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FORT WORTH, TEX., OCT. 28 (AP)-MRS. MARY ELIZABETH DUKE, 61, CHARGED WITH THREATENING THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WAS ORDERED COMMITTED TODAY TO THE WICHITA FALLS STATE HOSPITAL.

THE TEMPORARY HOSPITALIZATION ORDER CAME FROM JUDGE DREW CLIFTON, WHO WAS HEARING MENTAL CASES IN THE ABSENCE OF COUNTY JUDGE MARVIN B. SIMPSON JR.

THE COMMITMENT IS FOR 90 DAYS.

JUDGE CLIFTON SIGNED THE ORDER AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM TWO PHYSICIANS WHO SAID THEY BELIEVE MRS. DUKE IS MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES TREATMENT.

THE REQUEST THAT THE WOMAN BE TEMPORARILY HOSPITALIZED CAME FROM HER HUSBAND.

MRS. DUKE, AN ARLINGTON HOUSEWIFE, WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY EARLIER THIS MONTH BY FORT WORTH POLICE BEFORE MRS. LADY BIRD JOHNSON, THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE, ARRIVED HERE FOR AN APPEARANCE AT A FUND-RAISING LUNCHEON.

ASST. U. S. ATTY. WILLIAM HUGHES SAID MRS. DUKE, ON OR ABOUT OCT. 1, ALLEGEDLY TOLD A CLERK IN A DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH DEPARTMENT STORE THAT SHE PLANNED TO TAKE THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT.

HUGHES SENT A LETTER TO THE TARRANT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN WHICH HE SAID THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST MRS. DUKE HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

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