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NEW YORK, JUNE 29 (AP)-ATTY. GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY NOW THINKS IT IS INEVITABLE HE WILL REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE WILLING TO RUN FOR VICE PRESIDENT OR TAKE A MAJOR CABINET POST, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE SAID TODAY.

THE MAGAZINE SAID KENNEDY'S NEW ATTITUDE--HE ONCE SAID HE MIGHT LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO TEACH OR WRITE A BOOK--WAS MADE PLAIN IN A SIX-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK'S WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF BENJAMIN BRADLEE, A FAMILY FRIEND.

NEWSWEEK SAYS THE LATE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER "OBVIOUSLY WANTS THE JOB" OF VICE PRESIDENT BUT APPRECIATES--"WITHOUT BITTERNESS"--THE REASONS WHY PRESIDENT JOHNSON MIGHT NOT WANT HIM AS A RUNNING MATE.

"ACTUALLY," KENNEDY IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "I SHOULD THINK I'D BE THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD HE WOULD WANT...BECAUSE MY NAME IS KENNEDY, BECAUSE HE WANTS A JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WITH NO KENNEDYS IN IT, BECAUSE WE TRAVEL DIFFERENT PATHS, BECAUSE I SUPPOSE SOME BUSINESSMEN WOULD OBJECT, AND BECAUSE I'D COST THEM A FEW VOTES IN THE SOUTH...I DON'T THINK AS MANY AS SOME SAY, BE SOME."

NEWSWEEK SAID THAT WHEN ASKED FOR REASONS WHY JOHNSON MIGHT WANT HIM, KENNEDY REPLIED:

"BECAUSE MOST OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE NORTH WANT ME. ALL OF THEM, REALLY. AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL I'VE GOT GOING FOR ME."

THE MAGAZINE SAID KENNEDY ALSO WOULD "JUMP AT" THE POSTS OF EITHER SECRETARY OF STATE OR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IF THEY SHOULD BECOME VACANT, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, A JOB THE LATE PRESIDENT ONCE DISCUSSED WITH HIM.

"I'D LIKE TO HARNESS ALL THE ENERGY AND EFFORT AND INCENTIVE AND IMAGINATION THAT WAS ATTRACTED TO GOVERNMENT BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY," HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING. "I DON'T WANT ANY OF THAT TO DIE...THE TORCH REALLY HAS PASSED TO A NEW GENERATION."

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"PEOPLE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ALL THAT IDEALISM...AND I BECAME A SORT OF SYMBOL, NOT JUST AS AN INDIVIDUAL. IF I COULD FIGURE OUT SOME COURSE FOR ME THAT WOULD KEEP ALL THAT ALIVE AND UTILIZE IT FOR THE COUNTRY, THAT'S WHAT I'D DO."

KENNEDY HAS BECOME, NEWSWEEK SAID, FATALISTIC ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD HE WILL REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT, AND SAYS:

"THESE THINGS HAVE A WAY OF SOLVING THEMSELVES...ALL OF A SUDDEN EVERYTHING IS OBVIOUS AND RIGHT."

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