

GONZALEZ**Kennedy
Guards
Defended****WASHINGTON BUREAU**

WASHINGTON—Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez sees nothing wrong in a nightcap at the end of a long day.

Even when it is Secret Service men guarding the President who indulge.

Gonzalez took issue with the Warren Commission report's criticism of late-imbibing Secret Service men in Fort Worth on the eve of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"The commission showed a very human tendency," Gonzalez commented, "in criticizing such things in retrospect, but I think it was very unfair."

The congressman, who made the entire Texas trip with Kennedy and wound up as one of the few outside the hospital room where the President died, went on to explain:

The presidential party didn't arrive at Fort Worth's Carswell Air Force Base until 11:25 p.m. It was nearly 1 a.m. before everyone was settled in.

"These men were off-duty and naturally wanted to relax," Gonzalez declared. "And besides the report didn't even establish that the agents were drinking. I could have been just plain soda water."