

Regular Army Units Alerted Across

Washington

Several thousand Army troops have been placed on alert as a precautionary measure as a result of the attempted assassination of Senator Robert F. Kenne-

dy, it was learned yesterday.

Officials emphasized that at this point no troop deployments are planned but "we're watching the situation" in case violence should

break out in Los Angeles, Washington or elsewhere.

Officially, the Defense Department refused to discuss the matter except to say that "the Army has taken certain prudent actions."

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King touched off riots in a number of United States cities two months ago, and thousands of troops were ordered out to help restore order.

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Informed sources said the alerted units include air transport and infantry outfits but these were not identified.

Regular Army units, rather than Army Reserve or National Guard units, were af-

fectured.

After the wave of disorders sparked by Dr. King's death the Pentagon established a special riot headquarters which could go into action in any case where troops were

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required to quell disorders.

This unit, known as the Directorate of Civil Disturbance planning and operations, is now partly operational.

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