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BATON ROUGE, JAN. 23 (AP)-LOUISIANA GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN, A DEMOCRAT, SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY, D-N.Y., WANTS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO LOSE THE PRESIDENCY IN 1968, APPARENTLY SO KENNEDY CAN LEAD A PARTY COMEBACK IN 1972.

MCKEITHEN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE KENNEDY'S ACTIVITIES INDICATE "HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DEFEATED ON A NATIONAL BASIS" AND THE WILLIAM MANCHESTER BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," APPARENTLY SOUGHT THE SAME END.

HE CRITICIZED THE BOOK, SAYING IT TRIED TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND GOV. JOHN CONN

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS WERE COWARDLY.

HE SAID KENNEDY IS HARRASSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON BY SECOND GUESSING POLICY IN VIET NAM, AND EVEN CRITICIZED LATIN AMERICAN POLICY, MUCH OF WHICH OF WHICH WAS SET BY HIS OWN BROTHER, THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE LOUISIANA GOVERNOR ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH SEN. J.W. FULBRIGHT D-ARK., WHOM HE SAID WAS DOING PRESIDENT JOHNSON "A GREAT INJUSTICE" IN HIS ATTACKS ON VIET NAM POLICY.

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