

Assassin Deterrent Is Sought

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Two House leaders who were members of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President Kennedy agreed last night the act might not have occurred had there been a Federal law making the slaying of a President a Federal crime.

Expressing this view were Reps. Hale Boggs (D-La.), Democratic House Whip, and Gerald Ford (R-Mich.), Republican House Leader.

The two also agreed that a law making the murder of a President a Federal crime likely would serve as a deterrent to future assassinations of presidents.

Boggs and Ford gave their views in a television program taped for a New Orleans station.

Both men also expressed the view that if the FBI and the Secret Service had had jurisdiction in the investigation of the shooting of President Kennedy, then the killing of Harvey Lee Oswald would not have occurred. The two agencies, they said, would have provided more safeguards for Oswald, the accused assassin.