

Kennedy Bid Spurned by McKeithen?

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI)
—Gov. John McKeithen has turned down an offer from Sen Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., to be his running mate in the 1968 presidential election, it was reported yesterday.

A reliable source said that Kennedy, looking for support in the South, had contacted McKeithen by telephone Thursday to discuss the possibility of his taking the second spot on the Democratic ticket.

Kennedy, at a reception at Flagstaff, Ariz., replied with a terse "no" when asked about the report. He left for his hotel room without elaborating.

McKeithen declined to either confirm or deny the reputed telephone conversation with the New York senator.