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WARREN COMMISSION-CONGRESS

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29 (AP)-SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER EVERETT M. DIRKSEN TODAY BACKED DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD'S PROPOSAL TO GIVE LEGISLATION ON PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY TOP PRIORITY WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES IN JANUARY.

DIRKSEN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT QUICK ACTION IN THE WANING DAYS OF THIS SESSION ON A SINGLE BILL TO MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO ASSASSINATE A PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT "MIGHT MEAN WE WOULD HAVE TO DO OUR WORK ALL OVER AGAIN" NEXT YEAR.

A WHITE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL SAFETY--SET UP YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER THE BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION--PLANS TO GET STARTED SOON ON DRAFTING PROPOSALS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION EARLY IN THE NEW SESSION.

IN ITS REPORT THE COMMISSION SAID THERE WERE DEFICIENCIES IN SECRET SERVICE PREPAREDNESS FOR PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S VISIT TO DALLAS. THE COMMISSION CALLED FOR "COMPLETE OVERHAUL" OF THE SERVICE'S ADVANCE DETECTION PRACTICES AND CLOSER LIAISON WITH THE FBI AND OTHER AGENCIES.

MANSFIELD SAID THAT NEW SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE "ONE OF THE FIRST ORDERS OF BUSINESS" WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES.

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MANSFIELD CALLED SUNDAY FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS OF NEW SECURITY MEASURES BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

BUT HE TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY IT IS "PERHAPS TOO LATE" TO ACT ON ANY MEASURES AT THIS SESSION AND BROAD LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SHOULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL THE WHITE HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

SEVERAL BILLS TO MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO KILL A PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT ARE PENDING BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, WHICH MEETS TODAY.

THE COMMITTEE MAY ACT ON ANOTHER BILL--INTRODUCED BY MANSFIELD AND DIRKSEN--TO PROVIDE SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER, AND FOR THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, REP. WILLIAM E. MILLER AND SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

THE LEGISLATION, IF ENACTED, WOULD EXTEND SUCH PROTECTION TO ALL FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR THOSE OFFICES.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, PRESIDENT JOHNSON, HAS THE PROTECTION THAT GOES WITH HIS OFFICE.

THE WARREN COMMISSION CALLED FOR A DRASTIC OVERHAUL OF THE SYSTEM OF GUARDING THE PRESIDENT AND SAID THAT LEGISLATION MAKING THE MURDER OF A PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT A FEDERAL CRIME IS NEEDED TO AVOID THE "CONFUSION" IT SAID SURROUNDED THE ENTRY OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INTO THE DALLAS INVESTIGATION.

DIRKSEN SAID THAT RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE LEGISLATION OUGHT TO BE AMENDED TO MAKE FEDERAL CRIMES ALSO OF ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO KILL A PRESIDENT AS WELL AS CONSPIRACIES AIMED AT KILLING A PRESIDENT.

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"SOME SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE PROTECTION OF CABINET MEMBERS AND EVEN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE," HE ADDED.

IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW MANSFIELD SAID THAT SINCE THE PRESIDENTIAL PANEL WILL BE WEIGHING THESE QUESTIONS, "IT WOULD BE THE BETTER PART OF WISDOM" TO AWAIT ITS SUGGESTIONS ON "A BROAD NEW BILL."

THE WARREN REPORT IS SELLING "PHENOMENALLY" ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

THE GPO SAID THAT 25 TO 27 FURTHER VOLUMES, CONTAINING THE FULL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS ON WHICH THE 888-PAGE REPORT WAS BASED, MAY BE READY IN SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS. THEY WILL BE SOLD IN SETS ONLY, AT \$75 TO \$100 A SET.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS NAMED SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY DOUGLAS DILLON TO HEAD A COMMITTEE OF FOUR TO WORK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE WARREN COMMISSION PROPOSALS.

A TREASURY SPOKESMAN SAID DILLON SET A JAN. 1 TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. OTHER MEMBERS ARE ACTING ATTY. GEN. NICHOLAS KATZENBACH, DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND MCGEORGE BUNDY, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

NEITHER THE SECRET SERVICE NOR THE FBI HAD ANY COMMENT ON THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, BUT DIRKSEN SAID HE IS NOT TO SURE "THE SHARP CRITICISMS OF THE SECRET SERVICE AND THE FBI WERE WELL TAKEN."

DIRKSEN SAID THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LIKELY WILL GIVE FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER AND CHIEF JAMES J. ROWLEY OF THE SECRET SERVICE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON ANY LEGISLATION AFFECTING THEIR AGENCIES.

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THE COMMISSION CRITICIZED THE FAILURE OF THE FBI TO ALERT THE SECRET SERVICE THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, A ONE-TIME DEFECTOR OF KNOWN PRO-MARXIST AND PRO-CASTRO LEANINGS, WAS WORKING IN A BUILDING ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE KENNEDY MOTORCADE.

AND THE COMMISSION, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT AGENTS AT THE SCENE DID LESS THAN EXPECTED OF THEM, CHIDED NINE AGENTS FOR DRINKING AND STAYING UP LATE THE NIGHT BEFORE--BREAKING THE RULES OF THE SERVICE.

BUT DIRKSEN SAID THAT "NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE SECRET SERVICE BEING UP LATE THE NIGHT BEFORE, THERE WAS NOTHING ON WHICH OSWALD COULD HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND THEY COULD DO NO MORE THAN KEEP HIM UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

"WHAT DO YOU DO IN A SITUATION WHERE OSWALD WAS WORKING IN A PRIVATE BUILDING? WHILE THEY LIKELY SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE MORE ATTENTIVE, THE IMPRESSION SHOULDN'T BE LEFT THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED."

ON THE MAIN CONCLUSION OF THE COMMISSION--THAT OSWALD COMMITTED THE CRIME ALONE AND UNAIDED--MOST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE IN AGREEMENT.

SEN. HUMPHREY SAID THE REPORT "SHOULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO ELIMINATE THE RUMORS AND MYTHS ABOUT THE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS AT DALLAS."

SEN. THOMAS H. KUCHEL OF CALIFORNIA, THE ASSISTANT SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER, SAID THE COMMISSION'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS "BEAR THE MARK OF EARNEST CREDIBILITY AND TRUTH."

DIRKSEN, TOO, CALLED IT "A THOROUGH-GOING JOB."

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