Bremer's Car Called Motel on

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"RFK Must Die" and an
other book on Sirhan B. Sir-
han, convicted assassin of
Sen. Robert F. Kennedy,
were among the items found
in Arthur Herman Bremer's car,
according to an FBI search
warrant filed yesterday in Bal-
timore.

Bremer, former Milwaukee
bus boy and school janitor,
is being held on $200,000 bond
on charges of shooting
Alabama Gov. George C.
Wallace at Monday's shop-
ping center rally in Laurel,
Md.

High federal officials who
have reviewed investigative
reports on the Wallace
shooting said yesterday that
there is no evidence what-
soever to indicate that Bre-
mer was involved in the kill-
ings.

At least 200 FBI agents
were following leads
across the country and have
found no indication of a con-
sspiracy in the Wallace shoot-
ing, federal sources here in
Washington said.

Clarence Goetz, magis-
trate in Baltimore, said yest-
day the warrant used to
search Bremer's 1968 Ramb-
er listed six pages of items
the FBI took from the car.

Included were 13 gas sta-
tion road maps, a Rand-
McNally road atlas, two Re-
publican campaign buttons,
one Sen. George McGovern
campaign flyer and one Wal-
lace poster.

In addition, the warrant
listed three suitcases, a good
deal of clothing, Bremer's
birth certificate, three news-
papers and "various pages
of lined notebook paper con-
taining miscellaneous items."

Officially, the FBI de-
clined to comment on the
search. Other reliable fed-
eral sources said the car
contained an itinerary for
Bremer's campaign in Mary-
land.

Bremer's father flew to
Maryland yesterday and vis-
ited his son for about
five minutes at the Baltimore
County Jail in Towson, Md.,
where Bremer is being held.

One source said the mate-
rial taken from the car indi-
ated the 21-year-old Bremer
was "driving a hotel on
wheels."

The items supported the
earlier evidence that Bre-
mer was following the Wal-
lace campaign for at least
several weeks.

The campaign material on
McGovern and undiscovered
Republicans is the first posi-
tive indication that Bre-
mer had at least a passing in-
terest in other candidates.

The book, "RFK Must
Die," by Robert B. Kaiser
and the other book with the
title of "Sirhan" came from
the Milwaukee public li-
brary, according to the war-
rant.

Bremer's book, published
in 1970, was often advertised
as "the book that challenges
the police and FBI to re-
open this case" and alleged
that Robert Kennedy's 1968
assassination was a conspir-
cy.

Prince George's County
police yesterday took apart
the Bremer car, piece by
piece, searching for evi-
dence that the FBI might not
have found in its search of
the car Tuesday.

"The FBI conducted a
search," said Assistant Chief
John W. Rhoads. "We're go-
ing into it a little deeper."

Four detectives wearing
rubber gloves were carefully
taking out the car's interi-
ors and peeling back parts of
the body.

"They're looking in all the
hiding places," said Rhoads.
He declined to say if any-
things had been found.

The car's seats, tires and
other assorted parts were
carefully laid out on the
blacktop in a sealed-off area
behind the county police
academy in Forestville.

The detectives, working
with two cameras, took pho-
tos of the interior as they
stripped it. Some smaller
parts were placed in small
plastic bags.

"You aren't going to be
able to tell what kind of a
car it is (when they're fin-
ished)," said Rhoads.

He said his department
and the FBI were working
cooperatively in examining
the evidence and that some
parts of the car might be
taken to the FBI for analysis.

The FBI's search of the
car was made Tuesday in a
Sunoco service station on
Central Avenue in Randolph
Village where the car was
parked Monday night.

"They worked on it all
day," recalled Thomas
Smith, a station attendant.

Smith said he saw a sports
car in the back seat with a
turtle-neck sweater, suit-
cases and other clothes. He
did not say the car "looked
expensive."

He said FBI agents
worked on the car most of
Tuesday while Prince
George's police, with their
own separate search war-
rant in hand, watched pa-
tiently. Then at 4 p.m. Tues-
day, he said, the car was
parked by county police sev-
eral miles to their academy.

Court records in Milwau-
kee show that the Bremer
family had frequent contact
with social service agencies
and was considered a prob-
lem family in which paren-
tal quarreling and neglect
were common.

In a 1952 hearing, Bremer's
mother, Sylvia Bremer, dis-
played anger towards a
baby boy whom she was
holding, according to juve-
"nile records.

The baby is not identified
as Arthur by name in the
court records, but he was
the Bremer's only baby at
that time.

According to the court
records, Sylvia Bremer
shoved the baby after first
refusing to hold him at all.

The judge, John R. Kenney,
commented: "Well, I can see
this mother doesn't know
anything about children."

The juvenile court records
also contain the following
analysis from a social
worker: "This family's his-
tory is not a very healthy
one. The two oldest children
are illegitimate and have
different fathers. William is
the first child to be born out
of wedlock, and this oc-
curred three months after
the parents' marriage. The
mother continues to speak
in loud harsh tones and
shows little affection for
William. The boy states that
home is "the most unhappy
place. There is considerable
quarreling going on between
the parents and William."

Those comments were
made by Edith Stander of
the city's division of child
welfare in 1956.

(Anthony Herman Bremer,
the suspect, is the third
child.)

Interviews yesterday with
others who knew Bremer or
came into contact with him
confirmed earlier reports
that he was a loner with ap-
parently a great deal of pati-
ence and silent resolve.

For example: William
Ganser, owner of Bill's
Sound Center in Kalamazoo,
Mich., said yesterday that
Bremer had appeared in the
parking lot by his store last
Saturday morning 11 hours
before Wallace appeared at
a rally in the nearby ar-
mony.

"He arrived at 9:30 a.m.
and sat in the car looking
around all day... that's the
first time I ever saw any-
body wait in a car all day,"
Ganser said.

Ganser called the police
about 3:30 p.m. and they
came and questioned Bre-
mer—but did not take him
into custody. Bremer at-
tended the Wallace rally
that night.

Despite reports that Bre-
mer attended Wallace ral-
lies around the country, he
so far has been positively
placed only at Wallace cam-
paign functions in Wiscon-
sin, Michigan and Maryland.

In a lengthy telephone in-
terview from Milwaukee
yesterday, Bremer's mother,
Sylvia, said that she could
not understand why Wallace
wasn't better protected.

"I can't understand why
Wallace didn't have a pro-
tection vest... I can't un-
derstand why they let some-
one come up and shoot him."

According to federal and
Prince George's County au-
thorities, it now appears
that Bremer will be prosecuted in both county and federal courts.

Paul R. Kramer, deputy U.S. attorney for Maryland, said that in theory the two prosecutions could take place within one or two weeks of each other.

Kramer said he expects the federal grand jury to indict Bremer next week on the two charges of assaulting a federal officer and interfering with a candidate running for federal office. The maximum penalty for each is 10 years in jail.

At the same time, Vincent Femia, deputy state's attorney in Prince George's, said he expects the local grand jury next week to also indict Bremer on the charge of attempted murder, which is punishable by life imprisonment or death in the electric chair.

Jay F. Morris, administrative aide to County Executive William W. Gullett, said yesterday that Monday night there was a disagreement between local and federal authorities over who should have custody of Bremer. Morris said Gullett resolved the issue by ordering county police to turn Bremer over to federal agents.

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