

ASSASSINATION FEAR SPURS LEGAL PLEAS

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(AP)—The Government wants "everything conceivable investigative weapon," including the right to offer rewards or grant immunity to an informer, if there is even an indication of an assassination plot against the President, Congress was told today.

Deputy Attorney General Ramsey Clark urged a House Judiciary subcommittee to approve legislation that would make killing, kidnapping or assaulting a President a Federal crime, enabling Federal authorities to take charge promptly.

"The need is unquestionable," Mr. Clark testified. "There is no legal difficulty involved. Action is required now."

Mr. Clark said that two sections of the legislation before the subcommittee would help Federal investigators.

One would authorize the Attorney General to pay rewards up to \$100,000 for information leading to detection of violators of the statute.

The other would allow a United States Attorney, with the agreement of the Attorney General and a United States court, to obtain information from a witness who insisted on immunity.

Mr. Clark was joined in support of the measure by Under Secretary of the Treasury Joseph W. Barr; J. Lee Rankin, who served as counsel to the Presidential commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy; and James V. Bennett, speaking for the American Bar Association. (E)