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ACCIDENT

The Secret Service (Jack Warner) says it can find no record during the past seventeen years of any accident involving the Presidential limousine (with the President in it) and another car. The limos have been involved in some minor accidents-- such as striking a motorcycle policeman and, once, a bicyclist-- but none involving a collision with another car.

Basically the incident occurred this way: It happened about three blocks after departing the Civic Center. The motorcade was traveling East on Talcott and Market. The Presidential car was traveling at ~~an estimated speed of 30 miles per hour, the~~ other car ~~was traveling at an estimated speed of 30 to 40 miles per hour.~~ After the vehicle struck the President's car, the agents got out, with guns drawn, and determined there was no immediate danger other than the accident. Some agents remained behind to pursue the investigation and the motorcade resumed the trip to the airport. It is estimated the Presidential car was stopped for about 20 seconds.

Jack Warner's telephone number is WO 4-8221.

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