

Secret Service Guarding Kissinger

WASHINGTON — (AP) — At least one member of President Nixon's top White House staff has quietly been given Secret Service protection — presumably to guard against any possible kidnap attempt.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Nixon's assistant for national security affairs, has had a Secret Service bodyguard for more than a month, it was learned today.

Just last week, director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation told a Senate appropriations subcommittee that a militant antiwar group was plotting to kidnap a White House aide or other public official.

"The plotters," he said, "are concocting a scheme to kidnap a highly placed government official. The name of a White House staff member has been mentioned as a possible victim."

Neither Hoover nor any other government official has, then or since, identified the White House aide referred to by the FBI chief.

However, the fact that Kissinger has been furnished with an extraordinary federal bodyguard was seen as a strong indication that there are genuine fears within government that he might be a kidnap target.

Kissinger probably carries in his head more sensitive security secrets than any other man in the White House, perhaps even including the President.