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WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—The Secret Service said today that it had opened an investigation to determine if anyone in the agency had given White House aides information about confidential meetings held by Senator George McGovern, who is being guarded by Secret Service agents during the Presidential campaign.

The investigation was announced by Jack Warner, a spokesman for the agency, after The New York Times reported today that certain information collected by the service about Mr. McGovern's movements had been turned over to White House aides.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, denied that aides involved in President Nixon's campaign drive had received such information.

The Times article quoted a

source in the Secret Service as saying that White House aides had received information from schedules held by the Secret Service listing private visits to financial backers and others made quietly by Mr. McGovern without notification to the press.

Among the visits by the Democratic Presidential nominee that aroused the interest of White House aides, it was learned, were two made to the Philadelphia home of Joseph Miller, a businessman who has been one of Mr. McGovern's strongest financial supporters in Pennsylvania.

Last April 18 Senator McGovern attended a fund-raising party at the home of Mr. Miller at which some \$10,000 was reportedly raised for his campaign.

The South Dakotan went to

Mr. Miller's home quietly again

last Sept. 13 for a private meeting.

Neither of these visits was listed on schedules distributed to the press by Mr. McGovern's staff but were included on schedules given to the Secret Service to facilitate security preparations.

After learning of the visits to Mr. Miller's home from schedules given to the Secret Service, White House aides tried to find out about Mr. Miller's background, according to a source who says he was asked about Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller, who is in his mid-fifties, is treasurer of the McGovern campaign committee in Pennsylvania. His own contribution of \$6,000 to the McGovern campaign was the second highest in Pennsylvania, according to state records. He also gave the McGovern campaign a \$17,000 loan, some of which has been repaid.