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1ST LEAD THREAT (170)

HOUSTON, TEX., JULY 27 (AP)-SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ARRESTED ARTHUR DOVALL GOODRUM, 18, OF CLEVELAND, TEX., TODAY ON A CHARGE OF THREATENING THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

LANE BERTRAM, SECRET SERVICE AGENT, SAID THE UNEMPLOYED MAN WAS APPREHENDED AT THE HOME OF HIS MOTHER IN CLEVELAND AT 2 P.M. TODAY.

GOODRUM WAS THEN TAKEN BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER RALPH FOWLER IN HOUSTON FOR ARRAIGNMENT AT WHICH HE WAS ORDERED HELD IN THE HARRIS COUNTY (HOUSTON) JAIL IN LIEU OF \$10,000 BOND.

THE THREAT ON JOHNSON'S LIFE CAME DURING A POLITICAL CONVERSATION WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED CITY COUNCILMAN IN CONROE, TEX., APRIL 7, BERTRAM SAID.

GOODRUM HAD THUMBED A RIDE WITH THE COUNCILMAN TO CLEVELAND THAT DAY AND THEY BEGAN DISCUSSING POLITICS.

BERTRAM SAID GOODRUM BECAME EXCITED, BLAMED JOHNSON FOR THE "SOUTH'S PROBLEMS" AND SAID HE WOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT IF HE GOT A CHANCE. "I HAVE A GUN AT HOME TO DO IT WITH," BERTRAM QUOTED THE MAN AS SAYING.

BERTRAM SAID THE MAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A "SOUTHERNER AND SEGREGATIONIST."

THE 6-4, 240-POUND GOODRUM HAD BEEN SOUGHT YESTERDAY, BUT HE WAS NOT AT HIS MOTHER'S RESIDENCE AT THE TIME, BERTRAM SAID.

(NO PICKUP)

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