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MIAMI, FLA., OCT. 27 (AP)-A COFFEE HOUSE FOLK SINGER WAS HELD UNDER \$25,000 BOND IN MIAMI TODAY, ACCUSED BY A FRIEND OF THREATENING TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

AND, IN JACKSONVILLE, POLICE ARRESTED A MICHIGAN STEEL WORKER, BRUCE LEE CORNELL, IN A FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OFFICE THREE BLOCKS FROM WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS SPEAKING YESTERDAY. THEY SAID CORNELL WAS CARRYING A LOADED PISTOL AND AN UNLOADED CARBINE.

FOLKSINGER PAUL S. BACK, 26-YEAR-OLD JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT AND VETERAN OF THE AIR FORCE, STOOD MUTE AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING YESTERDAY BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER ROGER DAVIS. BUT HIS ATTORNEY, KENNETH DINNERSTEIN, ARGUED THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO CASE BUT "THE UNSUBSTANTIATED WORD OF ONE BOY."

HE REFERRED TO REID TRENCHER, 19, WHO TESTIFIED THAT BACK TOLD HIM ABOUT OCT. 12 THAT "IF LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON EVER CAME TO MIAMI, I WOULD KILL HIM, EVEN IF I HAD TO GIVE MY OWN LIFE."

JOHNSON VISITED MIAMI SUNDAY ON A THREE-STATE CAMPAIGN TOUR.

BACK'S MOTHER CALLED THE CHARGE "A FRIGHTFUL HOAX."

TRENCHER, DRESSED FOR THE HEARING IN SNEAKERS AND A RED AND WHITE STRIPED SHIRT, SAID HE "WORKS THE COFFEE HOUSE CIRCUIT" AND CALLED BACK "MY GOOD FRIEND."

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HE TESTIFIED THAT HE WENT TO THE FBI BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SAFETY AND, "I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO MY FRIEND, EITHER."

DINNERSTEIN SAID HE OFFERED NO DEFENSE AT THE HEARING BECAUSE "THE ENTIRE CHARGE IS RIDICULOUS."

HOWEVER, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY AARON A. FOOSANER SAID "WE CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE. THIS IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE. WE CANNOT ALLOW ANYONE TO MAKE THREATS, EVEN IDLE ONES, AGAINST THE PRESIDENT."

CORNELL, A FORMER NAVY ENLISTED MAN AT THE JACKSONVILLE NAVAL BASE, DENIED HE INTENDED TO HARM ANYONE.

POLICE SAID CORNELL WAS CARRYING A PISTOL IN A BAG AND THE RIFLE IN A CASE.

CORNELL SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO HIS MICHIGAN JOB AFTER A VACATION IN ST. AUGUSTINE, WHERE HE HAD DONE SOME HUNTING.

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