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Navy Man Held In Threat to LBJ

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 7 (AP)—Jonathan F. Fermstad, 22, a Navy enlisted man from Minneapolis, Minn., has been arrested on a charge of making "a threat against the life of the President of the United States," a Secret Service spokesman reported today.

Fermstad is alleged to have made the threat orally in the presence of other Navy men. Fermstad has been a patient in the Portsmouth Naval Hospital since Aug. 11. Before he was admitted to the hospital he was a fireman aboard the USS Orion.

Secret Service Agents arrested Fermstad on Friday. He was given a preliminary hearing by U.S. Commissioner Gilbert Swink and ordered held under \$10,000 bond for action by a U. S. grand jury.

Fermstad told a newsman today he did not recall threatening the President's life.

"I believe I said the only way to get your man into office is to eliminate the competition," Fermstad said.

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