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Joseph Kennedy 3d Among Passengers On Hijacked Plane

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NEW DELHI, Tuesday, Feb. 22—A Lufthansa jumbo jet whose passengers included Joseph P. Kennedy 3d, son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was hijacked early today shortly after taking off from New Delhi for Athens, a Lufthansa official said.

The official said that Lufthansa Flight 649 with 180 passengers aboard was taken over by an unknown person or persons about one hour after it took off from New Delhi at 1 A.M. (2:30 P.M. Monday, New York time).

"The pilot messaged us that he no longer was in command," the official said.

Four and a half hours later there was still no word on the location of aircraft.

Young Kennedy had been on vacation in India for the last week after accompanying his uncle, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, to Bangladesh.

His aunt, Mrs. Edward Kennedy, also visited India last week but had left the country and was not on the Lufthansa flight, authoritative sources

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said. Joseph had stayed in India as a tourist.

Joseph P. Kennedy 3d, 19 years old, is one of 10 children of Senator Kennedy, who was assassinated in Los Angeles in June 1968. The young Kennedy is named for his late grandfather, a financier who once served as United States Ambassador to Britain.

Young Joseph's mother, Ethel Kennedy, spent the night before his birth campaigning in Fall River, Mass., for his uncle, John F. Kennedy, who was then running for the United States Senate.

Joseph was baptised by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing in a special weekday ceremony just before the election.

Joseph was 8 years old in 1960 when John F. Kennedy was elected President and his father appointed Attorney General. His father was elected Senator from New York when Joseph was 12.



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