

'Frameup' Charge

Berrigan Witness Asked for \$50,000

HARRISBURG (Pa.) — (AP) — Boyd Douglas Jr. sought a tax-free \$50,000 reward from the FBI as its informer against the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six other antiwar militants, it was disclosed today.

The revelation led to a defense charge that the federal antiwar conspiracy trial of the co-called Harrisburg seven is "a frameup."

In a mystery letter to a person addressed only as "Molly," Douglas, a 31 year old ex-convict, said he was asking that "\$5000 be paid me the first week in December 1970 and the rest of it at the start of the trial or when things are blown wide open.

Prosecute

In return Douglas pledged to "help the government obtain enough evidence to prosecute these people concerned."

Berrigan and his six codefendants are accused of conspiring in the summer of 1970 to kidnap presidential aide Henry Kissinger, vandalize draft board files in several states and blow up underground heating tunnels in Washington, D.C.

The "Molly" letter came to light when the defense asked the court "to compel the government to reveal the records of any money transactions between Douglas and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other agency of the U.S. government.

Denied

"Motion denied," ruled U.S. District Court Judge Dixon Herman, who heard the matter in the absence of the jury.

In a subsequent new conference the defense claimed "Molly" was a cover name for FBI agent Delmar Mayfield Jr. Mayfield was one of two agents who initially prevailed on Douglas to turn FBI informer during a June, 1970, rendezvous in a picnic area near the Lewisburg, Pa., campus of Bucknell University.

"This looks increasingly like a frameup instead of a judicial case," said one of the defendants, Eqbal Ahmad. "We are not told whether the demand was met fully, partially or in what way."

Overlooked

The defense said it had no knowledge of the "Molly" letter until handed a copy by the government at 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

The prosecution replied that the letter came into its possession only recently, after being overlooked in the initial investigation.

The letter was dated Oct. 3, 1970.

At the time, Douglas already was four months involved as an FBI informer in the alleged smuggling of letters in and out of Lewisburg federal penitentiary on

behalf of his fellow convict, Berrigan.

The antiwar priest was beginning a six-year term for destroying draft records. Douglas was winding up a stretch for interstate transportation of fraudulent checks and assault on an FBI agent. He was paroled Dec. 16, 1970.

At the time the government says Douglas was a courier for Berrigan, Douglas was a study-release student at Bucknell and was permitted to leave and re-enter the penitentiary daily to attend classes.

The letter to Molly read in part:

"Considering what I will

go through before and after the trial, or trials, I request a minimum reward of \$50,000 tax free — \$5000 to be paid me the first week in December 1970 and the rest at the start of the 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 bit 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 obtain enough evidence to prosecute these people concerned. However, I don't want to feel that I'm just being used . . ."