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Postal worker tossing sack of mail on a truck in Hyannis Port, Mass., yesterday. Mail is response to Senator Kennedy's televised request for guidance from constituents.

Mail Jams Hyannis Port

HYANNIS PORT, Mass., July 28 (AP)—Letters by the thousands poured into Hyannis Port today. With them could lie the political future of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

While the Senator, his wife and some friends went boating in the family yacht, Marlin, aides in Boston started going through the letters. Postal officials said that, of 12 sacks of letters delivered to Hyannis Port today, an estimated 90 per cent were addressed to Mr. Kennedy, whose involvement in an automobile accident July 18 has clouded his career.

The sacks each contained about 3,500 letters. The Hyannis Port Post Office was unable to handle the volume and sent the mail to Hyannis, nearby, from where they were taken to Mr. Kennedy's office in Boston.

A Kennedy office worker said the mail was running heavily in favor of the Massachusetts Democrat.

"This is the big one," said

an aide in Boston. "We're also going over 2,500 telegrams. I've never seen anything like it."

Senator Kennedy has not said when he will return to Washington or when he will decide whether to remain in the Senate.

The 37-year-old majority whip told a nationwide television audience Friday night that he would step down if his Massachusetts constituents felt he could no longer represent them adequately.

Mr. Kennedy said that he had acted indefensibly in failing to report immediately the accident in which Mary Jo Kopechne, a former secretary to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, drowned.

Asked what Edward Kennedy's next move might be, one aide replied:

"When you're a horse, you rarely anticipate the driver."

Other sources said Mr. Kennedy was confining his political ambitions to the Senate—not the Presidency—as he awaits the public's verdict on his standing with them.

Western Gouvrnors Divided on Kennedy Future

Special to The New York Times

SEATTLE, July 28 — Western Governors were divided today over the political future of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Interviewed individually at the opening of their annual conference here, nearly half of them, including one Democrat, voiced doubt that the Massachusetts Democrat would be in the Presidential picture in 1972.

The two other Democratic Governors either thought it was too early to speculate or refused to comment. Other Republicans in the group of 12 Governors on hand joined them.

Gov. Tom McCall, Republi-

can of Oregon, commented but with qualification that Senator Kennedy probably would not survive politically the controversy over the drowning of a young woman passenger in the car he was driving 10 days ago in his home state.

"There is too much of a dent in his image," the Governor said. "He's still got some questions to answer. But if he can play it cool and re-establish the Kennedy image he might be in the clear. If he's riding on an emotional wave, as in Massachusetts, he would get a plus on that. But a lot of voters are going to look more closely at him. He's got to be cool and courageous to come through."

Gov. John Love, Republican of Colorado, declared: "he won't run in 1972."

Gov. David F. Cargo, Republican of New Mexica, said:

"He had to make a bit of a choice between Massachusetts and higher office. I think he will be reelected in Massachusetts but I see no future for him as far as the Presidency is concerned."

Gov. Calvin L. Rampton of Utah, a Democrat, joined the "it's too early to evaluate" group but added:

"I don't think Kennedy will be a candidate but if you asked me whether Ed Muskie can beat Nixon in 1972 I'll tell you he can."