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Fake Memo Charge on Berrigan

HARRISBURG (Pa.) — (UPI) — A defense attorney attempted to show today that FBI informer Boyd F. Douglas made up the contents of a memo — allegedly written by the Rev. Philip Berrigan — to back up charges made by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover against the anti-war priest.

Douglas said Berrigan, on trial with six others for plotting to kidnap presidential aide Henry Kissinger and to bomb underground heating tunnels in Washington, dictated the memo in 1970 while they both were inmates at the Lewisburg Federal Prison.

Pinpoint Plants

The memo said Berrigan wanted two other defendants to steal utility trucks, get maps of the tunnels, and pinpoint the location of generator plants in order to prepare for the Washington bombing.

Douglas said he took the information from Berrigan on Aug. 20, 1970 but did not give it to the FBI until Dec. 5, one week after Hoover told a Senate subcommittee that Berrigan was the ring-leader of a group plotting to kidnap Kissinger.

Defense attorney Paul O'Dwyer questioned Douglas persistently on why he held the memo for three months when he was making frequent reports to the FBI.

Question Barred

"Did you know that on Nov. 27, J. Edgar Hoover appeared before a subcommittee in connection with this case asking for 14 million dollars?" O'Dwyer asked.

When Federal Judge R. Dixon Herman ruled the question improper, O'Dwyer said:

"Mr. (William) Lynch (chief U.S. prosecutor) said after that date everybody began to run for cover. I want to show that the government began running for cover as of that day."

Douglas today started to wilt under the rigorous questioning in his ninth day on the witness stand and changed his answer three times when questioned about tapes he had made of telephone calls from some of the defendants.