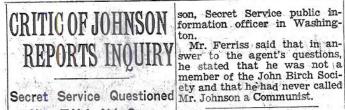
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Him, T.V.A. Aide Says

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 27 (UPI)—An employe of the Ten 27 nessee Valley Authority said today that a Secret Service agent recently interrogated him because of a report that he had made "strong statements" concerning President Johnson.

C. Jack Ferriss Jr., the employe, said he recalled describing President Johnson to some-one as "tyrannical, dictatorial, domineering and overbearing.

He said the interrogation lasted about an hour Dec. 6 in the late evening. The Secret Service office in Nashville con-firmed that Mr. Ferriss had been spoken to but declined any

firmed that Mr. Ferriss had been spoken to but declined any comment. Mr. Ferriss is an honorably discharged Air Force veteran, and at one time was cleared for security to work on the hydrogen bomb. Mr. Ferriss, who said he did not belong to a political party, added that he could not recall having made some of the state-ments attributed to him. Referring to the interroga-tion, Mr. Ferriss said: "Is this the sort of intimidation that a private citizen should have to put up with? Must we fear knocks on our doors late at night?" Mr. Ferriss recalled that the agent had refused to divulge any information about the per-son who had involved him, say-ing "our informer did not report that you threatened the Presi-dent, but only that you made strong remarks and accusations against him." Mr. Ferriss quoted the agent as saying also, "If our informer had reported that you had threatened the President, I would have to arrest you now." Questioned on Birch Link

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