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A Sick Remark

Spotted in Earl Wilson's column of April 4, 1968 is this strange paragraph: Comedian Joey Adams, who has become a friend of the President, said LBJ called him the day before the announcement in Minneapolis, where he'd gone to make a speech, and the President was in a depressed mood. Although he gave no hint of his intention to withdraw from the running, the President did say to him, according to Joey, "I guess the only way they'll be happy is if one of my kids is killed."

These are the words of a sick man. We have no idea who the President meant by THEY, but we do wish to give notice now that we have no desire whatsoever for one of his kids to be killed. For the good of the country, we do hope that LBJ is not President much longer, but we have absolutely no animosity toward his children or his sons-in-law.

What we fear more than anything is that this may be a refinement on the cruel order of King David when he sent Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, into battle to be killed. If the President's comment can be repeated often enough, some commander in the 1st Marine Division might decide, in an effort to gain a promotion or another ribbon, that Captain Charles Robb should be repeatedly assigned to night patrol duty. The law of averages can be pretty devastating to members of night patrols in enemy territory.