

Canada Says Bremer Stalked Nixon on Visit

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Arthur H. Bremer, the much-traveled Milwaukee busboy accused of shooting George C. Wallace was "stalking President Nixon" in Ottawa during the President's state visit there April 13-15, reliable Canadian government officials said yesterday.

Federal sources here confirmed yesterday that Bremer has 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 state visit to the Canadian capital.

Canadian sources said that Bremer was registered at the

Lord Elgin Hotel, which is about three blocks from Parliament Hill, from April 13 to 15.

The Canadian sources also said the Royal Canadian Mounted Police believe that Bremer was "stalking President Nixon" and are investigating the possibility at the request of the FBI.

The story that senior Canadian officials believe that Bremer was "stalking" Nixon first appeared in yesterday's late edition of the Toronto Star.

The Star quoted Insp. G. A. Potts, head of the press liaison of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as saying that the investigation into Bre-

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mer's stay was under way at the request of the FBI.

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

In addition, Canadian sources said yesterday that the Lord Elgin Hotel, where Bremer registered, was headquarters for an advance group of about three dozen U.S. Secret Service agents.

Sources in both countries said investigators are now trying to determine where Bremer entered Canada. Under the open border policy between the two countries, Bremer could have traveled back and forth freely, and there may be no record of his entries, officials said.

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 that he had recently been in Canada.

It could not be ascertained whether the notes led federal investigators to scrutinize anew the crowd photographs from the Ottawa visit. Federal agents customarily take crowd photographs during public presidential appearances.

Wallace was shot four times at a rally May 15 at the Laurel Plaza Shopping Center. The Alabama governor lies with a bullet in his spine, paralyzed from the waist down in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring.

Bremer is being held in Baltimore County jail under close federal guard on charges stemming from the shooting. Three other persons were wounded in the attack.

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

Bremer has been positively placed in the following places:

- April 7-9 at the expensive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Sen. Hubert H.

Humphrey was scheduled to stay at the Waldorf on April 9, but his plans were changed.)

- April 9 on a ferry trip from Milwaukee to Ludington, Mich.

- April 13-15 at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa.

- April 15 near Barker, N.Y. where he received a speeding ticket that night while driving south on Rte. 81 about 20 miles from the Pennsylvania state line.

- April 15-18 at the Sheraton Inn at New Carrollton in Prince George's County about 20 minutes from the Laurel shopping center where Wallace was shot a month later

- May 9 again on the ferry trip to Ludington, Mich.

- May 13 in Kalamazoo, Mich., at a Wallace rally.

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

There is some indication from these sources that the FBI has not fully established the reasons Bremer made 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 Wallace.

Donald L. Blakslee, manager of the Lord Elgin in Ottawa, declined to confirm the report of Bremer's stay in April. He said records of all the hotel's guests are confidential, and under no circumstances would they be made available in any form to the news media.

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