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Krabach outlines plans for city buildings

City Manager Richard Krabach told City Council today what security measures are being taken to protect City Hall from would-be revolutionary bombings.

The report lists these measures:

- Security guards patrol City Hall seven days a week, but Monday through Friday the building is patroled after business hours only.
- All doors at City Hall, except those to Central Station and the detention sections, are locked and secured from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. week days and are locked Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- Bomb threats received by City Hall telephone operators, or fire and police dispatchers can be recorded and played back for any authorized official. Procedures for immediate investigation of threats have been established by the police, fire and communications divisions.
- Cost estimates are being developed for the possible installation of an evacuation alarm system. There are no existing facilities for quickly alerting occupants of the building of an emergency requiring immediate evacuation.
- The Communications Building (Station X) has been physically secured by reinforcement of exposed areas, fencing and a closed circuit television system which monitors and controls the main gate.
- Some fire stations have had exposed areas reinforced and additional security for some police division buildings.

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