

Aides Guarding Chavez In 'Assassination Plot'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP) — Cesar Chavez, the farm labor leader, is being guarded by his followers against what they believe is an assassination plot.

Leroy Chatfield, spokesman for Mr. Chavez's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, says that the union is "certainly taking the story seriously" about a plot.

A Federal spokesman said yesterday that the Government "now considers the case closed" after a self-described informant was unable to provide any proof of a plot.

The informant, Larry Shears, told a television interviewer last week that he was paid \$500 Oct. 4 by the Internal Revenue Service's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division to provide information about a plot to kill Mr. Chavez.

He said that his attempt had been thwarted when the Government accidentally revealed him as an informant.

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