

Connally, Recovering, Told News

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Texas Governor John Connally, recovering from a sniper's bullet after four hours of surgery, was told by his wife yesterday that his friend John F. Kennedy had died of his wounds.

"It was pretty well resolved in his own mind that the President was dead," said Connally's administrative assistant, Bill Stinson.

Connally rested well during the night. President Johnson called to check on his condition.

The Governor, facing the President in the White House limousine Friday, swiveled in horror when the first two bullets struck Mr. Kennedy. The quick movement probably saved his life.

The next bullet struck Connally and sped downward from the collarbone through the right side of his chest. It smashed three ribs, punctured his lung, shattered his right wrist, and lodged in his left leg just above the knee.

A team of three surgeons removed Connally's fifth rib and repaired the damaged lung.

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