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Kennedy Parents Lead A059 160

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. AP - Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy and his wife, Rose, were told this morning that their son, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., was shot early today. Ann Gargan, niece and companion to the ambassador, told Mrs. Kennedy before she attended Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the youngest son, told his father when he talked with him by telephone this morning, Miss Gargan said.

When asked how the elder Kennedys had taken the news, Miss Gargan replied:

"How would you take it if you were told another son had been shot in the head?"

Her voice broke and she said, "It's terrible. We are praying."

Miss Gargan said Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, was expected at the Kennedy home later today.

"We're going to see how things stand a little later, and then perhaps set a time for him to come," she said.

Heavy police guards surrounded the home.

Miss Gargan: 3rd graf

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WASHN Kennedy-Washn Reaction A109WX inserting identification sub for 3rd graf. Johnson said.

He had been awakened to hear the news of the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles. His White House staff brought him the word.

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WASHINGTON AP - President Johnson, acting quickly after the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, ordered the Secret Service to protect all major presidential candidates and their families.

The White House, in announcing the action, did not list the names of these candidates.

But Secret Service agents immediately joined Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey already has such protection.

The announcement said the President lacks specific legislative authority to issue the order but refused to let legalisms stand in his way.

Only after directing James Rowley, chief of the Secret Service, to dispatch agents immediately to this new assignment did he set about making the action legal.

The President conferred with Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen, Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okla., and Rep. Tom Steed, D-Okla.

"The President advised these members of Congress," the White House statement explained, "of the actions he had taken in placing Secret Service details with each of the presidential candidates and discussed the need for authorizing legislation to follow up this action."

Monroney heads the Senate committee and Steed heads the House subcommittee which handle appropriations for the Secret Service.

Existing legislation authorizes the Secret Service to protect the president, members of his immediate family, the president-elect, the vice president or other officer next in the order of succession to the president, and the vice president-elect.

Former presidents and their wives also receive Secret Service protection, as do widows and minor children of former presidents.

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