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JFK Grave Attracts Fewer Tourists

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Kennedy gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery is no longer as great a tourist attraction as it used to be.

During the first five months of 1967, a record 2.2 million people visited the spot where the late President John F. Kennedy is buried.

In 1968 — when an April riot caused a sharp drop in tourist visits to Washington — the count of Kennedy gravesite visitors for the first five months dwindled to 593,000.

This year, with tourist traffic back to record levels at other famous Washington memorials, Arlington Cemetery officials counted 580,000 visitors to the Kennedy gravesite through May.

The site now includes the grave of Sen. Robert Kennedy as well as that of President Kennedy.