a lot" to the FBI.

In that trial, a former inmate was convicted of murder and another of attempted second-degree assault in connection with the death of a guard during the uprising.

Defense attorney William Kunstler said yesterday he has asked for a hearing on Miss Cook's activities.