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President Lincoln to be Kidnapped.

NEW YORK, March 19. -A Washington letter to the *Tribune* gives the following account of a plan submitted by Col. Margrave to the rebel War Department in November: One hundred and fifty picked men were to go secretly North and take quarters in Washington, Georgetown, Baltimore and Alexandria, so as to be in a position to communicate daily with each other, and upon a day fixed by their leader, were to assemble in Washington for the purpose of making the seizure. The President, it is claimed, could be easily seized at a quiet hour at the White House or in going to or returning from church, or on some other favorable occasion and thrust into a carriage and driven off. The carriage was to be joined a few miles out of the city by twenty-five or thirty armed men on horseback.

It was proposed to drive to Indian Point, about 25 miles south of Washington, on the Potomac, two or three relays of fleet horses being stationed on the way, where a boat was to be in waiting to cross the river and land the captive a few miles south of Ocoquan, when it would be an easy matter for his captors to work their way with him through the woods, by night, into the rebel lines. To prevent pursuit, every bridge between Washington and—

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