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WASHINGTON, JAN. 7 (AP)-GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS, WOUNDED IN THE SHOOTING THAT TOOK THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, WOULD HAVE DIED ALSO IF IT HAD TAKEN JUST FIVE MINUTES LONGER TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL, REP. J.J. PICKLE, D-TEX., SAID TODAY.

PICKLE, NEWLY SEATED CONGRESSMAN AND A FRIEND OF THE GOVERNOR, FLEW WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO WASHINGTON FROM AUSTIN SUNDAY NIGHT.

ANSWERING A REPORTER'S QUESTION AS TO THE LATEST REPORT ON CONNALLY'S CONDITION, PICKLE REPLIED THAT THE GOVERNOR STILL IS RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY BUT MAY HAVE TO UNDERGO AN OPERATION ON HIS WRIST TO PREVENT STIFFNESS. THEN PICKLE ADDED:

"YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR LOST A LOT OF BLOOD WHEN HE WAS WOUNDED. HE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE DIED IF IT HAD TAKEN FIVE MINUTES LONGER TO GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL THERE IN DALLAS.

"HE ALSO PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED IF HE HAD NOT HAVE BEEN HUNCHED UP, -EVEN THOUGH HE PROBABLY DID SO VOLUNTARILY, BECAUSE THAT HELPED STOP THE FLOW OF BLOOD."

PICKLE SAID HE LEARNED THIS WHILE TALKING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND OTHERS DURING A VISIT AT THE HOSPITAL A WEEK AFTER THE NOV. 22

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OTHERS DURING A VISIT AT THE HOSPITAL A WEEK AFTER THE NOV. 22 SHOOTING.

HE SAID THE BULLET WENT COMPLETELY THROUGH CONNALLY'S BODY AND GRAZED A LUNG AND CAUSED IT TO DEFLATE.

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