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STINSON-ASSASSINATION

WASHINGTON, MARCH 4 (AP)-REP. K.W. (BILL) STINSON, R-WASH., SAID TODAY THAT AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLER HAS THREATENED HIM WITH ASSASSINATION NEXT MONTH.

STINSON SAID THE CALLER, WHO MADE THE THREAT TO STINSON'S SECRETARY IN SEATTLE, GAVE NO REASON. THE CALLER SAID ONLY, **CONGRESSMAN STINSON WILL BE ASSASSINATED NEXT MONTH LIKE KENNEDY. ** STINSON SAID HE ASSUMES THE CALLER IS A COMMUNIST.

"COMMUNISTS. . . ARE THE ONLY ENEMIES I KNOW OF HAVING," HE TOLD NEWSMEN. "THEY PLAY IT ROUGH."

STINSON SPOKE TO NEWSMEN AFTER REP. BRUCE ALGER, R-TEX., TOLD THE HOUSE ABOUT THE INCIDENT IN A SPEECH.

ALGER SAID THE THREAT WAS MADE AFTER STINSON ADDRESSED THE HOUSE MONDAY, OPPOSING THE SALE OF WHEAT TO RUSSIA.

ALGER SAID THE THREAT "HAS BEEN MADE BY SOMEBODY, A COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER."

"I THINK OUR LAW NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS," ALGER SAID.

STINSON SAID THE CALLER TELEPHONED HIS OFFICE IN SEATTLE TWICE,
THE FIRST TIME ON MONDAY JUST A HALF-HOUR AFTER STINSON ADDRESSED
THE HOUSE.

FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST CALL, STINSON SAID, THERE WAS A SECOND CALL. HIS SECRETARY HEARD THE SAME VOICE AND THE SAME MESSAGE: "CONGRESSMAN STINSON WILL BE ASSASSINATED NEXT MONTH LIKE KENNEDY."

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