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ADVANCE FOR 6:30 P.M. EST SUNDAY APRIL 3--NOTE DATE

(400) PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, APRIL 3 (AP)--THE SECRET SERVICE HAS A FILE OF 1,800 NAMES IT CLASSIFIES AS "SOMEWHAT HIGHER RISKS TO THE SECURITY OF THE PRESIDENT"--A THREEFOLD INCREASE SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

EVERY TIME THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAKES A TRIP INTO AN AREA IN WHICH ANY LIVE, THESE PERSONS GET A THOROUGH, AUTOMATIC CHECK.

THIS IS REVEALED IN TESTIMONY GIVEN TO THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE LAST MONTH BY DAVID C. ACHESON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, AND RELEASED TONIGHT BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE SECRET SERVICE OFFICIAL TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF A \$14.6-MILLION 1967 BUDGET REQUEST, \$271,000 OVER THE 1966 FIGURE.

THE LIST OF DOSSIERS IN THE "TRIP FILE" HAS RISEN FROM THE APPROXIMATELY 400 THE SECRET SERVICE HAD AT THE TIME OF THE 1962 ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY, ACHESON TESTIFIED.

ACHESON DID NOT DISCLOSE THE TECHNIQUES USED IN CHECKING OVER THE "HIGHER RISKS" WHEN THE PRESIDENT TRAVELS.

HE SAID RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE, MADE BY THE WARREN COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION, ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

BY JULY 1, THE SERVICE EXPECTS TO HAVE CONVERTED TO AUTOMATIC, MACHINE-PROCESSING ITS TRIP FILE.

THE SECRET SERVICE IS ASKING FOR NO INCREASES IN PERSONNEL FOR ITS AGENTS, WHITE HOUSE POLICE OR TREASURY GUARD FORCE THIS YEAR.

ACHESON REPORTED THERE IS MUCH CLOSER COOPERATION NOW WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES-- A POINT STRESSED STRONGLY BY THE WARREN COMMISSION.

UNDER AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH THE FBI, CIA, STATE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, AND IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE ABOUT 7,000 ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOW ARE RECEIVED MONTHLY, HE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT THE SECRET SERVICE IS STARTING FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 15,000 A YEAR.

UNDER THE LAW, THE SECRET SERVICE IS CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT, HIS FAMILY; THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY, FORMER PRESIDENTS AND THE WIDOW AND MINOR CHILDREN OF A FORMER PRESIDENT.

IT IS PROVIDING THIS SERVICE TO ALL BUT FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, WHO DECLINED IT, ACHESON SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THE PROTECTION FOR MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN IS SCHEDULED TO END IN DECEMBER 1967.

ACHESON NOTED ALSO THE WHITE HOUSE POLICE SUPERVISED THE TOURS OF NEARLY 1.7 MILLION PUBLIC VISITORS THROUGH THE WHITE HOUSE LAST YEAR--AND TURNED OVER TO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS 194 MENTALLY DEFICIENT PERSONS TRYING TO ENTER THE WHITE HOUSE.

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