

Treasury officials testify

Federal agent offered cash to kill Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — Threats upon President Ford's life have tripled since Lynette Fromme leveled a pistol at him Sept. 5, including one case in which a federal undercover agent was offered \$25,000 to kill the chief executive, Treasury Department officials testified Tuesday.

Rex D. Davis, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the man who approached the agent was a former mental patient from Belleville, Ill., who was detained the following day and returned to a mental institution.

In East St. Louis, Ill., U.S. Atty. Mike Nestor was asked if the incident might really have been an idle threat. "Well, that's close," he said.

Davis disclosed the episode in testimony for a Senate subcommittee probing the Secret Service and other agencies charged with protection of the President.

He told reporters later that the former mental patient and an undercover agent had a chance encounter in a tavern on Sept. 10 at Belleville, shortly before Ford's visit in nearby St. Louis — and

after the Fromme incident in Sacramento, Calif.

Davis said the man, who was unarmed, apparently had been drinking and offered the \$25,000 although no money changed hands. No formal charges were filed.

It was during the President's stay in St. Louis that a man with a pistol was spotted on a catwalk in Kiel Auditorium an hour before Ford was to speak. But Illinois officials said the mental patient was in custody at that time. Whether he may have been linked to the case mentioned by Davis was a question upon which the Secret Service declined comment.

A White House spokesman said Ford had not been apprised at the time of the \$25,000 offer for his life.

Treasury Secretary William Simon, meanwhile, told the panel that the Secret Service had been tipped to 320 threats of varying credibility during the first 20 days of September, about triple the usual number. In one of those cases, Sara Jane Moore was interviewed by two Secret Service agents only to be released. She took a shot at Ford the next day, in San Francisco.

Simon wondered aloud if the nation's news media aren't partially to blame for the escalation. "There is a very fine line between the responsibility of the press and glamorizing these incidents," he said. Secret Service Director H. Stuart Knight noted that as a result of the recent attempts upon Ford the agency will begin protection on Wednesday of six Democratic presidential aspirants, whereas it originally had not intended to do so until next March. That doubtlessly will bring a request for boosting the \$5 million appropriation for candidate protection, he said.

Budget Director James Lynn said at the White House that Congress would be asked for an extra \$13.5 million for the rest of this year and next year. Among expenses were \$5 million for an additional 150 agents and 132 other positions and \$5.4 million for increased travel costs.

But Knight and the other federal officials all agreed that money and manpower alone cannot insure safety.

"It's this whole question of how do you predict human behavior," he said. "We think we have an excellent track record on it, and we stand on that record."

But he concurred with Sen. John McClellan, D-Ark., that "if improvement is to be made, it's got to come in techniques."

Knight told the panel, headed by Sen. Joseph Montoya, D-N.M., that the Secret Service maintains a list of 39,800 names of persons regarded as possible threats upon the President or other public officials. Then there is a "hotlist" of about 300 names that bear even closer scrutiny, including fulltime surveillance when the President is near, he said.

But Burke acknowledged that neither woman was on either list. Nor, he said, were Arthur Bremer, convicted of the 1972 shooting of Alabama Gov. George Wallace; James Earl Ray, convicted of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Sirhan Sirhan, the killer of Sen. Robert Kennedy, or Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the Warren

Commission said killed President John Kennedy.

Davis testified that in addition to the case where one of his agents was offered \$25,000 to kill Ford, the agency also had tipped the Secret Service to an instance when "a twice-convicted felon armed with three high-powered rifles and a possible automatic weapon" headed for a meeting with a militant group in Oklahoma City before Ford's visit there Sept. 19.

The purpose of the meeting, Davis said, was "to discuss the President's scheduled visit."

Again, Davis offered no other details as to the upshot of that episode. But Burke said the suspect was never located, and the Secret Service still is actively searching for him.

Moreover, said Burke, there may be a link between the suspect and the mysterious explosion of an automobile on the Kansas Turnpike about the time of Ford's trip to Oklahoma City. Burke said the vehicle apparently belonged to members of the militant organization, which he declined to name.

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