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WASHINGTON, NOV. 21 (AP)-THE INVESTIGATIVE POWERS OF THE SECRET SERVICE RELATIVE TO PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, IT WAS LEARNED TONIGHT.

THIS IS ONE ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM OF GUARDING THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE THAT HAS BEEN UNDER REVIEW BY A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE STUDYING THE WARREN REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY DOUGLAS DILLON, INCLUDED PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT MCGEORGE BUNDY, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE AND ACTING ATTY. GEN. NICHOLAS KATZENBACH.

SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO WORK ON THE WARREN COMMISSION'S SUGGESTIONS THAT THE SYSTEM FOR PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION BE OVERHAULED AND THAT THE KILLING OF A PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT BE MADE A FEDERAL CRIME.

IN ITS REPORT, THE WARREN COMMISSION SAID IT HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT.

THESE PROPOSALS, THE COMMISSION SAID, INCLUDED SUGGESTIONS TO LOCATE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PHASES OF THE WORK IN ONE OR ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY, TO CLARIFY THE DIVISION OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES INVOLVED AND TO RETAIN THE EXISTING SYSTEM BUT EXPAND BOTH THE SCOPE AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE EXISTING AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE SECRET SERVICE AND THE FBI.

"IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT," THE COMMISSION ADDED, "THAT THE FBI, AS OUR CHIEF INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY, IS PROPERLY MANNED AND EQUIPPED TO CARRY ON EXTENSIVE INFORMATION GATHERING FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE SECRET SERVICE TO BUILD UP THE EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO MEET THE PROBLEM. CONSEQUENTLY THE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE, ON THE ONE HAND, THAT ALL PREVENTIVE INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITY OF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FBI, LEAVING THE SECRET SERVICE ONLY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, THAT IS THE GUARDING FUNCTION ALONE...."

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"IT IS SUGGESTED," THE COMMISSION FURTHER SAID, "THAT AN ORGANIZATION SHORN OF ITS POWER TO INVESTIGATE ALL THE POSSIBILITIES OF DANGER TO THE PRESIDENT AND BECOMING MERELY THE RECIPIENT OF INFORMATION GATHERED BY OTHERS WOULD BECOME LIMITED SOLELY TO ACTS OF PHYSICAL ALERTNESS AND PERSONAL COURAGE INCIDENT TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. SO CIRCUMSCRIBED, IT COULD NOT MAINTAIN THE ESPRIT DE CORPS OR THE NECESSARY ALERTNESS FOR THIS UNIQUE AND CHALLENGING RESPONSIBILITY."

ALTHOUGH THE CABINET COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL MAKE NO REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS PENDING SUBMISSION OF ITS FINAL ANALYSIS TO THE PRESIDENT, IT WAS LEARNED THAT TRANSFER OF THE INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRET SERVICE TO THE FBI WILL NOT LIKELY BE RECOMMENDED.

THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT BUDGET AND IN LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEW CONGRESS MEETING IN JANUARY.

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