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NIGHT LEAD HENDRICKSON (400)

AMARILLO, TEX., JULY 10 (AP)-A 36-YEAR-OLD EX-CONVICT ARRESTED HERE ON AUTO THEFT CHARGES HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER NEW YORKER INDICTED FOR ALLEGEDLY WRITING A THREATENING LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

WALTER DANIEL HENDRICKSON, CAPTURED IN AN AMARILLO MOTEL FRIDAY NIGHT, WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY LAST MONTH IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., IN CONNECTION WITH A THREATENING LETTER MAILED TO THE PRESIDENT IN APRIL.

HENDRICKSON, WHO USED A NUMBER OF ALIASES, HAD BEEN THE OBJECT OF A NATION-WIDE SEARCH SINCE THE SECRET SERVICE ISSUED AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN FOR HIS ARREST AT THE TIME PRESIDENT JOHNSON ATTENDED THE UNITED NATIONS 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION IN SAN FRANCISCO JUNE 26.

FBI AGENTS IN AMARILLO DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HENDRICKSON WAS ARMED WHEN ARRESTED. BUT AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT, HENDRICKSON TOLD U.S. COMMISSIONER J.L. BAGWELL "I NEVER CARRIED A PISTOL. ALL I HAD WAS A RIFLE IN MY CAR."

HENDRICKSON WAS REMANDED TO THE POTTER COUNTY JAIL IN LIEU OF \$5,000 BOND, SET AFTER HIS ARRAIGNMENT ON A CHARGE OF STEALING A WHITE CHRYSLER FROM A NEW YORK AUTO RENTAL AGENCY. THE CAR WAS FOUND ABANDONED IN POCATELLO, IDAHO. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, HE WAS DRIVING A 1964 FORD, WHICH HE HAD RENTED HERE.

FBI AGENTS SAID THE ALIASES HE USED INCLUDED JOHN GUNNISON, JOHN F. O'ROURKE, ALLEN DAVIS SAVAGE AND WALTER HOLLINGWOOD. THE SECRET SERVICE BULLETIN LISTED HIM AS WALTER DAVID HENDRICKSON.

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OFFICERS ALSO LINKED HENDRICKSON, A NEW YORK PRINTER, WITH A MORE RECENT LETTER THREATENING PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LIFE AND SIGNED WITH THE ALIAS OF JOHN GUNNISON.

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AN ALARM FOR GUNNISON SPARKED A WILD FIVE MINUTES FOR JOHNSON'S GUARDS WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS IN NEW YORK ON JULY 2. IN A BULLETIN ISSUED IN NEW YORK GUNNISON WAS DESCRIBED AS "ARMED AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS."

A NATIVE OF NEW YORK, HENDRICKSON'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS (255 WEST 22ND ST.) NEW YORK CITY.

OFFICERS SAID HE HAD BEEN PAROLED FROM NEW YORK'S SING SING PRISON IN 1956 AND HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY, GRAND LARCENY, AND ASSAULT CHARGES.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HENDRICKSON HAD LIVED ON AND OFF IN NEW YORK BUT THAT HE HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE TRAVELING IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

W SAN FRANCISCO POLICE SAID THEY WERE TOLD HENDRICKSON WAS ARMED WITH A RIFLE AND AMMUNITION BUT THAT HIS TRAIL HAD BEEN LOST AFTER HE LEFT AN OGDEN, UTAH, MOTEL BY CAR ON JUNE 24.

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