Berrigan Trial

Plot to Bomb Pentagon

Harrisburg, Pa.

FBI informer Boyd F. Douglas testified yesterday that the Rev. Philip Berrigan told him that anti-war groups were planning to blow up the Pentagon computer in addition to destroying underground utility tunnels in Washington in 1970.

Douglas, a fellow inmate with Father Berrigan at the Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison, said under cross-examination that Father Berrigan had made the statement during a discussion they had inside the prison.

Former U. S. Attorney

General Ramsey Clark, a defense attorney, attempted to show that Douglas provoked the discussion of explosives by telling Father Berrigan he was an Army demolitions expert when he was not.

"Didnt you tell Philip Berrigan you were a demolitions expert before the Washington (D.C.) project came up?" Clark asked.

"No," Douglas replied.
"Prior to that he had mentioned putting an explosive device inside the computer at the Pentagon. He also mentioned the fact concerning the tunnel system — that

explosives would be necessary."

Douglas, who turned government informer while smuggling letters in and out of prison for Father Berrigan, said the anti-war priest told him the Pentagon project had been "ruled out" at that time, but the tunnel project was continuing.

Father Berrigan and six others are accused of plotting to blow up the utility tunnels, conspiring to kidnap presidential aide Henry A. Kissinger and raid Draft Boards in nine states.

Clark was the first defense

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attorney to question Douglas, during his seventh day on thd stand. He reviewed the ex-convict's criminal record, which extended back to 1958 when Douglas passed his first phony check at the age of 18.

Douglas confirmed he had passed between \$50,000 and \$60,000 worth of bad checks before he was 23. His other offenses included armed assault of an FBI agent, car theft and impersonating military officers.

Douglas, who is now 31, testified he had smuggled letters out of prison for at least five inmates, in addition

to those written by Father Berrigan to Sister Elizabeth McAlister, also a defendant. He said he was never prosecuted for smuggling contraband while in prison, and denied the government gave him immunity in return for becoming an informer.

Douglas said he read each letter he smuggled and reported to the FBI any information from prisoners who were "involved in some type of political crime."

He said he used his own judgment in deciding what information should be turned over to the government.

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