Iohnson Described Events on Plane

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Although President Johnson has declined to comment on any of the versions of what happened on the plane that carried President President Air Force One, after a short delay, came to dent Kennedy's body and his was waiting. widow from Dallas to Washington, Mr. Johnson's own ac-private quarters of the Presiof the Warren Commission, of the Warren Commission, right for John Kennedy not to gives no clue to the bitterness that Mrs. John F. Kennedy is there. I told someone that seemed inadequate. She went now portrayed as having felt we preferred for Mrs. Kennedy into the private quarters of the toward Mr. Johnson.

President Johnson's testimony, given in a statement plane, I called Robert Kennedy son and the coffin arrived on July 10, 1964, tells how the . . . Despite his shock, he disassassinated President's brother cussed the practical problems Robert F., who was then At-at hand — problems of special torney General, directed that urgency because we did not the plane remain grounded until at that time have any inforthe oath as President to Mr. mation as to the motivation of Mrs. Kennedy would stand with Johnson.

tive to Mrs. Kennedy's feelings me back. right after the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

Johnson Taken to Plane

the Warren Commission, which Walter Jenkins [an administra- had at first been ushered into investigated the assassination, tive assistant to Mr. Johnson], the Presidential private cabin confirms that of her husband both of who urged that of the plane "but Lyndon quickregarding their efforts to help the return to Washington is said, 'No, no' and immedisustain Mrs. Kennedy in her should not be delayed. I ately led us out of there."

Johnson's statement was given for Mrs. Kennedy and for the Kennedy should be," the stateregarding their efforts to help the on July 16, 1964.

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Although President Johnson took him and Mrs. Johnson in States.

"We were ushered into the tinues: count, which is in the records dent's plane," Mr. Johnson's Kennedy and the President's statement says. "It didn't seem coffin arrived. Mrs. Johnson and to use those quarters.

"Shortly after we boarded the

at variance with published rethe matter of whether the oath ports that William Manchester's of office as President should be oath was being administered forthcoming book, "The Death administered to me immediately "I shall never forget her of a President." describes Mr. or after we returned to Wash. Johnson as having been insensi- ington, and that he would call bravery, nobility and dignity.

George Bundy [a special assist-Mrs. Johnson's statement to ant to President Kennedy] and tells how she and her husband on July 16, 1964.

President's body to be placed ment says. "The casket was in on the plane, and would not rethe hall. I went in to see Mrs.

only the happenings in Dallas sation was interrupted to allow it as easy as possible. up to the events at Parkland the Attorney General to come General Hospital, where Presiback on the line. He said that Lady Bird, it's good that we've the said that the dent Kennedy was pronounced the oath should be administered always liked you two so much. Mr. Johnson's statement should be administered by a ju-there."

relates how Secret Service men dicial officer of the United

the plane. The statement con-

"A few minutes later Mrs. plane.

"I estimate that Mrs. Johntered the plane—just after 2 o'clock.

'Nobility and Dignity'

"About a half hour later, I the assassination or its possible us during the administration of This account, with a reference implications.

The Attorney General said back to be with her. Mrs. Kentude for Mrs. Kennedy, appears that he would like to look into nedy came and stood with us

> The statement relates that the plane "took off promptly "I thereafter talked with Mc- mony."

Mrs. Johnson's

wead. Her account stopped short immediately, before taking off She said, 'Oh, what if I had not of what hapened on the plane for Washington, and that it been there? I was so glad I was