

Army Troops Put on Alert

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Several thousand Army troops have been placed on alert as a precautionary measure as a result of the attempted assassination of Robert Kennedy, it was learned today.

Officials emphasized that

at this point no troop deployments are planned but "we're watching the situation" in case violence should break out in Los Angeles, Washington or elsewhere.

Officially, the Defense Department refused to discuss the matter except to say that

"the Army has taken certain prudent actions."

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. touched off riots in a number of U.S. cities two months ago, and thousands of troops were ordered out to help restore order.

Sources said the alerted units include air transport and infantry outfits but these were not identified.

Regular Army units rather than Army Reserve or National Guard units, were affected.