

# Nixon's Aides Get Reports Of Secret Service on Rival

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—White House aides involved in President Nixon's campaign have received reports of the Secret Service, whose agents are assigned to protect Senator George McGovern, about confidential meetings of the Democratic Presidential nominee, according to a source in the Secret Service.

The source said that agents assigned to guard Mr. McGovern had not been told to gather intelligence on him, but that certain information collected by the Secret Service had been turned over to White House aides by an official of the agency in violation of rules.

He also said that in 1968 an aide to President Johnson received information from a Secret Service agent about Mr. Nixon's movements. He said that he did not know what use, if any, had been made of the information or whether it had been relayed to anyone on the staff of Hubert H. Humphrey, then the Democratic Presidential nominee.

Jack Warner, a spokesman for the Secret Service, said that such an allegation had never before been made against the agency. "In no way would such action be sanctioned and we know of no way this could be going on," he said. "We have

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taken every precaution to prevent this."

The source would not identify the White House aides involved in the McGovern situation. But he said that information on Mr. McGovern was relayed to the White House as far back as early April.

He pointed out that each day Secret Service agents guarding the nominee get a schedule of every stop he will make during the day and evening.

It includes not only the stops listed on the schedule given to the press but also private visits to potential financial backers and others made quietly by Mr. McGovern, without notification to the press.

Many of these private schedules have been forwarded to White House aides, according to the source, letting them know the individuals Mr. McGovern values enough to seek out. The source would not name the individual sending the information to the White House.

He said that other details about Mr. McGovern's movements were also being relayed but that the schedule was the only document forwarded.

Mr. McGovern was one of five candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination who were given Secret Service protection beginning last March 20. The others were Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington.

The Secret Service was authorized to provide protection for all major Presidential candidates in 1968 after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on the night of the California primary.

In the months after the authorization was granted, an aide to President Johnson was given information about the private schedule of Mr. Nixon by a Secret Service agent, according to the source.

The source said that he was not aware how many times this had been done but that he personally knew of one instance.

In the case of Mr. McGovern's schedule, he said that it was sent to the White House on a number of occasions since last April.

Mr. Warner said that he did not see how this could have been done. "We guard these schedules very closely," he said. "They are not disseminated to every agent on guard duty."

The Secret Service, an agency of the Treasury Department with headquarters across the street from the White House, will not disclose the number of men in each detail protecting a candidate.

However, 526 new agents have been hired over the last three years, bringing the candidate protection force to 720 men.

When five candidates were being guarded in the primaries, the cost of the protection ran to \$1-million a month.