

Security Escort for Nancy Kissinger

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's wife, Nancy, a possible target for terrorists and kidnapers, now has her own detail of bodyguards.

Kissinger himself is protected by the Secret Service. But his wife is being accompanied on shopping rounds and to and from her job in New York by the State Department's own security detail.

Victor H. Dikeos, deputy Assistant Secretary for Security, refused last week to comment on whether Kissinger requested the protection as a precautionary measure or whether it was recommended to him as the result of a specific threat against Mrs. Kissinger.

The presence of Mrs. Kissinger's bodyguards was first noted in New York recently when three men accompanied her to the Seventh Avenue showrooms of designer Bill Blass, where she selected her spring wardrobe.

Dikeos confirmed afterward that a State Department security escort is now traveling with her when she goes out of town alone. When she is with her husband, her safety comes within the jurisdiction of the Secret Service.

Mrs. Kissinger is the first Secretary of State's wife to require such protection on a full-time basis, he said.

Guarding the Kissingers has created some budgetary problems for the State Department and the Secret Service, according to other sources. Although Congress authorized \$1 million for the Secret Service protection of Kissinger in 1973, no appropriation has yet passed the House or Senate.

Guarding Kissinger before he was married cost the Secret Service \$800,000 in fiscal year 1974 and is expected to cost \$1 million in fiscal 1975.

The State Department transferred money from its own security budget to reimburse the Secret Service last year.

His-and-Hers Gifts

The White House Gift Unit recently listed two matching his-and-hers sheepskin jackets as a present to President and Mrs. Ford from the mayor of Magdalena de Kino Sonora, Mexico. The Fords, obviously pleased with the gifts, have been wearing them in public.

The handsome jackets are worth about \$300 each and would be the property of the United States govern-

ment under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966 if they had indeed come from a foreign official.

It took weeks for the White House and the State Department to set the record straight. But a spokesman now says that the donor was actually a private foreign citizen, Arturo Arocha Carranza, who manufactures the coats in Sonora. There is no restriction against the Fords keeping them, the aide said.

White House Budgeting

Like everyone else, First Lady Betty Ford is looking for ways to cut her budget.

Since she and the President pay for their own food at nonofficial, family meals, she has the French chef, Henry Haller, preparing the same stuffed peppers and tuna fish casseroles she would be fixing if she still did the cooking herself.

Also, according to Mrs. Ford's secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld, the First Lady has found a way to recycle her evening shoes. She buys them in white silk and wears them that way first with her white dresses. When they get dirty, they are dyed in colors to match other dresses in her closet.

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