

New Allegations Are Raised at Gainesville Trial

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GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 7 —The Government's star witness testified today that after he was unmasked as a Federal Bureau of Investigation informer, the alleged leader of a plot to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention took him to a clandestine meeting to discuss obtaining heavy weapons from right-wing Cubans and asked him to "fill a contract" for a gangland-style slaying.

The testimony by William W. Lemmer came one day after he told the court that the alleged plot leader, Scott Camil, had said that he was training "political assassination teams" armed with weapons obtained in trade for drugs.

None of these acts are mentioned in the Government's indictment of seven members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and a supporter who are on trial here on charges of planning an assault on the convention with bombs, automatic weapons, cross bows and slingshots.

Meeting in Chambers

When Mr. Lemmer concluded his testimony at midmorning, Federal District Judge Winston E. Arnov, obviously angry at the prosecution, ordered the trial suspended until Thursday to allow the defense time to study two written statements and some 10 hours of tape cassettes suddenly handed over to the Government.

Then he ordered the prosecutor, Jack Carrouth, into his chambers. Some 45 minutes later, Mr. Carrouth and his superior, United States Attorney William Stafford, emerged

tight-lipped. "No comment," they said as they stalked down the hall.

The Government is required by the Jencks Act to turn over to the defense all official statements and documents relating to a witness after testimony is completed. Judge Arnov, hoping to speed the trial, has pressed for the material to be made available earlier.

But, the Government has delayed such material on each of its witnesses, saying the documents were not available, and, in one case, contending that it had no "Jencks material" until defense lawyers discovered an F.B.I. report, which the judge ordered turned over.

When Mr. Carrouth protested during the court hearings that he was not sure if transcripts had been made of the tapes, Judge Arnov, who has grown increasingly irritated, directed him to search for and turn over any transcripts, snapping, "You do it, y'hear."

Mr. Lemmer, a stocky man with a walrus mustache, is widely regarded as the Government's chief informant in the case. Earlier, with a bushy beard and long hair, he was the Arkansas state coordinator of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and was known as one of the organization's more militant members.

He has a history of mental instability and once told a Congressional subcommittee that the Army had tried to give him a psychiatric discharge. Although he served as a paratrooper with the 173d Airborne Brigade, he had some training in the Special Forces — the Army's elite Green Berets — and continually refers to him-

self as "associated with the Special Forces."

He draws frequent deep breaths during his eight hours on the stand. His testimony was sprinkled with "sirs" and frequently, under Mr. Carrouth's pointed questioning, he would pause, say "O.K.," and then plunge into lengthy meticulously detailed descriptions of conversations or meetings.

Meeting Described

His memory apparently faltered yesterday, however, when he did not recall a telephone call allegedly made by Mr. Camil, during a trip to Miami the day after the weekend meeting at which Mr. Lemmer's identity as an informer was discovered.

Mr. Carrouth repeated the question this morning, and Mr. Lemmer then replied that Mr. Camil had arranged a meeting with a man named Pablo Manuel, a member of Abdala, a right-wing Miami-Cuban group.

At the meeting, Mr. Lemmer said, the two agreed not to be in opposition at the convention and Pablo Manuel volunteered that the Cubans had access to "M-16 rifles 106-type recoilless rifles and 81-millimeter and 60-millimeter mortars."

Returning to Gainesville from the Miami meeting, Mr. Lemmer testified, Mr. Camil told him "he had taken out a contract for someone he hadn't seen." and asked "if I wanted to 'fill a contract.'"

The target of the alleged "contract," like that of yesterday's assassination teams, was, he said, "unspecified."

Mr. Lemmer also recalled a meeting between Mr. Camil and Mr. Camil's brother, then a cadet with the Miami-Dade County police. He quoted Mr.

Camil as telling his brother: "If you use your machine guns, we'll use our hand grenades."

After Mr. Lemmer was found out, two veterans from Fayetteville, Ark., Martin Jordan and Donald C. Donner, confronted him and made 17 hours of tape recordings in which, the veterans say, he described various weird plots and counterplots.

Mr. Carrouth attempted to begin a line of questioning about this session, in an apparent effort to discredit it, but was blocked as the judge sustained defense objections.

Meanwhile, outside of court, it was learned that the recent past of the Government's first witness, Charles R. Marshall, a color-blind sometime private detective, was in direct contradiction to his sworn testimony.

The Pinellas Park Police Department said that he had never been a member of its force; the Florida Secretary of State's office said that Mr. Marshall's private investigator's license had been suspended because he had not paid his fee on time, and the local District Attorney and Sheriff's department said that they had recommended that his license to carry a concealed weapon be revoked because he was using the pistol to chase his wife's lover.

Meanwhile, a hearing scheduled for tonight on the matter of the two F.B.I. agents discovered with a suitcase full of electronic equipment in a room next to the defense offices in the courthouse was postponed so that attorneys could prepare for their cross-examination of Mr. Lemmer.