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SECRET SERVICE IS REORGANIZED

Changes Result From Study by Warren Commission— Dallas Hero Is Promoted

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—The Treasury Department announced today a reorganization of the top echelon of the Secret Service, one of whose main duties is to safeguard the President of the United States.

James J. Rowley will continue to head the service. Rufus Youngblood, the agent who pushed Vice President Johnson to the floor of his car in the Dallas motorcade when President Kennedy was shot on Nov. 22, 1963, will be one of four assistant directors.

The reorganization is a direct result of the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. The commission found several deficiencies in the service—notably lack of manpower and obsolete methods of gathering intelligence on potential threats to the President.

Recruiting Pressed

Shortly afterward President Johnson appointed a high-level committee, headed by Douglas Dillon, who was then Secretary of the Treasury, to recommend improvements.

In the last 18 months, partly on its own initiative and partly as a result of the Dillon group's suggestions, the service has greatly stepped up recruiting, improved its operations and modernized some of its investigative techniques.

These improvements, in turn, persuaded officials that the service's administrative ma-

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chinery would have to be overhauled as well, partly to cope with the increase in manpower and partly to achieve a more logical division of labor at the top ranks of the department.

David C. Acheson, special assistant to Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler, explained the reorganization in these terms:

"It recognizes changes in manpower methodology and techniques that have been taking place for the last 18 months, and does not necessarily foreshadow major new changes ahead."

Mr. Acheson and Mr. Rowley helped plan the reorganization. Under the new arrangement Mr. Rowley's title will be changed from chief to director.

Officials said that the title "chief" seemed antiquated in view of the department's expanding functions. Besides, they said, "director" conforms more closely to standard Federal nomenclature.

They attached no other significance to the change.

Each of the four assistant directors, a new post, will have responsibility for a separate division of the agency, and all will report directly to Mr. Rowley.

Mr. Youngblood is now head of the service's White House detail, which numbers roughly 50 men. President Johnson named him head of the detail and commended him after the events in Dallas.

Mr. Youngblood will become assistant director for protection forces, including the White House detail as well as smaller contingents assigned to the Vice President, former Presidents and Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her children.

Mr. Youngblood's successor as head of the White House detail will be his present top assistant, Thomas L. Johns.

Named assistant director for investigations was Thomas J. Kelley, now an inspector in the service. He will oversee the agency's continuing drives



GETTING NEW TITLE:
James J. Rowley, chief of the Secret Service, will become director of agency.

against counterfeiting and forgery, which still remain the service's principal responsibility.

The Treasury Department also announced that Walter H. Young, now special agent in charge of the service's protective research section, would become assistant director for protective intelligence.

His main responsibility, and that of his division, will be to gather and codify all information involving threats to the President and others protected by the service.

The fourth new post, that of assistant director for administration, has not yet been filled. This division will have primary responsibility for the hiring and training of agents and for general personnel problems and budgetary matters.

The face of the service has changed considerably since the assassination of President Ken-

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nedy. Total appropriations for the fiscal year 1966, which began last July 1, are \$12,105,000, roughly a third larger than the service's budget two years ago.

By next year the service hopes to have 920 men on its rolls, of whom over 600 will be agents. At the time of the assassination it had about 600 employes, 400 of them agents.

In addition, according to a high Treasury source, the service has gone "very far" toward replacing its manual filing systems with automatic data processing equipment.

Officials pointed out that under the old administrative system Mr. Rowley was served by only two principal assistants. One was a deputy chief, in charge of investigation and enforcement in the area of counterfeiting and forgery. The other was an assistant chief for security, in charge of both protective research and protective forces.

Officials said that because of the changes in the service's size and scope, one man could no longer cope with both intelligence and protection. Accordingly these two responsibilities will now be divided between Mr. Young and Mr. Youngblood.