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FBI Check On Schorr Confirmed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House acknowledged today that the FBI investigated television correspondent Daniel Schorr last August but insisted this was done because he was under consideration for a federal post.

But Schorr said the investigation of his background "appeared to be harassment" because of struggles he has had with the Nixon Administration over whether his reporting was fair and accurate.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said, in response to an inquiry, that Schorr was among a number of persons under consideration for an unspecified position "in the environmental area."

Talked to Bosses

Ziegler said the job is yet to be filled, but that Schorr, of the Washington news staff of CBS, no longer is a potential candidate for the appointment.

Schorr said FBI agents went to his bosses in Washington and New York, interviewed his neighbors in Washington and also talked with a brother in New York.

In each case, Schorr said, the agents explained he was under consideration for a high Administration job, though none was ever offered.

"It's my understanding that it's standard procedure when a man is about to be offered a job that they tell him before they begin the investigation," Schorr said.

'Harassment'

"At the very least, it's embarrassing to me and my employer," he said, "but I really think it appears to be harassment."

Schorr said he thinks the investigation began in late August shortly after he delivered a televised report on a speech President Nixon gave in New York. In the speech, Nixon said he believed parochial schools should get some federal financial aid.

Schorr said in his report that Nixon's remarks concerning the aid caught officials in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by surprise because, he said, they knew of no programs which would provide such help.

Called to Meeting

A day later, Schorr said, he was called to a meeting attended by four White House aides, including Nixon's communications director, Herbert G. Klein. Schorr said the aides criticized his report as inaccurate and cited some programs which they believed backed up Nixon's speech.

Schorr said he checked with his sources at HEW and went on the air the next night to present the White House's side of the controversy.

Still later, Schorr said, Charles Colson, a special counsel to Nixon, complained to CBS executives about Schorr's coverage of the wage-price freeze.