

## AGENTS CHECKED KENNEDY'S ROUTE

Dallas Police Also Helped  
in Security Precautions

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DALLAS, Nov. 22 — The Secret Service made elaborate and painstaking security preparations for President Kennedy's visit here.

Agents made a minute check of the parade route he was to follow, the food he was to eat, the flowers that were to decorate the platform and potential trouble-makers.

Secret Service men who were all around the President when he was shot, looking into the crowds and the buildings, were ready for any eventuality. In addition, 350 uniformed officers of the Dallas police provided additional security for the President.

It was impossible, however, for agents to make sure that every room, every window and every alleyway and rooftop along the six-mile route from the airport to the Trade Mart did not contain a sniper.

Secret Service agents had been in Dallas for several days making security preparations.

At first, agents were reluct-

ant to approve the Trade Mart for the scheduled luncheon. It is a huge modern building for showing merchandise and holding meetings. They said a number of balconies overlooking the speaking stand might pose a problem, but after further study they approved the site.

The Dallas police provided agents with a list of known agitators who might cause trouble. The agents studied their pictures and habits.

Buildings along the route were checked.

Detailed security was arranged for the 14 entrances to the Trade Mart. Agents secured a guest list and planned to check the tickets of everyone attending.

Agents poked through 5,000 yellow roses that were arranged in the Trade Mart to make sure they contained no explosive or weapons.

It was decided that the President and his party would receive the same kind of steak at the luncheon as everyone else. The President's steak was to be selected at random in the belief that nobody would attempt to poison the entire lot.

Employees of the Trade Mart and those persons in the official greeting party at the airport were thoroughly looked over by agents.

Before the President arrived, agents gave the airport a thorough check. Balconies, windows and other vantage points were covered.

The Dallas police said the preparations were as thorough as could have been made.