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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29 (AP)-THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT HAS REOPENED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HIS OWN SECURITY.

THERE WERE SOME BROAD HINTS THAT A PRESIDENT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE OBJECTIVE IN ASSESSING HIS RISKS, AND THAT HE FREQUENTLY MIGHT SUBORDINATE SECURITY TO POLITICAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

THERE WERE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE AIDES WHO PLANNED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S FATEFUL TRIP TO DALLAS HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, AND THAT THEY CONCENTRATED ON CROWD CONTROL AND DEMONSTRATIONS AS THE TWO MOST LIKELY PROBLEMS. MORE THAN 200 POLICE OFFICERS AND FEDERAL AGENTS WERE CONCENTRATED AT DABHGJ TRADE

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THE PROBLEM OF DECIDING WHETHER A PRESIDENT SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS OUTLINED BY HIS GUARDS MAY BE ONE OF THE TOUGHEST FACING THE NEW COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL SAFETY. OBVIOUSLY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE CANNOT BE MADE A PRISONER OF HIS OWN POLICE FORCE.

KENNEDY'S REMARKS MADE IT CLEAR HE REALIZED THE DANGER FROM A SNIPER, BUT HE ALSO SAID REPEATEDLY THAT HE DIDN'T WANT THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS RIDING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE DURING PARADES.

THE REPORT MENTIONS SECRET SERVICE AND FBI "DEFICIENCIES" WHICH PERMITTED A MAN WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S BACKGROUND TO GAIN A VANTAGE POINT ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE WITHOUT BEING DETECTED. IT ALSO IMPLIES THAT AN AGENT STATIONED CLOSER TO KENNEDY COULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE.

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THE FIRST SHOT WAS NOT FATAL, AND AGENTS APPARENTLY HAD FIVE SECONDS IN WHICH TO ACT. THE TWO AGENTS IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE CAR WERE VIRTUALLY SEALED OFF FROM THE REAR COMPARTMENT BY A STEEL HAND RAIL WHICH WAS 15 INCHES ABOVE THE BACK OF THE FRONT SEAT.

IN CONTRAST, AGENT RUFUS W. YOUNGBLOOD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE COVERED LYNDON B. JOHNSON, RIDING IN ANOTHER CAR, BEFORE THE SHOT THAT KILLED KENNEDY WACE

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, RIDING IN ANOTHER CAR, BEFORE THE SHOT THAT KILLED KENNEDY WAS FIRED. YOUNGBLOOD WAS IN A JUMP SEAT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF JOHNSON IN THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CAR.

ONE OFFICER STATIONED AT THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING, IN RELAYING INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS MEN, STRESSED THE CROWD PROBLEM, CAUTIONING AGAINST "ANOTHER ADLAI STEVENSON INCIDENT." STEVENSON HAD BEEN JEERED AND JOSTLED IN DALLAS A MONTH BEFORE.

OFFICIALS OF THE SECRET SERVICE, FBI AND THE WHITE HOUSE REFUSE TO DISCUSS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN SECRET SERVICE PROCEDURE.

THE RENOVATED PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE NOW HAS ITS JUMP SEATS--OCCUPIED LAST NOV. 22 BY GOV. AND MRS. JOHN CONNALLY--FACING THE REAR<sup>R</sup> SO AGENTS CAN OBSERVE THE PRESIDENT FROM AN ARM'S LENGTH AWAY.

PRESUMABLY, BULLET-PROOF OR BULLET-RESISTANT MATERIAL HAS BEEN ADDED.

AGENTS ASSIGNED TO WATCH BUILDINGS ARE MORE IN EVIDENCE NOW AND THEY ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT A MOTORCADE.

JOHNSON FREQUENTLY CHANGES PLANS AND ROUTES AND SOMETIMES DOES NOT REVEAL HIS TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

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ALTHOUGH MANY OFFICIALS HAVE MENTIONED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF GIVING COMPLETE PROTECTION TO A PRESIDENT WHILE HE IS EXPOSED TO THE PUBLIC, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RISK CAN BE GREATLY REDUCED.

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE SCOPE OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION HAS BEEN GREATLY INCREASED WITH THE SECRET SERVICE FREQUENTLY CALLING ON THE FBI FOR HELP. THE SERVICE COUNTS ITS AGENTS IN THE HUNDREDS WHILE THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND FBI AGENTS.

THE WARREN GROUP SAID THE SECRET SERVICE MEN WERE "SUBSTANTIALLY OVERWORKED" AND THAT THEIR PAY WAS BELOW THAT OF FBI MEN.

THE SERVICE ALREADY HAS INSTITUTED A 20-MONTH REORGANIZATION PROGRAM THAT CALLS FOR THE ADDITION OF 205 AGENTS AND THE EXPENDITURES OF \$3 MILLION.

THE NEW COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL SAFETY UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION FOR PUTTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESIDENTIAL SAFETY UNDER ANOTHER AGENCY, SUCH AS THE FBI, OR OTHERWISE ALTERING THE PROTECTIVE SETUP. SOME OFFICIALS HAVE SAID MERGING OF THE TWO SERVICES MIGHT IMPROVE EFFICIENCY BUT IT MIGHT AT THE SAME TIME GIVE RISE TO FEARS OF CREATING A SUPER SECRET POLICE.

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