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SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, DEC. 16 (AP) -- SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., AND A PARTY OF 16 ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY TONIGHT AT THIS SOUTHERN IDAHO RESORT WHERE THEY WILL SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

KENNEDY HAD RESERVATIONS FOR DEC. 21, BUT A SUN VALLEY SPOKESMAN SAYS THE KENNEDY AIRPLANE LANDED AT THE TWIN FALLS AIRPORT (MST) AND THE KENNEDY'S DROVE TO SUN VALLEY.

NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN FOR THE EARLY ARRIVAL.

WITH THE SENATOR IS HIS WIFE, ETHEL, SEVEN OF THEIR CHILDREN, TWO SECRETARIES, MRS. DEAN F. MARKHAM OF MCLEAN, VA., HER THREE CHILDREN AND TWO FRIENDS OF THE KENNEDY CHILDREN.

MRS. MARKHAM'S HUSBAND AND KENNEDY'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, GEORGE SKAKEL JR., OF GREENWICH, CONN., WERE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH SEPT. 24 IN IDAHO'S PRIMITIVE AREA.

MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY, WIFE OF OF THE LATE PRESIDENT, WAS TO JOIN THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY AT SUN VALLEY BUT SHE CANCELLED HER RESERVATIONS FRIDAY.

OTHERS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE KENNEDYS IN SUN VALLEY DEC. 21 ARE MRS. PAT LAWFORD, SISTER OF THE SENATOR AND THE LATE PRESIDENT, HER CHILDREN, SINGER ANDY WILLIAMS AND HIS WIFE AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBER JIM WHITAKER AND HIS WIFE.

A SUN VALLEY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY ASTRONAUT JOHN GLENN AND HIS WIFE MAY JOIN THE KENNEDY PARTY LATER.

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