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Plot to Slay McKeithen Is Disclosed

BATON ROUGE, La., June 25 (AP)—Gov. John McKeithen has been informed that a contract to murder him has been made in connection with a state probe into labor problems, it was disclosed today.

McKeithen, contacted at the Governor's mansion, confirmed the report and then referred all newsmen's questions to State Police Supt. Thomas D. Burbank.

The death plot reportedly was disclosed to McKeithen by the State Police; the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry, a state body investigating labor difficulties, and the FBI.

Sporadic violence has occurred in the Baton Rouge area and in southwest Louisiana between labor forces and management during the past year, including bombings of construction sites.

The Commission of Inquiry was formed by a special session of the legislature in an effort to halt the violence.

One report received by authorities was that McKeithen was to have been killed by a former inmate of the state penitentiary at Angola while he was visiting Mobile, Ala., about three weeks ago.

The Governor flew to Mobile on June 10 for the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting and attended a reception there given by the Alabama governor. There were no incidents reported.