

A Computer To Help Guard The President

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Washington—The Secret Service is feeding into a special computer the names and data on all known individuals, groups or organizations who might try to kill the President.

One recommendation of the Warren Commission was that the Secret Service expand its list of potentially dangerous people. At the time of President Kennedy's assassination, a manual system was used to check on dangerous individuals.

The service worked with the National Bureau of Standards and other agencies in developing the specialized equipment that will handle "protective intelligence." It is supposed to be operating by Jan. 1.

In addition to the computer, the agency has taken other steps to help it spot potential assassins. Federal agencies, state and local police and investigative organizations are now required to furnish the Secret Service with any information they have on people who might want to kill the President.

This means it is getting much more detailed information. The computer will enable headquarters here to check information more quickly with its field offices. It has offices in at least 63 cities in this country, and in Puerto Rico and Paris.

An example of its stepped-up workload, the Secret Service expects to make about 17,000 protective intelligence investigations during fiscal 1968, compared with 2,498 such investigations in fiscal 1965.

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