

Assassination Bill Backed by Boggs, Ford

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two House leaders who were members of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy agreed Sunday night the act might not have occurred had there been a federal law making the slaying of a President a federal crime.

Expressing this view were Reps. Hale Boggs (D-La.), Democratic House whip, and Gerald Ford (R-Mich.), Republican House leader.

The two also agreed that a law making the murder of a President a federal crime probably would serve as a deterrent to future assassinations of Presidents.

TV Program

Boggs and Ford gave their views in a program taped for television broadcast over WWL-TV, New Orleans.

On the program the two discussed their experiences as members of the Warren Commission and supported legislation, which they have introduced, to make a Presidential assassination a federal crime.

Both men also expressed the view that if the FBI and the Secret Service had had jurisdiction in the investigation of the shooting of President Kennedy, then the killing by Jack Ruby of Lee Harvey Oswald would not have occurred. **END**