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(150) FIRST LEAD KENNEDY GRAVE

WASHINGTON, OCT. 18 (AP)-THE CORPS OF ARMY ENGINEERS, CONTRADICTING OTHER ARMY SOURCES, SAID TODAY THE BODY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WOULD NOT BE MOVED TO A NEW GRAVESITE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

PREVIOUS WORD WAS THAT THE REMAINS WOULD BE MOVED ABOUT 40 FEET TO A NEW LOCATION SOMETIME WITHIN FIVE WEEKS, AFTER DARKNESS HAS SETTLED ON THE HILLS OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

THAT INDICATED THAT THE REBURIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE BY NOV. 22, THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUNG PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION.

HOWEVER, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, SAID IN A STATEMENT TODAY:

"THE FINAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR THE GRAVESITE AREA IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. AS WE HAVE EXPLAINED, THE GRAVESITE WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FORMALLY UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

"THE TRANSFER OF THE GRAVES IS RELATED TO THE PLANTING AND APPROPRIATE HILLSIDE GRADING. NO TRANSFER THEREFORE IS ANTICIPATED THIS YEAR."

THE REBURIAL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AT NIGHT AFTER THE CEMETERY HAS CLOSED, TO INSURE PRIVACY.

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KENNEDY GRAVE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, OCT. 18 (AP)-THE BODY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WILL BE MOVED ABOUT 40 FEET TO A NEW GRAVESITE SOME NIGHT WITHIN FIVE WEEKS, AFTER DARKNESS HAS SETTLED ON THE HILLS OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

ARMY OFFICIALS SAY THE REBURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE BY NOV. 22, THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUNG PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION.

THE DATE WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC IN ADVANCE. THE NIGHTTIME REBURIAL, AFTER THE CEMETERY HAS CLOSED, WILL INSURE PRIVACY.

KENNEDY'S BODY AND THOSE OF HIS TWO CHILDREN WHO DIED IN INFANCY, PATRICK BOUVIER KENNEDY AND "BABY GIRL KENNEDY," WILL BE MOVED TO A PERMANENT GRAVESITE WHICH IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

THE PRIME CONSIDERATION IN RELOCATING THE PRESIDENT'S GRAVE WAS TO PLACE IT IN A DIRECT AXIS LINE WITH THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

WORK ON THE \$2 MILLION GRAVESITE BEGAN ABOUT A YEAR AGO IN AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE THREE GRASS-COVERED GRAVES WHICH ARE SURROUNDED BY A LOW, WHITE PICKET FENCE.

MILLIONS HAVE VISITED KENNEDY'S TEMPORARY GRAVE WHERE AN ETERNAL FLAME HAS FLICKERED DAY AND NIGHT SINCE HIS BURIAL.

THE FLAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT GRAVESITE, A MARBLE AND GRANITE MEMORIAL WITH A CIRCULAR WALKWAY 210 FEET IN DIAMETER.

A PRESIDENTIAL SEAL WILL BE PLACED ON THE EIGHT-FOOT WALL AT THE HEAD OF KENNEDY'S FINAL RESTING PLACE.

THE ARMY IS CONSIDERING THE INSTALLATION OF A LIGHTING SYSTEM THAT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE PUBLIC VISITS TO THE GRAVE AT NIGHT.

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