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'Deficiencies'--The Rebuke to Secret Service and FBI Probers Hint That Better Liaison Might Have Prevented Tragedy

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.
Both the FBI and the Secret Service were under a virtual mandate today to tighten up their security procedures and begin working together more closely when protecting the life of the President.

While neither agency was held responsible for the death of President Kennedy in Dallas last Nov. 27, both came under sweeping criticism in the Warren Commission report for failing to coordinate their information and activities on the day of the assassination.

The Warren report even suggested that had there been a closer liaison between the Secret Service and the FBI, Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused killer, might have been under scrutiny that day, and prevented from firing the fatal shots.

KNEW BACKGROUND

Neither agency knew at the time that Oswald had tried to kill former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, but the FBI knew of Oswald's defection to Russia, his pro-Castro tendencies, his hostility to the United States, his trip to Mexico and the fact that he had a job in a building along the President's motorcade route.

A real debunking of the FBI in high school will never live down.

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