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WASHINGTON, MARCH 15 (AP)-MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, JOINED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON, STOOD IN A RAINY DAWN TODAY FOR THE BLESSING OF THE NEW GRAVE OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

HIS BODY WAS MOVED LAST NIGHT, WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT, SOME 20 FEET TO ITS PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

ON THE BLACK MARBLE SLAB THAT SAYS "JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 1917-1963" LAY A SPRIG OF LILIES OF THE VALLEY, PLACED THERE THIS MORNING BY HIS WIDOW, JACQUELINE.

THE ETERNAL FLAME, MOVED TO A LOW STONE ENCLOSURE, FLICKERED IN THE GRAY MIST.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE REINTERMENT AND THE CEREMONY AFTER IT WAS OVER.

THE CEREMONY, AROUND 7 A.M., LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES. RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING OF BOSTON, AN OLD FRIEND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, SPOKE A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE LATE PRESIDENT AND BLESSED THE GRAVE.

A SECTION OF THE U.S. ARMY BAND PLAYED THE NAVY HYMN--KENNEDY WAS A NAVY MAN--THE BOYS OF WEXFORD--KENNEDY TREASURED HIS IRISH HERITAGE--AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

MRS. KENNEDY CAME FROM HER HOME IN NEW YORK. WITH HER WERE THE LATE PRESIDENT'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS, SENS. ROBERT F. AND EDWARD M. KENNEDY, MRS. STEPHEN SMITH, MRS. SARGENT SHRIVER AND MRS. PATRICIA KENNEDY LAWFORD.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON WENT OVER TO ARLINGTON BEFORE LEAVING ON A TRIP TO NASHVILLE, TENN. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME JOHNSON AND MRS. KENNEDY HAD MET IN ALMOST THREE YEARS.

AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, TOO, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME MRS. KENNEDY HAD VISITED HER HUSBAND'S GRAVE SINCE MAY 29, 1964, THE ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY'S 47TH BIRTHDAY.

REINTERMENT OF KENNEDY'S BODY WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE RAIN BETWEEN 6:19 AND 9:02 P.M. LAST NIGHT. A SMALL GROUP GATHERED THERE, INCLUDING CARDINAL CUSHING, KENNEDY'S BROTHERS AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA. STRICT SECURITY WAS

MAINTAINED WITH ABOUT 250 SOLDIERS RINGING THE SITE.

MORE THAN 16 MILLION PERSONS HAVE PASSED BY THE GRASS-COVERED PLOT WHERE KENNEDY'S BODY FORMERLY LAY, ENCLOSED BY A LOW WHITE PICKET FENCE.

THE PERMANENT MEMORIAL, COSTING SOME \$1.4 MILLION, INCLUDES A STONE WALKWAY AND A LOW, SEMICIRCULAR STONE WALL INTO WHICH ARE CARVED SEVEN QUOTATIONS FROM KENNEDY SPEECHES.

FLOWERING TREES OF THE KIND THAT KENNEDY ORDERED FOR THE WHITE HOUSE GARDEN HAVE BEEN PLANTED--CRABAPPLES, CHERRIES AND SAUCER MAGNOLIAS.

HIS BODY LIES NOW BENEATH SLABS OF ROUGH HEWN REDDISH GRANITE, TAKEN FROM AN OLD QUARRY ON CAPE COD, MASS., WHERE KENNEDY ONCE SPENT HIS SUMMERS.

A BLACK MARBLE SLAB, SET HORIZONTALLY A FEW INCHES ABOVE THE GRANITE, MARKS ONE END.

AT THE OTHER END FLICKERS THE ETERNAL FLAME WHICH MRS. KENNEDY LIT THAT MOURNFUL DAY, NOV. 25, 1963, AT HIS GRAVE, THREE DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS.

THE FLAME LEAPS FROM A CREAM COLORED ROUND STONE, SIMILAR TO A MILL WHEEL, ABOUT FIVE FEET IN DIAMETER.

ON EACH SIDE OF KENNEDY'S GRAVE LIE TWO SMALLER BLACK MARBLE SLABS, MARKING THE GRAVES OF TWO OF HIS CHILDREN. ONE IS FOR PATRICK BOUVIER KENNEDY, WHO LIVED TWO DAYS AFTER HE WAS BORN IN 1963. THE OTHER SAYS SIMPLY "DAUGHTER," FOR ONE WHO WAS STILLBORN IN 1956.

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THE MILITARY CAPS THAT HAD SURROUNDED THE FLAME--THROWN THERE FIRST ON THE DAY OF THE FUNERAL, RINGED THE STONE AT THE NEW GRAVE--THE GREEN BERET, THE MILITARY POLICE BAND, AND THE CAPS OF THE COAST GUARD, ARMY, NAVY, MARINES AND AIR FORCE.

A PENTAGON SPOKESMAN SAID THE REINTERMENT WAS "IN LOGICAL PHASE WITH THE GRAVE CONSTRUCTION." IT WAS DONE AFTER SUNDOWN AND WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT, HE SAID, BECAUSE IT WAS A PRIVATE MATTER. "IT WAS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE TO PUBLICIZE IT," HE SAID.

PICTURES WERE TAKEN BY ARMY PHOTOGRAPHERS, BUT THEY WILL BE PUT IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND NOT RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

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