

Connally Wanted President To Call Off Trip to Texas

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AUSTIN, Texas—The irony of the fatal presidential trip to Texas is that Gov. John Connally tried to call it off.

The governor, wounded by Mr. Kennedy's assassin, was against the idea for two reasons: (1) It would not be wise politically, would expand rather than heal wounds within the Texas Democratic party, and (2) There was the possibility of some unpleasant incident.

Publicly, Gov. John Connally displayed enthusiasm about the 2-day trip.

Actually, he went to Washington to try to call it off. He told members of his staff here in Austin that he would do just that.

CONNALLY came back to Austin and announced that the trip would be made.

The governor felt that the people of Texas were too emotional

at this time and that the trip, if made, should be delayed for months.