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**White House
Surveillance
Investigated**

The Secret Service is investigating reports that former White House officials used the Secret Service, the FBI and other agencies to gather critical information about Democratic presidential contenders last year, the White House said yesterday.

"I don't think I should say anything from here that would interfere with that investigation," deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said when questioned about a Washington Post story reporting the existence of 24 memos reporting on Democratic leaders.

Warren said he had not seen them, but he did not deny the story. The Secret Service is charged by law with protecting the First Family, "and that is the way the President perceives it," Warren said.

Refusing to comment in detail on the memos, Warren said he was not going to discuss "things that apparently went on prior to the 1972 presidential election.

"We are now operating in a different time and with different methods," he said.

Asked what he meant, he said "there is an entire change in the staff structure," an obvious reference to the changes that have taken place since the resignations of John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. (Bob) Halde-
man.