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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO SECURE THE COAT AND SUIT WORN BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN WHEN HE WAS ASSASSINATED ON APRIL 14, 1865, THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED IN ITS WEDNESDAY EDITIONS.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE LINCOLN EFFECTS ARE THE PROPERTY OF MRS. MARION J. SMITH, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS A NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN WHO IS BEING REPRESENTED BY A NORTH CAROLINA LAW FIRM.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED BY MRS. SMITH, A GRANDDAUGHTER OF ALFONSO DONN, DOORKEEPER AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION DURING LINCOLN'S ADMINISTRATION, IF IT WISHES BY BUY THE CLOTHING FOR \$50,000.

MRS. SMITH HAS SUGGESTED, THE NEWSPAPER CONTINUED, THAT THE CLOTHING BE PURCHASED FOR DISPLAY IN THE NEW LINCOLN MUSEUM BENEATH WASHINGTON'S RESTORED FORD THEATER, THE SITE OF THE ASSASSINATION.

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IS APPARENTLY NOT COOL TO THE IDEA, BUT ITS PROBLEM IS IN FINDING A PATRON OR GETTING AN APPROPRIATION.

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