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# Agent Who Jumped on Johnson Retires

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Agent Rufus Youngblood, who threw himself on top of Lyndon B. Johnson at the time of John F. Kennedy's assassination, has retired from the Secret Service.

"I'm just taking it easy," Youngblood said from his suburban Virginia home yesterday.

"I'm 47 years of age and in good health," he said. When asked what sort of a job he was contemplating, he said,

"my options are open and I haven't really started looking."

Youngblood retired without fanfare or public notice on May 31 after 20 years with the service.

On Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas,

he jumped across the seat of the vice presidential limousine to protect Mr. Johnson from the gunman who had just struck President Kennedy.

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