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ROBERT KENNEDY VIEWED AS LEADING CONTENDER TO SUCCEED HIS BROTHER  
IN 1964

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I should add that succession to the presidency falls to the  
Presidency of the Senate and Senator from Texas, Vice President  
LYNDON JOHNSON, who will be in office until 20 January 1965.  
After the latter, it would fall to the Representative from  
Massachusetts and Speaker of the House of Representatives  
MACCORMACK.

The press today reported that Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY,  
brother of the late President, was in the process of leaving the  
post to participate actively in his brother's presidential cam-  
paign. In diplomatic circles it is believed that, in the absence  
of other Democratic figures of the first rank who could aspire to  
the presidency in the November 1964 election, the present Attorney  
General becomes, with the death of President KENNEDY, the first  
choice to succeed him for the presidential term which will begin  
in January 1965.

News has just arrived that at 1438 (Eastern time) LYNDON  
JOHNSON took the oath of office as President of the United States  
before a federal district judge.

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