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Edwin M. Gaudet, sought by police for 3 days for allegedly threatening to kill President Nixon, arrives with his wife in Albuquerque, N.M., after his arrest.

Ex-Policeman Held in Nixon Plot

ARROYO HONDO, N.M., Aug. 22 (AP) — Edwin M. Gaudet, sought in the mountains of northern New Mexico nearly three days for allegedly threatening the life of President Nixon, surrendered peacefully today.

Gaudet, 29, a former New Orleans policeman, drove to a police base camp with his wife and cousin, who negotiated his surrender. He told newsmen the "government is organized crime" and was then taken by a Secret Service agent to Albuquerque for arraignment.

Gaudet was held tonight in

lieu of \$100,000 bond at Bernardo County jail after he appeared before a U.S. magistrate.

A federal warrant issued in New Orleans charged that Gaudet, a resident of the Morning Star commune near Taos, N.M., "knowingly, willfully, unlawfully, made a threat to take the life of the President" in New Orleans earlier this month. The charge carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine or five years imprisonment or both.

The Secret Service said it had no evidence linking Gaudet to an alleged conspiracy

to kill the President during his visit to New Orleans last Monday.

Before being taken to Albuquerque, Gaudet told newsmen, "The government is organized crime. The Pope is the head of the Mafia. And I support Angelia Davis for president."

Gaudet's wife, Judy, said the couple was not in New Orleans on Aug. 15, when, according to the warrant, Gaudet said in a New Orleans establishment, "somebody ought to kill President Nixon. If no one has the guts, I'll do it."