

Raid on Kissinger's Garbage

Washington

A Washington reporter was caught raiding Henry Kissinger's garbage cans early yesterday, but he talked his way out of arrest even though the incident "revolted" Kissinger and caused his wife "great anguish."

James Gourley, 27, a reporter for the weekly National Enquirer, said he was assigned to get the garbage

and sort through old bills and any other documents for a story.

In an interview, he declined "for crass and commercial reasons" to reveal what he learned, but he conceded that going through the garbage is "a rather unpleasant task."

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said the seizure of the garbage

caused Mrs. Kissinger "great anguish," and Kissinger "is really revolted by this act."

"He considers that at least the privacy of his home should be respected," Anderson said.

Gourley said the Enquirer had checked with lawyers and found that if the garbage was on public proper-

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ty, he had every right to pick it up. The Metropolitan police, summoned by the Secret Service agent guarding Kissinger's home, agreed and declined to arrest Gourley, the reporter said.

Gourley said he had previously found out when the trash is normally put out for morning pickup. He arrived at Kissinger's Georgetown home at midnight.

He described the street as "a gay pickup block. I was propositioned twice.

"I parked my car and looked around. I picked up two bags of trash in each hand and walked over and put it in the trunk. The Secret Service man started screaming and whistling. What I should have realized was what he suspected was a diversion for an assassin or something. I told him to calm down; that I really didn't need any help loading the trash. He warned me not to leave."

A Secret Service supervisor was called. He ran a check on Gourley through security files maintained on him because of the White House accreditation he received while working in Washington for the Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

Gourley described the ensuing two hours as humorous. He said the Secret Service agent on duty, the supervisor, an intelligence officer called at home and the local police did not want to make a decision on what to do.

The police finally said, "No, you're not going to get him on this," according to Gourley.

The Secret Service people were really very nice, Gourley said.

He quoted one agent as telling him, "You gotta understand they didn't train us to deal with this kind of thing when we learned how to cope with assassins."

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