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LOS ANGELES AP - Sen. Robert F. Kennedy failed to show improvement Wednesday after surgeons removed from his brain all but a fragment of a bullet police said was fired by a mysterious young gunman with a Jordanian heritage.

"Sen. Kennedy's condition is still described as extremely critical as to life," the senator's press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz, told newsmen.

"The team of physicians attending Sen. Robert Kennedy," Mankiewicz said in a brief statement, "is concerned over his continuing failure to show improvement during the post-operative period."

But the press aide, answering questions some 17 hours after Kennedy was cut down in a Los Angeles hotel, would not say Kennedy's condition is deteriorating.

"We felt it would be appropriate at this point," he said, "to stress that the critical condition related to survival during this period as well as to the period beyond."

Mankiewicz said although "there might have been some change," he thought Kennedy's life signs - pulse, breathing, blood pressure - were still good.

Earlier, Kennedy underwent a series of medical tests at Good Samaritan Hospital. Then, too, they showed no measurable improvement.

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