

White House Guards Get Antiaircraft Missiles

The Secret Service, worried about two near-misses by men possibly seeking to fly aircraft into the White House, has armed its guards with anti-aircraft missiles, according to the current issue of Aviation Week magazine.

The magazine said the Secret Service has obtained a Redeye missile which can be fired from the shoulder and is designed for use by foot soldiers.

A Secret Service spokesman declined to confirm the report. An Army private who commanded a helicopter from

Ft. Meade, Md., put the craft down in a hail of shotgun fire on the White House grounds Feb. 16.

President Nixon was in Florida at the time.

A few days later, two airline employees were killed along with a hijacker at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Letters and tapes mailed by the hijacker said he planned to crash the plane into the White House.

The Redeye has a heat-seeking guidance system, which seeks out the exhaust of an aircraft.