

GUN UNEXAMINED IN CAMPUS DEATHS

F.B.I. Says Ex-Informer Was Armed at Kent State

WASHINGTON, July 25 (UPI)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation in its inquiry into the shooting of four students at Kent State University in 1970, did not investigate a former paid informer of the bureau who was on the campus that day with a gun, the bureau's new director has disclosed.

Clarence M. Kelley, the director, also informed Senator Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, that a .38-caliber revolver taken from the man, Terence B. Norman, had not been checked because it would have been impossible to determine what might have been done with it.

Mr. Bayh had asked Mr. Kelley to determine what Mr. Norman, a nonstudent, had been doing on the campus, why he had been carrying a gun and how he had been able to stay on campus after it was closed, and to determine what the bureau had done to investigate allegations that Mr. Norman may have precipitated the Kent State incident by firing his gun.

Mr. Kelley told Senator Bayh, in response yesterday to a series of questions, that Mr. Norman, who said he was an undercover agent, had never been under contract or employed by the bureau.

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He added, however, that in April, 1970, Mr. Norman supplied the bureau with information regarding the National Socialist White People's party, for which he was paid \$125.

Mr. Kelley said that the .38-

caliber snubnose revolver was surrendered to a campus policeman May 4 and reached the bureau only a day later after it passed through several hands.

"The F.B.I. laboratory did not examine the gun to determine whether it had been fired since the gun had passed through a number of hands before coming into F.B.I. custody," Mr. Kelley said. "Such a laboratory examination could only show whether the gun had been fired previously, but not as to whether it had been fired on the specific date in question."

Mr. Bayh's report of Mr. Kelley's response did not indicate whether ballistics tests had been made on the Norman weapon. These might have determined if any slugs recovered from the shooting scene came from that gun.

Mr. Kelley said that the bureau had not investigated how Mr. Norman obtained a press card from the Ohio National Guard; how he managed to stay on the campus after it was closed to all, including the press, or why he was not subpoenaed by the Ohio state grand jury.

Senator Dissatisfied

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Senator Bayh said he was not satisfied with the report and that Mr. Norman's presence and activities raised questions that still have not been answered.

The questions were raised by Mr. Bayh at the hearings for Mr. Kelley before the Senate Judiciary Committee on his nomination to head the bureau. The response was released by the bureau and Mr. Bayh's office.