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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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