

Berrigan Case

'Reward Sought'

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Boyd Douglas Jr., the FBI informer in the conspiracy trial of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six others, asked for "a minimum reward of \$50,000 tax free" as payment for his testimony against the antiwar priest, the defense charged today.

Berrigan and the others are accused of plotting to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger in an effort to force an end to the Vietnam war.

The defense said the request was made in a letter dated October 3, 1970, nearly four months before the first of two indictments in the case. The defense statement was made in the absence of the jury.

THE 31-YEAR-OLD Douglas, a prisoner with Berrigan in the Lewisburg, Pa. federal penitentiary in 1970, took the stand yesterday afternoon and is expected to be a witness for the rest of the week. It was the first time he had been seen publicly since he disappeared after testifying before a grand jury on Jan. 5, 1971.

The letter was attached to a defense motion asking the judge to compel the government to supply all information concerning the reward.

The judge denied the motion and ordered the trial to proceed.

The letter, was addressed to "Molly," believed to be an FBI agent, and signed "Pete," a code name said to be used by Douglas.

Leonard Boudin, one of the defense lawyers, called it "a very damaging document."

ANOTHER defense lawyer, Paul O'Dwyer, told U.S. District Judge R. Dixon Herman a copy of the letter was turned over by the government last night.

In the letter "Pete" thanked "the Bureau for their reward," and said it would be used for a new car.

The letter continued:

"Considering what I will go through before and after the trial or trials, I request a minimum reward of \$50,000 (taxfree), \$5,000 be paid me the first week of December 1970 and the rest at the start of trial or when things are blown wide open. With this I could start a small business or continue at college.

"**THIS** figure may sound a little high, but considering everything, I feel it is worth it to the government and it will make a life for me.

"I will do all I can to help the government to prosecute these people concerned. However, I don't want to feel that I'm just being used. I know these people may not bother me, but the only way I will be able to feel comfortable is to take some precautions as they are the cream of the Catholic left. This figure doesn't count for expenses between now and the time for trial," the letter said.

In another development, the government asked the judge to quash a defense subpoena calling on FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and Norman Carlson, director of the federal Bureau of Prisons, to testify at the trial.

The government said compliance "would be unreasonable and oppressive."

Douglas testified yesterday that he became an FBI informer because, in part, he was a Roman Catholic and was worried about the ideas of Berrigan.