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Missile Defense for White House Told

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The Secret Service, worried about two near misses by men seeking to fly aircraft into the White House, has armed its guards with anti-aircraft missiles, according to the current issue of Aviation Week magazine.

The magazine said the Secret Service has obtained a Redeye missile device, which can be fired from the shoulder and is designed for use by foot soldiers.

A Secret Service spokesman declined to confirm the report.

An Army private who commandeered a helicopter from Ft. Meade, Md., attempted to fly it into the

White House February 16. Gunfire from White House guards caused the private to crash-land on the White House lawn, only yards from the President's living quarters.

President Nixon was in Florida at the time.

A few days later, two airline employees were killed along with a hijacker at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Letters and tapes mailed by the hijacker said he planned to crash the plane into the White House.

The Redeye has a heat-seeking guidance system, which seeks out the exhaust of an aircraft.

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