

Pair Hunted in Nixon 'Death Plot'

CHICAGO (AP) — A report of two men, one with an automatic rifle, driving within a mile of a hotel where President Nixon spent the night prompted suburban police to alert federal authorities today about a possible assassination plot.

Illinois State Police issued an all-points bulletin for the men who officers said were wanted for questioning about their presence in the area.

The President arrived at O'Hare International Airport last night and was staying in a motel not far from the airport in northwest Chicago, before resuming his campaign for Republican candidates in next week's election.

STATE POLICE said they received information on the two men from police in Arlington Heights, a northwestern suburb.

The FBI in Chicago said it had been informed and was investigating.

Lt. Joseph Ostermann, of Arlington Heights, said the informant reported the two men were traveling in a late-model black-over-blue car and one was believed carrying an automatic rifle.

HE SAID THE MEN were described as white males, about 25, and reportedly were sighted in Schiller Park, a western suburb, about a mile from the hotel where the President spent the night.

Ostermann said the information was provided by the Arlington Heights police detective bureau, which obtained it from "a reliable informant."

The informant, who was not identified, told detectives the driver of the car was brown-haired and bearded and that the passenger had dark blond hair and wore large sunglasses.

OFFICIALS AT THE Arlington

Heights police station said the informant told them that the two men allegedly remarked to a motorcycle club gathering that "the leader of the country did not deserve to live." The men did not mention President Nixon by name, according to the informant, the police said.

Police officials said the informant told them the men made the remark while the motorcycle club was meeting in a forest preserve near the hotel where the President was staying.

The informant said the men were not members of the club but became friendly with club members after they offered marijuana to the group, the police said.

The men were said to have told the group they had "a military-type automatic weapon in their car" but that the informant did not see such a weapon.