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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., OCT. 15 (AP)-SHERIFF JOHNNIE MITCHELL SAID YESTERDAY HIS INVESTIGATION OF WHAT AN INFORMER TOLD HIM WAS A THREAT TO SHOOT PRESIDENT JOHNSON INDICATED "IT WAS JUST ONE MAN INVOLVED." HE SAID AN UNNAMED FORMER MENTAL PATIENT WAS BEING SOUGHT.

THE SHERIFF TURNED TWO EX-CONVICTS ARRESTED AFTER SEIZURE OF A SMALL ARSENAL, NAZI FLAGS AND OTHER ITEMS OVER TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, WHO CHARGED THEM WITH VIOLATING THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

OFFICERS CONFISCATED THE WEAPONS, INCLUDING MACHINE GUNS, AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, HIGH POWERED RIFLES AND AMMUNITION, AT THE HOME OF JULIUS SCHMIDT, 29, AND HIS MOTHER IN CORPUS CHRISTI.

SCHMIDT AND JERRY BIRD, 27, OF CALLEN, TEX., WERE HELD IN LIEU OF \$5,000 BOND EACH ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSING TWO MACHINE GUNS ON DIFFERENT DATES. BOTH SERVED PRISON TERMS FOR THE 1956 SLAYING OF A MAN WHO CAUGHT THEM BURGLARIZING AN AUTO PARTS STORE AT NIGHT.

MITCHELL SAID HIS INFORMANTS QUOTED THE MENTAL PATIENT AS STATING HE WANTED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON TO SHOOT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HOPED TO OBTAIN IT FROM SCHMIDT. THE PRESIDENT IS DUE HERE FOR A CAMPAIGN SPEECH SUNDAY NIGHT.

"I DON'T BELIEVE SCHMIDT KNEW HE WAS TO BE CONTACTED," THE SHERIFF SAID AFTER QUESTIONING HIM FOR SEVERAL HOURS. "I DON'T THINK HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT."

MITCHELL SAID THERE ALSO WAS NO EVIDENCE TO LINK BIRD WITH SUCH A PLOT.

SCHMIDT, A STOCKY, BLOND PLUMBER, AND BIRD, A 240-POUNDER WHO SELLS HAY FOR A LIVING, WAIVED EXAMINING TRIAL AFTER CONFERRING WITH LAWYERS BY TELEPHONE.

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