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Umbrella Holder

To the Editor:

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After George Wallace won the Florida primary, a spokesman for Senator Edward Kennedy said that if Wallace posed a substantial threat to the Democratic party by making a strong showing in primaries in the North, Senator Kennedy would enter the contest. And now that Wallace has done so well in Wisconsin, after a very brief campaign, we will probably hear more about a Kennedy candidacy.

One wonders, however, where this leaves George McGovern. Is it possible that Mr. McGovern is where he always has been since performing his admirable service for Senator Kennedy in 1968—holding the umbrella for the liberal vote until Mr. Kennedy finds the rationale for openly seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination?

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*See Joseph Kraft, SFChronicle 9 May 72