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The Overloaded Carriage

IT WOULD BE interesting to peek at the private report Attorney General Robert Kennedy undoubtedly has prepared for his President brother on his recent tour of Europe and Asia. Part of it, we're sure, will offer some thoughts on the question: "What's wrong with the State Department?"

This question has been widely asked, in tones troubled and indignant, in recent months. It has been asked most insistently since Cuba was lost to Communism, a pro-Western Laos proved to be a \$300 million mirage, our policies in Congo, in Angola and in New Guinea too often seemed to help our enemies and hurt our friends, and in other areas of the world there appeared to be no American policy at all.

We have no idea what Bob Kennedy may have concluded. Since he is a sharp-witted, practical-minded young



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tary's level, there would have to be inter-agency clearances — the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency, the foreign-aid people, the Information Agency, maybe Treasury or Commerce. And finally the paper would have to be approved by the National Security Council . . ."

If this is the process required to determine the official attitude toward a predictable political development in a small Latin American country, it's little

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