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June 5, 1968 12 noon call from Senator Mike
Monroney relative to meeting of the Senate
Appropriations Committee to amend the Treasury
Post Office and Executive Offices Appropriation
Bill, which includes the Secret Service.

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B-Additional language to be added to the amendment:

" Hereafter, unless such authority be revoked by the President of the United States, when requested by the Director of the Secret Service, Federal Departments and agencies which shall assist the Secret Service in the performance of its protective duties under Title 18, USC, Section 3056, and the preceding paragraph. "

(NOTE: The statute is the authority for all Secret Service protection duties and the preceding paragraph is the language providing authority for protection of Presidential candidates)

B- It was thought the above additional language should be added in case the Secret Service goes haywire -- the President should have the power to revoke.

A- If you are going to charge the Secret Service with the responsibility of protecting a man's life, no President should have the authority to take it away. The Congress could take it away.

B- The fear is that he (the President) might be able to mobilize the whole Army. A power-mad guy, using the FBI as a power wedge to build up a revolution. If anybody gets shot the blame would be on the administrative officer. This language gives you the final veto if the man goes wild.

A - I don't believe any President would revoke it.

A- You ought to try to get out of this old bureaucracy and bring modern people into the Secret Service at salaries that you can employ people. You don't get the superior intelligence at the salaries paid S. S. people. How about writing in the report encouragement for recruiting new agents -- arrange some superior grades for these folks. You ought to have some real top men.

B - You get me a budget.