Henry Lorang, 1966

U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy landed at Spokane airport on Monday evening Oct 24 where he received a rousing welcome reception by a crowd estimated as about 600 & he spoke as he walked with Rep. Tom Foley for whom Bobbie came to boost for reelection as well as the Democratic Party of generally. On Tuesday morning he went to the campus of the Community College where he spoke from a podium facing north toward the parking area for college cars before about 5000 people I had been at Sturgills in Opportunity for over a week doctoring an infection resulting from a sinus attack & emphysema cued this day Tues Oct 25. I was up at 8 a.m. & took it easy getting ready to drive my car to town (Spokane) and after some questioning en route, I drove right into a parking area & found room. I then walked about 3 blocks & found that along with quite a crowd of college kids, I was among the first & had a perfect view as well as audio. Everyone had to stand of course but it was sunny & warm as introductions of committee leaders, College prepy. Tom Foley (who spoke briefly), ended and Senator Kennedy was introduced. The welcoming uproar was deafening and long but ended at the request of the senator who Said he didn't want to miss his plane or (wlaid)?) His talk was extemporaneous & dynamic as he spoke of the present situation of affairs and emphasized the need of keeping the democratic. Congress & regime in power and espesially boasting for Rep. Tom Foley who "had done such, such a wonderful job in Washington

aftermath".....

R.F.K. Asked if they were voting for Foley "Yes" vote early? "Yes" & with a wave at his ever increasing mop of hair "Are you going to vote often?" Bob & Tom then left the podium & stepped upon a platform of a slowly moving car as the crowd surged forward through the rope barrier to try to get to shake or only touch hands of the men & especially that of Kennedy. (Remembering J. F. K.) I got out with the college-kids as soon as I could & when it looked as if I'd make it, the moving station edged forward & more husky young-bloods cut

me off as I grew more breathless on account of my age nearly 79 & a bad case of emphysema. I was trying to hand a large manilla envelope to Kennedy that had my poem "The Epitome of Heroism" of 11 verses that Joan Sturgill (*Henry's daughter*) had painfully typed the night before, to Bobbie, when one of the college girls said. "Hey, I'll pass it on" & so I let loose & I saw it passed several times but I was "Out" & sat down on a curb with a feeling that <u>something</u> would <u>happen</u> for its delivery O.K.

Wed. morning at 11:30

Well next day I called Tom Foley's office & his secretary answered but said that Tom hadn't been in since the big "rally". I then asked the "Sec" if she had heard of anyone finding a large manilla envelope that the college students had tried to pass on and that it contained my poem dedicated to the memory of our fallen president John Fitzgerald Kennedy & addressed to Senator Robert F. Kennedy Wash. D.C. But that due to my age of 79 & emphysema & the husky youngsters I didn't make it. She said, "I wonder if it is an envelope that Mr. Quackenbus had gotten into his possession, whereupon she asked my name. I told her Henry Lorang of Genesee & she said that she had mailed it to Mr. K(ennedy) as addressed & I said "Oh Honey you make me so happy" so the senator will get it. Thank you-thank you. God Love You"

Good bye

----- written by Henry Lorang



We believe this is a photograph of Henry's manila envelope being handed up.