

PACT ON GUARDING JOHNSON REACHED

Secret Accord Discovered
Accidentally in Capital

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The Defense Department and the Secret Service have agreed on steps "to insure the timely exchange of information" about possible threats to the President's life.

The agreement was signed last Dec. 14, about 15 months after publication of the Warren Commission report recommending such an action, among others, to prevent a recurrence of an assassination like that of President Kennedy.

The pact came to light when copies were bound into a batch of routine orders. The document still bore the stamp: "For Official Use Only."

The Pentagon gave no explanation as to why the agreement had not been made public officially and said "it still is for official eyes only."

The pact's purpose, it was written, "is to provide procedure for and define the types of information to be furnished" by the Pentagon to the Secret Service so the Secret Service "may best fulfill its responsibilities to protect the person of the President of the United States."

New Pacts Urged

The Warren Commission had found that there was an information gap between the F.B.I. and the Secret Service prior to President Kennedy's assassination. It urged that Secret Service agreements be made with

each Federal agency to insure receipt of vital information bearing on possible peril to the life of a President.

One of the categories of information that the Pentagon is now obligated to give the Secret Service involves "individuals who have threatened or attempted to redress, by other than legal means, a real or imaginary grievance against the Federal Government, including [those with] a less than honorable discharge."

Other categories include:

¶Individuals or groups who have made threats of bodily harm or have advocated assassination of the President or other officials.

¶Military and civilian personnel of the Defense Department discharged with or because of an abnormal mental condition that "is deemed to constitute a threat to the safety of others."

¶Defectors from the United States armed forces "and other military personnel, including deserters, who have refused repatriation or whose acts reflect an attitude of hostility which might be directed toward the president."

¶Present and former military and civilian personnel "who are believed to have collaborated with the enemy or to have committed treasonable acts."

¶Persons who have been discharged from the armed forces or dismissed from civilian employment in the Defense Department on a security or suitability grounds.

¶Groups hostile to the United States that have trained individuals in sabotage or assassination, as well as the persons so trained.

It was stipulated that information transmitted under the agreement should be treated as privileged and, without express Pentagon consent, "may not be used for any purpose other than to insure the protection of the President."