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E(250) JOHNSON BODYGUARD

JOHNSON CITY, TEX. NOV. 9 (AP)-RUFUS YOUNGBLOOD, SECRET SERVICE AGENT HONORED FOR PROTECTING LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S LIFE WHEN JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED, HAS BEEN REPLACED AS HEAD OF JOHNSON'S BODYGUARD.

LEM JOHNS, AN AGENT LONG CLOSE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, IS THE NEW HEAD OF THE WHITE HOUSE SECRET SERVICE DETAIL. YOUNGBLOOD, WHO HAD BEEN PROMOTED TO THAT POST EARLIER THIS YEAR, NOW IS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE SECRET SERVICE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SHIFT CAME IN ROUNDABOUT FASHION TONIGHT AFTER PRESS SECRETARY BILL D. MOYERS WAS INFORMED THAT NEWSMEN HAD SEEN YOUNGBLOOD AT FT. GORDON, GA., WHERE FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER IS HOSPITALIZED.

INITIALLY, MOYERS SAID YOUNGBLOOD WAS AT HIS DESK IN WASHINGTON. LATER HE SAID YOUNGBLOOD AND SEVERAL OTHER SECRET SERVICE AGENTS HAD GONE TO GEORGIA "TO PROVIDE WHATEVER HELP GEN. EISENHOWER NEEDS."

ASKED FOR YOUNGBLOOD'S TITLE, MOYERS SAID HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF PROTECTIVE FORCES, MEANING HE OVERSEES SECRET SERVICE EFFORTS TO KEEP TABS ON POTENTIAL ASSASSINS OR ~~OTHERS~~ WHO MIGHT POSE A THREAT TO PRESI

MOYERS SAID YOUNGBLOOD ALSO SUPERVISES PROTECTION NOW PROVIDED BY LAW FOR EISENHOWER, FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN AND MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY AND THE TWO CHILDREN OF THE ASSASSINATED CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

THIS WAS THE FIRST WORD OF YOUNGBLOOD'S NEW POSITION, AND OF THE JOHNS PROMOTION.

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