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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., OCT. 14 (AP)-AUTHORITIES SOUGHT A MENTAL PATIENT TODAY AFTER AN INFORMER SAID THE MAN THREATENED THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WHO WILL CAMPAIGN HERE SUNDAY.

THEIR FOLLOWUP OF THE TIP UNCOVERED A CACHE OF ARMS AND NAZI FLAGS, PICTURES OF NAZI LEADERS, WORLD WAR I AND II GERMAN HELMETS, A GERMAN MEDAL AND A GERMAN UNIFORM.

QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CACHE WAS JULIUS SCHMIDT, 29, OF CORPUS CHRISTI AN EX-CONVICT. THE WEAPONS AND ARTICLES WERE FOUND IN HIS HOME AND AT HIS MOTHER'S WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL RECENTLY.

ALSO QUESTIONED WAS JERRY BIRD, 27, CALLEN, TEX. SHERIFF JOHNNIE MITCHELL SAID HE WAS INTERROGATED AFTER TWO RIFLES, NEITHER OF WHICH WOULD SHOOT, WERE FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION.

SHERIFF MITCHELL SAID SCHMIDT AND BIRD WERE, IN HIS OPINION, INNOCENT OF ANY PLAN TO HARM PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

THE SHERIFF GAVE THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

THE FORMER MENTAL PATIENT NOT NAMED BY THE SHERIFF TOLD A SHERIFF'S INFORMER THAT HE WANTED TO DO AWAY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND NEEDED A FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPON. THE INFORMANT QUOTED THE EX-PATIENT AS SAYING HE BELIEVED SCHMIDT HAD SUCH A WEAPON.

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