

Missing Girl Now Believed Kidnaped

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Police and fire officials of Fairfax County, assisted by 340 Army troops from Ft. Belvoir, continued unsuccessfully yesterday the search for 10-year-old Patricia Ann Moore. The Clifton girl has been missing since Wednesday morning, when she went out to join a friend to play.

The soldiers were withdrawn from the search yesterday at about 4:15 p.m., but Major Stanley H. Dodson of the Fairfax police said at least 10 policemen would continue the effort "until we turn up something."

The troops joined the search Saturday, covering the wooded areas near the Moore home, at 7359 Clifton Rd., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dodson said. He said that police would remain at the scene through the night.

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Lt. J. W. Wolfe, of the Fairfax County fire department, said that about 25 firemen were dragging water areas nearby, including numerous farm ponds and one large reservoir.

Dodson said police now believe the girl, known as Patty, was kidnaped. "I think at this point that's the only thing we can assume. Being a runaway just isn't a possibility. Neighbors confirm that," he said.

He added, however, that

there has been no tangible evidence of kidnapping, such as a ransom note.

Wolfe said that the police and troops were "working in sectors—in lines and in sight of each other. Most of these areas have been checked and rechecked."

He also said that neighbors, some on horseback, have joined in the search through the wooded area.

Dodson said that Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Patty's parents, "have done very well" during the search.