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Camden Antiwar Activists Say Trusted Member Was Informer

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CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 25 The antiwar activists arrested last weekened for allegedly trying to steal draft files here acknowledged today that one of their members had betrayed them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but they did not name him publicly.

"It is widely understood that we are in jail because a trusted and loved member of our group and loved member of our group was an informant for the government's police, the F.B.I.," the group said in a statement sent out from the Atlantic County sail in Mays Landing, where 11 of the men among the group of 20 are still being held in bail. held in bail.

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Earlier, at a Camden news conference, the Rev. Joseph Daourst, a Philadelphia priest, said that the group did not want to "get into the game of accusing a specific person."

But it is widely believed that the informant, described in the Government's complaint as having been a reliable source in the past, was Robert W. Hardy, 32 years old, who runs a small general contracting business out of his home in East Camden.

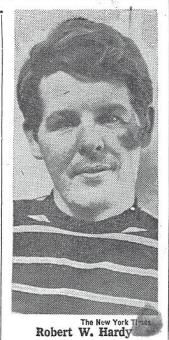
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He said he had "nothing to hide" from the grand jurv. "I'll tell the truth as I see it," he added. "I won't lie for nobody."



He continued to refuse to talk about his own role—whatever it was—but was willing to discuss the problems raised by the accuastion in generalities.

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Jr. Hardy, on first being asked Tuesday night about the reports that he was the informant seemed unruffled by the accusation, more nearly amused than angry.

He said he had been told by his lawyers to say nothing, in view of his appearance tomorrow morning before a grand jury here.

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"You have to be able to justify to yourself what you're doing," he said. "It doesn't matter what the world thinks of you."

As for the motives that could lead a man to become an informer, he said: "If he done it for money, he's got a problem. If the cause is just?" He stretched his legs, though a moment and said, "that's a heavy question, a hard question to answer," and did not answer it.

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"We do not know why our brother decided to inform. We can only hope that some higher purpose was sought other than money," te group's statement continued.

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As for Vietnam: "I got four sons—I think it's lousy war,"

said Mr. Hardy, a burly six-foot three-inch tall man who had volunteered for the Marines

Mr. Hardy, who has twice run for the Camden City Council is fluent in the phrases of the movement. He talked of seeing a Puerto Rican baby in a Camden slum covered with bedbug bites, of that being "where true change in the system would

Does the accusation bother him? "A little bit," he said. "I'd like to answer it, if indeed I am what you say fam." Asked again about hypothetical motives, he said: "How many people understand what they're doing or why?"

Raid Suspect Identified BUFFALO, Aug. 25 (AP) — One of five young persons ar-rested during a weekend raid of Selective Service and mili-tary intelligence files has been identified as a son of an executive of the Buffalo Bills foot-

ball team.
The-Federal Bureau of Inves-The-Federal Bureau of Investigation said yesterday that the 21-year-old suspect, who originally identified himself as Joseph Hill, is actually Jeremiah D. Horrigan of the nearby Town of Tonawanda.

Mr. Horrigan's father is John P. Horrigan, vice president for public relations for the National Football League team.

Of his son, the elder Horrigan told a newsman:

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