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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON REP. STEWART L. UDALL

Rep. Udall (D.-Arizona) was born in St. Johns, Arizona on January 31, 1920. He attended elementary and high school there, attended Eastern Arizona College at Thatcher one year, then transferred to the University of Arizona, where in 1948 he earned his law degree but only after interruptions for a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) and a combat tour with the 15th Air Force over Europe as an enlisted gunner on B-24 Liberators during World War II. Until elected to Congress in 1954 he practiced law with his younger brother in Tucson. He participated in several sports and was an all-conference basketball player, being a member of the first University of Arizona team to play in the Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden in 1946.

The 40-year-old Democratic Congressman comes from a family long prominent in legal circles. His father, the late Levi S. Udall, was Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Rep. Udall has, by appointment, served on two different school boards in the Tucson area and has been active in a number of political campaigns for other candidates.

Rep. Udall is a descendant of two Arizona pioneer families. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Hamblin -- known in western history as the "Mormon Leather Stocking" -- one of the early explorers and Indian peace-makers who first entered Arizona in 1858. He is married to Ermalee Webb formerly of Mesa, Arizona, and they have six children: Tom 12, Scott 11, Lynn 10, Lori 8, Denis 4, and James 1. Aside from his family and official activities Rep. Udall has continued his interest in hiking and other outdoor sports.

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Congressman Udall is a longtime supporter of Senator Kennedy and in the pre-Convention period, headed Senator Kennedy's Presidential nomination campaign in Arizona.

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Stewart P. Udall

Stewart P. Udall, President-elect Kennedy's choice for Secretary of the Department of the Interior, is currently serving a third term as Congressman from Arizona. Mr. Udall was first elected to Congress in 1954. Prior to his election, he practiced law in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. Udall was born in St. Johns, Arizona, on January 21, 1920. During World War II he served a combat tour with the 15th Air Force in Europe as an enlisted gunner on B-24 Liberators. In 1948 he graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in law. Mr. Udall is married and has six children.