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## Standby Censor Is Identified

### Washington

His identity is "classified" for security purposes, but the man responsible for federal censorship during a national emergency is a Columbia Broadcasting System executive, the Washington Star reported yesterday.

The Star named Theodore F. Koop, a veteran newspaper and radio executive, as the secret censor who would supervise government operations intended to keep defense information out of print and off the air if the President declared an emergency.

White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, asked to comment on the report, did not deny that Koop is the man but said he could not discuss the matter since it is still classified.

### EUROPE

Koop, who served as the nation's deputy director of censorship during World War II, is traveling in Europe.

The federal censorship plan is based on a "standby voluntary censorship code." The code would be administered by a team from a command post in suburban Maryland.

The code has never been invoked, but there were reports that President John F. Kennedy considered using it during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly considered it in 1965 when American troops were sent to the Dominican Republic.

### SECRET

The identity of the standby censor was not secret during the Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, but Johnson without explanation ordered it made a defense secret, and President Nixon has followed that policy.

The Star and Klein had urged the President to declassify the information, and the paper quoted one of Klein's aides as saying declassification is in the offing.

Koop is author of a book entitled "The Weapon of Silence."

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