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Evelyn Lincoln:
Kennedy and Johnson

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WASHINGTON AP - A secretary to President John F. Kennedy writes that he told her, just before his assassination, that he planned to drop Lyndon B. Johnson as his vice presidential partner. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy denies the report.

Evelyn Lincoln, personal secretary to the late president, in a book entitled "Kennedy and Johnson", reports that on Nov. 19, 1963--three days before his death--she asked him "Who is your choice as a running mate?"

Mrs. Lincoln continues:

"He looked straight ahead, and without hesitating he replied, 'At this time I am thinking about Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina. But it will not be Lyndon.'"

Robert Kennedy, the slain president's brother and now a Democratic senator from New York, issued this statement through his Washington office:

"I did not know until a few days ago that Mrs. Lincoln was publishing another book about President Kennedy, and I know of its contents only through today's newspaper accounts.

"In 1963, I discussed the coming campaign many times with President Kennedy and I was well aware of his plans in connection with it. At no time did we discuss any change in the ticket; it was always clear that Lyndon Johnson would be the vice presidential candidate. President Kennedy appreciated and welcomed his support and assistance, and gave no thought to replacing him on the ticket."

At his home in Fayetteville, N.C., Sanford told a newsmen:

"I had never heard anything about it until she wrote it. Of course, he never approached me. Obviously this kind of thing would not be communicated anyhow prior to final decision."

Mrs. Lincoln's book is to be published next month and was reviewed by some newspapers Sunday.

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