2(520) PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 30 (AP)—PRESIDENT JOHNSON MET FOR AN HOUR TODAY WITH HIS COMMITTEE ON THE WARREN REPORT AND SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY DOUGLAS DILLON SAID AFTERWARDS:

PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION CAN BE IMPROVED BUT "I DON'T THINK THE PRESIDENT EVER CAN BE PERFECTLY PROTECTED" FROM "ASSASSINATION.

JOHNSON SET UP THE FOUR-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO APPRAISE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION, HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING PRESIDENTIAL SAFEGUARDS.

JOHNSON ASKED THE FOUR MEMBERS TO COME UP WITH THEIR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS. DILLON SAID THEY ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO IN TIME TO INCORPORATE THEM IN THE NEXT BUDGET AND IN LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO THE NEXT CONGRESS.

IN ADDITION TO DILLON THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT MCGEORGE BUNBY, INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE AND ACTING ATTY. GEN. NICHOLAS KATZENBACH.

DILLON SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER FIELDS THE WARREN COMMISSION DID NOT COVER, SUCH AS WHETHER PROTECTION OF PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS HAS BEEN ADEQUATE DURING TRAVELS ABROAD.

ASKED WHETHER THE COMMITTEE AND JOHNSON DISCUSSED THE PRESIDENT'S PRACTICE OF GETTING OUT OF CARS DURING MOTORCADES AND MIXING WITH PEOPLE, DILLON SAID PRESS REPORTS ON THAT WERE DISCUSSED. HE SAID THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRET SERVICE, WHICH HE SAID HOLDS THAT "THIS IS A NORMAL THING; PRESIDENTS HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT AND IT IS SOMETHING THEY HAVE ALWAYS HANDLED AND CAN HANDLE."
JOHNSON WADDED THROUGH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN WILDLY MILLING CROWDS ON A SWEEP THROUGH NEW ENGLAND MONDAY.

THE SECRET SERVICE, SAID DILLON, IN WHOSE DEPARTMENT THE AGENCY IS CENTERED, WAS NOT AS DISTURBED AS SOME OF THE REPORTS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT FEELS HE HAS A RIGHT TO MIX WITH THE PEOPLE AND SHAKE HANDS AND THAT HE IS NOT RISKING HIS SAFETY IN DOING SO.

TO A QUESTION WHETHER ANY CHANGES IN THE SECRET SERVICE ARE IN PROSPECT AS A RESULT OF WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS, THE TREASURY SECRETARY SAID THE COMMISSION HAD POINTED A FINGER AT THE MATTER OF ADVANCE DETECTION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS AND EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO IMPROVE SUCH DETECTION IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

A GREAT MANY MEASURES ALREADY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTION SINCE THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, DILLON SAID. HE MENTIONED MORE ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR TRIPS, AND GREATER SURVEILLANCE OF BUILDINGS ALONG THE ROUTES.

ADDITIONAL MANPOWER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION, HE SAID, AND TREASURY AND FBI AGENTS HAVE BEEN BORROWED FOR THIS TASK. HE SAID THAT SINCE KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION THEY HAVE PUT IN A TOTAL OF 10,000 MAN HOURS AT THIS, COMPARED WITH ZERO HOURS BEFORE.

THE WARREN COMMISSION CRITICIZED THE SECRET SERVICE AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THE FBI ON GROUNDS OF INADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL TRIPS. A REPORTER SAID THEY WERE REPORTS THAT TWO FBI AGENTS HAD BEEN DISCIPLINED AND ASKED WHETHER ANY SECRET SERVICE AGENTS HAD BEEN.

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT "WE DIDN'T THINK ANY WAS REQUIRED."

TO A QUESTION WHETHER HE THOUGHT PROTECTION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES OTHER THAN THE PRESIDENT, DILLON SAID THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THIS IS FOR CONGRESS TO DECIDE.

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE TIME TO IMPROVE ON THE ADVANCE DETECTION OF PERSONS WHO ARE POTENTIAL THREATS TO A PRESIDENT, SINCE THIS WILL TAKE AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING. NEITHER THE SECRET SERVICE NOR THE FBI HAS THIS, HE SAID, ALTHOUGH THE FBI IS GOING TO INSTALL COMPUTERS AND THE SECRET SERVICE WILL DO SO LATER.

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