

# Secret Servicemen's 'Partying'

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There are three agencies of government which are sacrosanct as far as congressional investigation or criticism is concerned—the FBI, the Secret Service, and Central Intelligence. In the interest of protecting the life of the President, however, it is my belief that a rigorous investigation should be undertaken regarding the first two.

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Here are some aspects which should be investigated:

The Secret Service—Six Secret Service men, charged with protecting the president were in the Fort Worth Press Club the early morning of Friday, Nov. 22, some of them remaining until nearly 3 a.m. This was earlier in the same day President Kennedy was assassinated. They were reported drinking. When they departed, three were reported en route to an all-night beatnik rendezvous, "The Cellar."

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It has been stated that it was an impossibility for the Secret Service to check the occupancy of every building along the route. While this is true, it is also true that warehouse-type buildings, such as that in which the assassin hid, should be searched, and the extra time spent by Secret Service men at the Ft. Worth Press Club could have been spent in so doing.

What happened at Fort Worth was that the press club, supposed to close at 10:00 p.m. under local

liquor laws, sent word inviting Vice President Johnson and Gov. Connally, both honorary members, to come over, and on that excuse stayed open after hours. Neither Johnson nor Connally accepted the invitation, but the club stayed open anyway.

Calvin Sutton, president of the club, said it was 3 a.m. when he locked up and the Secret Service men left a little ahead of him.

"They wanted to know where 'The Cellar' was, and I told them. But I did my best to discourage them. I don't know whether they went or not."

Sutton said they seemed to be in pretty good shape when they left. He denied that any were inebriated.

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The FBI—In Dallas, the police stated that the FBI had interviewed Lee Oswald but had not informed them about the interview. In Washington, the FBI denied that they had interrogated Oswald recently.

Regardless of whether he was interviewed recently or a long time ago a man who had been a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, who had professed Marxism, and whose record showed a mixed-up, unsteady emotionalism, should have been kept under careful watch on the day the President entered this city—one of the most lawless and intolerant cities in the United States.

The Secret Service keeps a file of people who have written threatening

letters to the President or who are otherwise suspect. If Oswald was not on their list, the FBI should have communicated with the Secret Service after they interviewed him.

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If photographs of Oswald passing out pro-Castro leaflets were shown on television—as they were—certainly the FBI and the Secret Service should have been able to catalogue him without too much trouble.

It's true there has been long-standing jealousy between the FBI and the Secret Service. Sometimes they act almost as if they don't speak. But they should stop squabbling over jurisdiction and headlines at least where the life of the President is concerned.

The Dallas Police—Newsmen who were on the scene in the basement of the Dallas police station inform me that it is inconceivable the police did not know Jack Ruby was inside.

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Most newsmen had to show their credentials to two police guards to enter the basement. It was more difficult to get in than into the White House. Yet a strip-tease night club operator with a police record of arrests for assault and for carrying concealed weapons was let inside.

How this happened may never be explained by the Dallas police. But a bipartisan, thorough-going congressional committee should probe to the bottom.