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## SECRET SERVICE GROWS

There was a time when the Secret Service was best known in this country for apprehending counterfeiter.

Since the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963, however, it has expanded from approximately 450 to 1650 agents, its annual budget booming from \$5.8 to \$115 million.

During Presidential campaign years, 60% of the Secret Service agents are assigned to protection duty. In non-campaign years, 60% are assigned to criminal cases.

According to Jack Warner, Secret Service spokesman, "Henry Kissinger was the first U.S. Secretary of State assigned Secret Service protection. Others, like Dean Rusk, were protected by State Department security agents. State Department security men also protected Nancy Kissinger. Why Henry Kissinger pre-

ferred Secret Service agents to State Department security men, you'll have to ask him."

There has been some talk that Kissinger would like continued Secret Service protection cum limousine for a considerable period of time--say, at least a year (at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million). At this writing, Congress has not yet passed the necessary legislation.

Reportedly, Kissinger is fearful of assassination--either by his enemies or, it is quipped, by his former employees.

Before President Kennedy was killed, only the President and his family, the Vice President and the President-elect were eligible for Secret Service protection. After Kennedy was murdered in Dallas, protection was extended to former Presidents, their wives or widows and minor children. In 1968, after Sen. Robert Kennedy was gunned down in Los Angeles, Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates were also accorded Secret Service protection. Six years ago, visiting dignitaries were added to the list of the guarded.