

Bremer's Mysterious Stay at the Waldorf

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WASHINGTON (WP) —The FBI is investigating the fact that Arthur Herman Bremer, accused of trying to kill Alabama Gov. Wallace, spent the night of April 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York — the same night Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) was scheduled to stay at the hotel.

Although it could be no more than a coincidence, the timing of Bremer's stay was another suggestion of his possible interest in Presidential candidates other than Wallace.

Yesterday in Baltimore, investigators revealed that items found in his car included some campaign literature on Sen. McGovern. Officials said they were checking out the possibil-

ity Bremer may have been stalking the South Dakotan.

Still another unexpected turn in the case was the disclosure by Maryland police that they had found in Bremer's car the kind of 14-shot semi-automatic pistol often used as a military weapon.

The local police discovered the 9 mm. weapon

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after the FBI had thoroughly searched Bremer's 1968 Rambler. Neither the FBI nor the county police would say where in the car the pistol was found.

It also was learned yesterday that two months ago Bremer wrote a note to his Milwaukee Congressman urging him to "cut the goddamned military spending" and to "get rid of the generals."

The note, providing one of the few known glimpses into Bremer's political thinking, was in his own handwriting at the bottom of a questionnaire sent out in late February by Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.). Reuss turned the questionnaire over to the FBI yesterday.

According to a source who saw a copy of the questionnaire, Bremer told Reuss:

"Thank you for sending the questionnaire. It was a

great idea. Cut the Goddamned military spending. If I rob a bank of \$25,000, I would go to prison for 20 years. But if the generals do it, they don't. Get rid of the generals who spend \$162 million for armored trucks instead of repairing them for \$62 million. Thank you."

The source said the note was printed in a clearly adult hand in a space reserved for additional comments at the bottom of the questionnaire.

Bremer is being held in Baltimore County Jail on on\$200,000 bond. He was arrested immediately following Monday's shooting of Wallace at a shopping center in Laurel, Md.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Walter Surin, assistant manager of the Waldorf-Astoria, said Bremer had stayed there on April 7 and 8, a Friday and Saturday.

It was not known howw Bremer, who had been unemployed for some time before the assassination and apparently had been living in his car, could afford a night

at the Waldorf. He was almost penniless when he was arrested Monday following the wounding of Wallace and three other persons in the assassination attempt.

A spokesman for Humphrey said he could not recall why the Senator did not stay at the Waldorf the night of April 7 as scheduled. The spokesman said Humphrey always stays at the Waldorf, and in the same room, when he is in New York.

Another development yesterday concerned the flyer for Sen. McGovern (D-S.D.) listed on the FBI's search warrant as one of the items found in Bremer's car. A reliable Justice Dept. official said yesterday the flyer had been found under the windshield.

The spokesman said the flyer had been placed there Monday by McGovern campaign workers, and that similar flyers had been placed on other cars at the Laurel shopping center that day. He emphasized that the flyer had no connection with the continuing investigation into Bremer's background.