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President Kennedy and his brother, U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy confer, on the 3rd of October, 1962. They are at the White House where Cecil Stoughton took this picture. It is maintained at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

Bobby Kennedy, the <u>Attorney General</u>, was only 37 years old during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Despite his age, he was IFK's most trusted <u>adviser</u>.

Although <u>his family</u> had constantly teased him when he was young, Robert F. Kennedy had become his own man. He once said:

I was the seventh of nine children and when you come from that far down you have to struggle to survive.

Bobby Kennedy's survivor instincts helped him to be both pragmatic and idealistic. <u>The President</u> valued his counsel.

From his youth, Bobby had been close to his older brother. After JFK returned from World War II, as a war hero, Bobby wrote to him. One of the letters (<u>handwritten</u> by the younger Kennedy on January 9, 1945 when he was in Naval Training at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine), tells the future President to write a book.

The rumor around New England is that you've "got a book in you."

JFK wrote Why England Slept soon after the war was over. A more well-known work, Profiles in Courage, came later.

One month after his brother was assassinated, Bobby handwrote a new foreword for the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Profiles*. His words are still included in current copies of the book.

The <u>Kennedy brothers</u> were close, but they would need every bit of the strength they could draw from each other during those dark days of the Missile Crisis. As usual, the <u>President</u> assigned the toughest jobs to Bobby.

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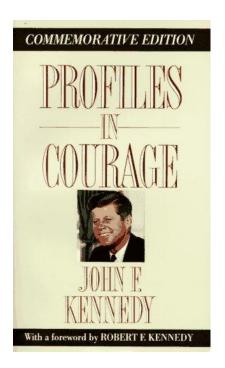


President Kennedy in His Favorite Chair

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