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GORDON DU BOIS

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WITH JOHNSON (250)

PITTSBURGH, OCT. 27 (AP)-A STOWAWAY WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY TONIGHT ABOARD A JET AIRLINER THAT CARRIED THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS TO PITTSBURGH.

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TRAVELING ABOARD THE PLANE, TOOK INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT CHARGE A BESPECTACLED, MUSTACHED NEGRO MAN WHO VARIOUSLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A BOSTON RADIO STATION SALES REPRESENTATIVE AND "CHIEF OCEOLA OF THE SEMINOLE INDIANS."

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WITH JOHNSON-STOWAWAY

PITTSBURGH A134PG, INSERT AFTER 2ND GRAF "SECRET SERVICE X X X SEMINOLE INDIANS." (UPDATING):

ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE SAID THE MAN WAS RELEASED A FEW HOURS LATER.

~~SEARCHING, ETC., 3RD GRAF PVS. A134PG.~~

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SEARCHING THE STOWAWAY'S BRIEFCASE, AGENTS FOUND A CLARINET MOUTHPIECE WHICH THEY EXAMINED WITH AS MUCH CARE AS IF IT HAD BEEN A BOMB FUSE. THEY EVENTUALLY CONCLUDED IT WAS A HARMLESS GADGET.

THE WELL-GROOMED MAN WAS HUSTLED FROM THE CHARTERED AIRLINER WHEN IT LANDED AND DRIVEN AWAY IN AN ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH) POLICE CRUISER.

THE PRESS-CHARTERED PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS PLANE WAS FLYING FROM BOSTON TO PITTSBURGH WITH A FULL LOAD OF NEWSMEN, PHOTOGRAPHERS, SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WHO MADE CAMPAIGN SPEECHES IN BOTH CITIES, WAS ABOARD ANOTHER PLANE-HIS REGULAR AIR FORCE TRANSPORT.

QUESTIONED BY SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, THE STOWAWAY SAID AT ONE POINT:

"IT'S A GIMMICK AND I PULLED IT AND I'M REALLY AT YOUR MERCY."

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BUT ALMOST IN THE SAME BREATH, HE SAID:

"I'M GOING TO TELL JOHNSON HOW TO WIN BY EXTRASENSORY PRECEPTION. I'M ON HIS WAVELENGTH."

THE PRESS FLIGHT FEATURED ANOTHER ELEMENT OF MYSTERY. AS REPORTERS BOARDED THE PLANE AT BOSTON THEY FOUND IN EAST SEAT A MIMEOGRAPHED PRESS RELEASE HEADED, "RIPON SOCIETY ISSUES NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES."

CREW MEMBERS SAID A MAN--NOT THE STOWAWAY--DISTRIBUTED THE RELEASE DURING THE STOPOVER IN BOSTON.

MALCOLM KILDUFF, ASSISTANT WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, SAID THE STOWAWAY WAS DISCOVERED WHEN THOSE ABOARD WERE CHECKED AGAINST A PASSENGER LIST.

KILDUFF SAID THE MAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS GORDON DU BOIS, AND PRODUCED A CALLING CARD WHICH DESCRIBED HIM AS A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR RADIO STATION WBCN, BOSTON. THE PRESS AIDE SAID THE MAN RELATED THAT HIS BOSS HAD TOLD HIM TO GET ABOARD THE PLANE AND COVER JOHNSON'S CAMPAIGN TRIP.

WHILE THE PLANE WAS AIRBORNE, RADIO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AUTHORITIES AT WBCN WHO SAID THEY EMPLOYED A GORDON DU BOIS BUT KNEW NOTHING OF ANY PLANS TO HAVE HIM COVER THE CAMPAIGN.

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