

Informer Denies He 'Made It Up'

HARRISBURG (Pa.) — (AP) — Defense lawyers at the conspiracy trial of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six other persons are seeking to destroy the credibility of FBI informer Boyd Douglas Jr.

They have suggested that the government's star witness may have fabricated part of his testimony.

"I did not make it up," the 31 year old ex-convict replied yesterday during the start of cross examination.

Avoids Defendants

Douglas ignored the steady glances of the defendants, facing him sometimes smiling across the courtroom, and fixed his gaze on the jury of nine women and three men who watched him carefully.

Ramsey Clark, the former attorney general who heads the defense team, said Douglas may have been planted by the FBI to entrap the militant anti-war priest when the two were inmates at the Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary in the spring and summer of 1970.

Father Berrigan was serving six years for destroying draft files.

It is during this period, the government claims, that Father Berrigan masterminded a plot to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, blow up the heating tunnels in Washington, D.C., and vandalize draft boards around the country as means to change

U.S. war policies in Indochina.

'Frame-Up'

The defendants have characterized the prosecution as a "frame-up."

Under a sort of rambling, stop-and-go cross-examination, Douglas said over and over, "they did not," when asked if it was at the FBI's suggestion he discussed explosives, guns and kidnaping with Father Berrigan.

Q—In conversations you had with Father Philip Berrigan you mentioned explosives before he ever did.

A—No, I did not.

Q—In fact, you told him you were a demolitions expert in the Army before there was any mention of the D.C. project.

A—No. Before this he mentioned putting an explosive device inside the computer system at the Pentagon. Then he talked about the tunnel system, and that explosives might be necessary. Only after these conversations did I tell him I was a demolitions expert.

Q—You were the only one to mention a gun to Father Berrigan.

A—I was not.

Q—But you did say you suggested it to him after the discussion about the kidnaping, if that took place.

A—I told him I couldn't see how it could be done without the use of guns, and he said he hoped we could use blanks instead of real bullets.