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**Checks on Press
Are Introduced
At White House**

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Newsman and photographers will have their briefcases, camera bags and other containers opened and checked at White House gates in stepped-up security protection for the President and the executive mansion, press secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday.

He said White House gate guards will henceforth check to ensure no bombs or other weapons are carried onto the grounds.

"There's no thought that any member of the press is a threat to the President. The fear is that someone would put something into the bag," Nessen told reporters.

Nessen said there has been no increase in the number of threats against the President.