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Kennedy Anniversary Lead 150

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WASHINGTON AP - Hundreds of Americans visited today the grave of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the nation's 35th President, on the sixth anniversary of his assassination in Dallas, Tex.

Among the early visitors to the gravesite, in Arlington National Cemetery, were Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, mother of the slain President's widow, and Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D.

Kennedy's sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., paid his respects at the gravesite Friday.

McGovern dropped ~~two~~ marigolds on Kennedy's grave. The late President's personal secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, placed a bouquet at the base of the grave's marker.

A cemetery spokesman said upwards of 3,000 persons are expected to visit the grave on this anniversary date. He said the crowd "is about the ordinary size" for a Saturday at this time of the year.

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Since his burial in Arlington National Cemetery, an estimated 25 million persons have visited the gravesite, according to military authorities charged with supervising the area.

more thousands could be expected to continue the procession today.

Across the Potomac River in Washington, a memorial mass was scheduled for noon at Holy Trinity Church, the parish church Kennedy attended before he became the 35th President of the United States.

Kennedy also was being remembered in the prayers of the priests at St. Matthews Cathedral, where world leaders gathered for his funeral in 1963.

At Arlington, the number of visitors to the Kennedy grave has dropped little through the years although it fluctuates with the tourist season.

Some of the visitors leave flowers on the stone walkway in front of the grave with its continuous flame. Most also pause beside the memorial at the small white cross in the grass marking the burial place of the late president's brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968.

Most members of the Kennedy family were in the Cape Cod, Mass., area today mourning another death, that of the late president's father, Joseph P. Kennedy, who died Tuesday.

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