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FOR RELEASE

IMMEDIATELY
July 29, 1971

MUSKIE REPUDIATES MAILING

During the past 24 hours letters calculated to create dissension among Democrats have been received by a significant number of members of Congress.

The envelope used for the mailing carried my name and my Senate office zip code.

It contained a copy of a Harris poll purported to have been published in the New York Post on July 15, 1971, concerning the potential of Senator Edward Kennedy as a Presidential candidate.

I have contacted Senator Kennedy to assure him that no such mailing was ever authorized by me or any members of my Senate or campaign committee staffs. It is clear that this mailing is a fraud originating outside of my office.

This kind of political tactic is and always has been repulsive to me and I believe my record in politics for 25 years has reflected that philosophy.

I am alarmed that what thus far has been an earnest attempt by responsible men to bring their records and capacities to the attention of the American electorate should be besmirched by this kind of gutter politics.

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