

(360) YOUNG-SECRET SERVICE
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WASHINGTON, DEC.2 (AP)-SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG, D-OHIO, SAID TONIGHT THAT IF SECRET SERVICE MEN WERE DRINKING IN A FORT WORTH, TEX., NIGHT CLUB IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE DAY PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED THEY SHOULD BE FIRED.

YOUNG SAID IN AN INTERVIEW HE HAD BEEN "RELIABLY INFORMED" THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE SECRET SERVICE DETAIL ASSIGNED TO GUARD KENNEDY "WERE IN A FORT WORTH NIGHTERY DRINKING UNTIL 2:30 A.M." ON THE MORNING KENNEDY WAS KILLED. YOUNG CONTINUED:

"I FEEL VERY INCENSED OVER THIS SITUATION. GUARDING THE PRESIDENT IS A 24-HOUR JOB. THESE MEN KNEW THEY HAD AN ASSIGNMENT THAT REQUIRED THEM TO BE ALERT MENTALLY AND CAPABLE PHYSICALLY.

"IF THEY WERE IN FACT IN THIS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING, THEY SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH NEGLECT OF DUTY AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL. IF THEY ARE GUILTY AND I HAD MY WAY, I WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THEY WERE SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE."

NEITHER THE SECRET SERVICE NOR THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD COMMENT ON YOUNG'S REMARKS OR ON PUBLISHED REPORTS OF THE ALLEGED EARLY-MORNING DRINKING.

REPORTS IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS SAID THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE FORT WORTH PRESS CLUB.

CAL SUTTON, A FORT WORTH NEWSPAPERMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB SAID IN A STATEMENT IN FORT WORTH TODAY THAT 10 OR 12 MEN WHO MAY HAVE BEEN SECRET SERVICE AGENTS VISITED THE CLUB IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NOV.22. HE SAID ALL WERE QUIET AND "IN COMPLETE SOBER CONDITION."

IN FACT, SUTTON SAID, HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEY ALL WERE "DRINK-NURSERS" AND THAT THEY EACH HAD ONLY A DRONK OR TWO AT MOST. SOME LEFT BEFORE 2 A.M., SUTTON SAID, AND ALL HAD GONE BY 3 A.M.

SUTTON ADDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE AGENTS. HE SAID HE LATER FOUND OUT THAT AT LEAST ONE MAN POINTED OUT TO HIM AS AN AGENT TURNED OUT NOT TO BE A SECRET SERVICE MAN.

YOUNG SAID HE THINKS THE SECRET SERVICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY ALERT BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT WAS TRAVELING FROM FORT WORTH TO DALLAS, WHERE THERE HAD BEEN INCIDENTS INVOLVING OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1960 VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, THEN A SENATOR, AND MRS. JOHNSON HAD BEEN ROUGHED UP BY A CROWD IN DALLAS. HE NOTED THAT ADLAI E. STEVENSON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, HAD BEEN SPAT ON AND STRUCK WITH A PLACARD AT DALLAS.

"IT SHOULD BE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE IN A CITY LIKE DALLAS THAT THE SECRET SERVICE WOULD BE ON THE ALERT," HE SAID. "EVERY MAN IN THE SECRET SERVICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON AN EXTRA ALERT."

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SUTTON, ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR OF THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM MADE THIS STATEMENT:

"THE PRESS CLUB OF FORT WORTH ISSUED GUEST CARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT NOV. 21. IN VIEW OF THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY, THE CLUB STAYED OPEN AFTER MIDNIGHT.

"AS PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, I WAS ON HAND TO GREET THESE MEN. EARLY ARRIVALS WERE TWO YOUNG MEN, ONE OF WHOM INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AS 'WHITE HOUSE STAFF'. ONE OF THESE MEN LATER ASKED ME TO CASH AN INSURANCE CHECK. I HAD TO GO ELSEWHERE TOO GET THIS CHECK CASHED. WHEN I RETURNED FOUR OTHER YOUNG MEN JOINED THESE TWO. I WAS TOLD BY A FORT WORTH REPORTER THAT THESE WERE SECRET SERVICE MEN. A LARGE NUMBER OF CORRESPONDENTS ALSO HAD ARRIVED. MORE CAME IN LATER.

"THESE MEN (THE SECRET SERVICE GROUP) WERE PERFECTLY SOBER AND COMPLETELY WELL-BEHAVED. THEY KEPT TO THEMSELVES AND DID NOT MIX WITH OTHER GUESTS AND CUSTOMERS. ONE BY ONE THEY DRIFTED OUT AND I CHATTED WITH TWO OR THREE AS THEY LEFT. EACH EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY. EACH WAS COMPLETELY SOBER. EACH SAID HE WAS GOING TO BED.

"OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP ONE MAN WAS LEFT. AT 2 A.M., APPROXIMATELY, ANOTHER GROUP OF MEN CAME IN. I THINK THERE WERE FOUR TO SIX IN THIS GROUP. ANOTHER REPORTER LATE TOLD ME THESE WERE SECRET SERVICE MEN. I HAVE LATER FOUND OUT THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE WAS NOT A SECRET SERVICE MAN. I DO NOT KNOW, ACTUALLY, IF ANY WERE SECRET SERVICE MEN.

"THE LAST GROUP HAD ONE DRINK.

"THE REMAINING MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP OF GUESTS JOINED THIS GROUP.

"AT ALL TIMES EVERY ONE OF THIS GROUP WAS IN COMPLETE SOBER CONDITION. THEY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES WELL AND DID NOT ACT IN ANY WAY OUT OF LINE. THEY WERE COURTEOUS AND AFFABLE, BUT CLOSE-MOUTHED. MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE ENTIRE GROUP--SECRET SERVICE, WHITE HOUSE STAFF OR WHATEVER--WAS MADE UP OF DRINK-NURSERS. I SAY THAT TO PIN DOWN ANY INCORRECT IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE PHRAISE: 'THEY WERE DRINKING.' THEY HAD A DRINK OR TWO BUT NONE WAS APPARENTLY AFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY THIS.

"DURING THE SHORT TIME THESE GUESTS WERE PRESENT THERE WAS MENTION MADE OF 'THE CALLER', A BEATNICK TYPE COFFEE HOUSE SOME FIVE BLOCKS AWAY. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION I TOLD THEM WHERE THIS PLACE WAS. ALSO, IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLY SUGGESTION, I CALLED 'THE CELLAR' AND SAID:

"SOME WHITE HOUSE PEOPLE MAY BE COMING DOWN."

"THIS WAS TO ENSURE THEIR ADMITTANCE WITHOUT CHARGE IF THEY CHOSE TO GO THERE. HOWEVER, THE ORIGINAL GROUP OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF FOR WHOM I HAD PERFORMED THESE SERVICES FOR THE MOST PART DRIFTED AWAY TO GO BACK TO THEIR HOTEL.

"I DO NOT KNOW IF ANY WENT TO 'THE CELLAR.'"

"THE LAST OF THIS GROUP DEPARTED BEFORE 3 A.M. I REPEAT, ALL WERE SOBER AND IN COMPLETE CONTROL. NONE OBJECTED IN ANY FASHION TO THE NECESSITY FOR CLOSING THE CLUB.

"AS FOR THE LATNESS OF THE HOUR, AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE REPORTERS AND CORRESPONDENTS WHO WENT THROUGH A MOST GRUELING DAY WITH APPARENTLY NO IMPAIRMENT OF THEIR FACULTIES--EITHER AS TO ALERTNESS OR PHYSICAL VIGOR."

PAT KIRKWOOD, OWNER OF "THE CELLAR" SAID IN A STATEMENT:

"THERE APPARENTLY WERE SOME SECRET SERVICEMENT IN THE CELLAR THAT NIGHT. PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHEN THEY COME TO FORT WORTH EVENTUALLY COME TO THE CELLAR. IT FOLLOWS THAT THE PEOPLE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD WIND UP THERE. THERE WAS NO PROBLEM, NO MISHAP, NO NOTHING--A PERFECTLY NORMAL DEAL. I CAN SAY THAT NONE OF THE NEWSMEN OR GOVERNMENT AGENTS WAS OUT OF LINE IN ANY SHAPE FORM OR FASHION. NEITHER I NOR MY MANAGER SAW THEM DRINKING ANYTHING ALCOHOLIC..."

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