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Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson explains a federal plan to combat terror bombings which would include new controls on the explosives industry.

## Repression Denied In Bomb Curb

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A Nixon administration official told a Senate panel yesterday that any new legislation aimed at curbing terror bombings should not be viewed as a signal of general government repression of political protest and dissent.

"The suppression of terroristic tactics is not a repression of free speech or the right to dissent or the

right to protest," Assistant Atty. Gen. Will Wilson told the Senate investigations subcommittee.

"We wish to emphasize," he said, "that it is punishment for crime and that the prevention of crime through firm and decisive action followed by appropriate punishment is, has been, and should continue to be the traditional response of the American political system to those who persist in violating the law."

"Much of the bombing is the result of fanatics who are politically motivated and insist on their own viewpoint being accepted," Wilson said. "They are not interested in free speech or the right to dissent or the right to protest or a dialogue with anyone who does not bend to their will."

The Nixon administration has submitted a bill to Congress which bans the interstate transportation of bomb components and sets harsh penalties — including life imprisonment and death — for any violations of the law where death occurs.

An inter-departmental task force has all but finished work on proposed revisions of the explosives control laws and will send to Congress next week a bill calling for federal regulation of the explosives industry, Wilson said.