

Copter shot down at White House

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WASHINGTON — Executive Protection Agency police early today shot down a stolen helicopter over the south grounds of the White House, Secret Service officials said.

Jack Warner of the Secret Service said the stolen military helicopter flew over the White House about 1 a.m. and returned at 2 a.m., at which time it was shot down

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by officers with shotguns. He said the pilot was being "interviewed" by Secret Service agents.

Warner said he had no reports of injuries in the incident.

President Nixon is currently in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Warner said he was not sure whether the helicopter landed on its first trip to the White House grounds or simply hovered over the area.

The helicopter came down within the fence surrounding the White House. Secret Service agents, Executive Protection officers, Metropolitan police and Washington firemen surrounded the area.

A spokesman at Ft. Meade, Md., said the helicopter was a "Huey" which had been taken from Tipton Army Airfield at the fort.