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Lying-in-State Ceremony for President John F. Kennedy: Part One

Recollections of President John F. Kennedy's Lying-in-State Ceremony at the Capitol, November 24-25, 1963.

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I got back to the hotel and Turner Robertson, the Chief Page, called. The initialō .They initially were going to have the body lay-in-state until, I think, eight o'clock that night. Well, there must have been I don't know how many tens of thousands of people out there. And they were going through four to eight abreast in the Dome, walking by the casket. They had no comprehension as to how many people. So then they were going to stay open until 10:00, and then they decided they were just going to leave the Dome open all night. And Turner called the hotel and he was looking for people that could come help him usher people, tell people where to go.