

Did Bremer Stalk Nixon?

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WASHINGTON (WP) —

Arthur Herman Bremer, the Milwaukee busboy accused of shooting Alabama Gov. Wallace, was "stalking President Nixon" in Ottawa during the President's state visit there April 13-15, say reliable Canadian government officials.

Federal sources here confirmed yesterday that Bremer had been traced to Ottawa and appears in official photographs of a crowd that assembled to greet Nixon there on Parliament Hill when the President made one of his public appearances during his 40-hour visit to the Canadian capital.

The story that Senior Canadian officials believe Bremer was "stalking" Nixon first appeared in yesterday's Toronto Star.

The Star quoted Inspector G. A. Potts head of the press liaison of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as saying that the investigation into Bremer's stay was under way at the request of the FBI.

In Washington, federal sources said Bremer had been positively placed in Ottawa during the President's visit, but they said that there was no evidence yet that Bremer was "stalking" Nixon.

Overall security for Nixon's visit was generally considered to be the tightest in Canadian history. Hundreds of U. S. and Canadian agents were assigned to guard the

President and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Bremer's visit surfaced after federal agents identified him in a photograph taken of a crowd around Parliament Hill. The picture apparently was taken Saturday morning, April 15, when the President went into the crowd.

In addition, federal sources said that some of the notes later found in Bremer's car indicated he had recently been in Canada.

A reliable federal source close to the investigation termed "incredible" the picture of Bremer's travels being assembled by federal investigators.

From April 7 to May 13 he has been positively placed as having been in New York City, Ottawa, Maryland and three cities in Michigan.

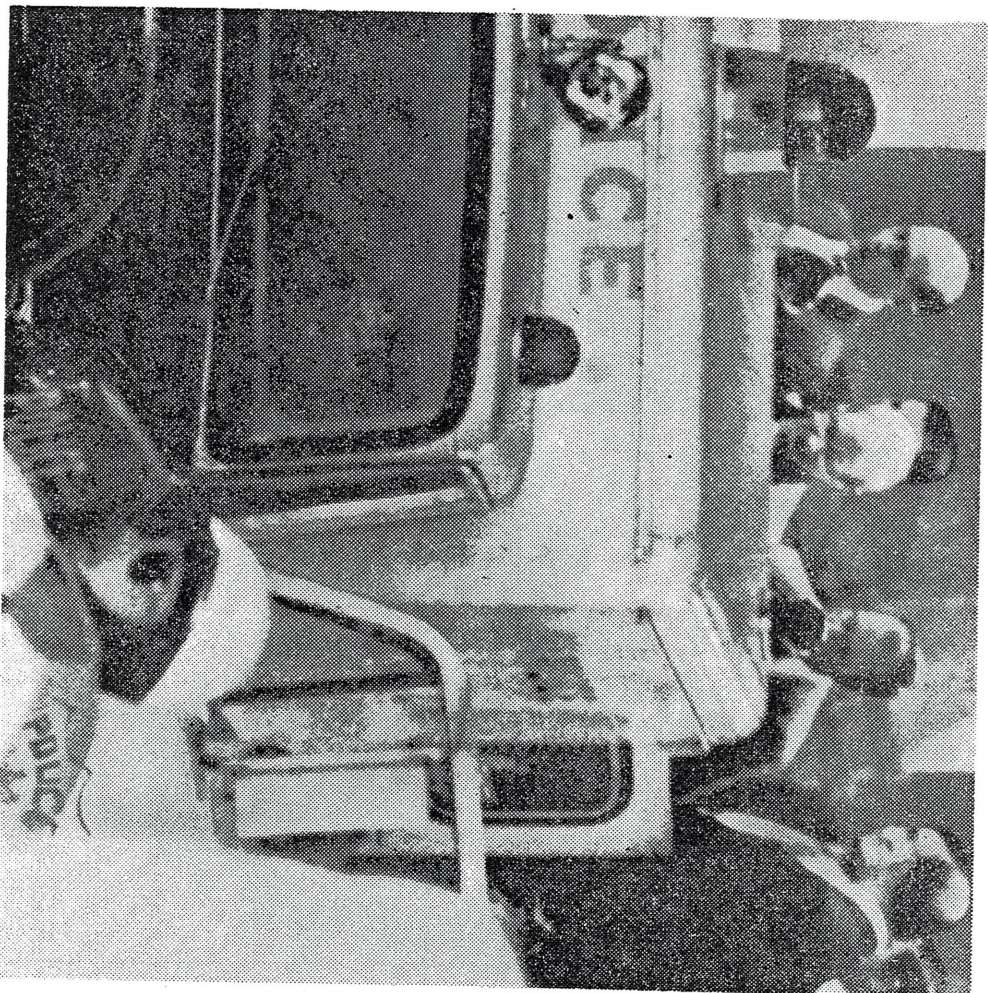
Additionally, federal sources said that they have placed Bremer in another 10 places in recent months, but these have not yet become public.

Reason for Travels?

There is some indication from these sources that the FBI has not fully establishes the reasons for such extensive travels.

Sources said that the evidence gathered to date indicates that Bremer had more than a passing interest in political candidates other than Alabama Gov. Wallace.

In Baltimore yesterday, Bremer pleaded innocent in U. S. District Court to federal charges in the May 15 shooting of Wallace and three other persons.



Federal agents lead Arthur Bremer tea after his arraignment.

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