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FIRST LEAD KENNEDY

NORFOLK, VA., MARCH 1 (AP)-JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, FATHER OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, LEFT NORFOLK IN A CHARTERED PLANE TODAY AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT HERE BECAUSE OF A CABIN PRESSURE FAILURE IN THE FAMILY PLANE.

KENNEDY, 73, AND HIS PARTY HAD BEEN DELAYED ON A FLIGHT FROM FLORIDA TO NEW YORK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

THE PARTY LEFT TODAY ABOARD A PLANE CHARTERED FROM THE EAST COAST FLYING SERVICE IN WASHINGTON. THE FAMILY PLANE, "CAROLINE," STILL UNREPAIRED, LEFT SEVERAL MINUTES LATER. THE CHARTERED PLANE WAS TO LAND AT NEW YORK'S LA GUARDIA AIRPORT.

THE GROUP SPENT THE NIGHT IN A MOTEL ABOUT 500 YARDS FROM NORFOLK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

THE ELDER KENNEDY, WHO IS ALSO THE FATHER OF U.S. SENS. ROBERT F. AND EDWARD M. KENNEDY, HAS BEEN AN INVALID SINCE A STROKE SUFFERED IN DECEMBER 1961.

CAUSE OF THE PRESSURE DROP WAS A DEFECTIVE COMPRESSOR. THE PROBL DEVELOPED WHEN THE CAROLINE WAS ABOUT 45 MINUTES SOUTH OF NORFOLK YESTERDAY, FLYING AT 13,000 FEET.

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KENNEDY PLANE (170)

NORFOLK, VA., MARCH 1 (AP)-A NORFOLK MOTEL UNEXPECTEDLY HAS BECOME A STOPPING-OFF POINT FOR AILING JOSEPH P. KENNEDY ON A PROJECTED VACATION TRIP TO NEW YORK FROM HIS HOME IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

KENNEDY, 78-YEAR-OLD FATHER OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND OF U.S. SEN. ROBERT F. AND EDWARD M. KENNEDY, WAS TAKEN TO THE MOTEL YESTERDAY AFTER THE KENNEDY FAMILY PLANE, "THE CAROLINE," LOST PRESSURE AND LANDED AT NORFOLK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

HE SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE MOTEL NEAR THE AIRPORT WHILE TECHNICIANS WORKED TO REPAIR THE AIRCRAFT. IT WAS HOPED THE FLIGHT MIGHT BE RESUMED SOMETIME TODAY.

FOR THE KENNEDY PARTY, WHICH HAD TAKEN OFF FOR NEW YORK EARLIER YESTERDAY FROM WEST PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THERE WERE ANXIOUS MOMENTS WHEN THE CABIN OF THE PLANE BEGAN TO LOSE PRESSURE WHILE ALOFT.

AS THE PRESSURE FELL, A NURSE, MRS. RITA DALLAS, ADMINISTERED OXYGEN TO THE ELDER KENNEDY, WHO HAS NEVER FULLY RECOVERED FROM A STROKE SUFFERED IN DECEMBER 1961. THE PLANE'S PILOT RADIOED THAT HE WAS LANDING HERE AND REQUESTED THAT A DOCTOR MEET THE PLANE.

A PHYSICIAN, A POLICE AMBULANCE, AND A RESCUE SQUAD AMBULANCE WERE READY WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LANDED ABOUT 2 P.M.

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