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## The 5 Girls at Ted's Chappaquiddick Party

### ... What They Are Doing Today

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Four of the five "Boiler Room Girls" — the close-knit friends who were with Mary Jo Kopechne the night she drowned at Chappaquiddick — have shot to success since the tragedy.

July 18 was the sixth anniversary of Mary Jo's death. And in those six years, two of the "Boiler Room Girls" have become respected lawyers.

Two others have gone far in politics.

Only the fifth hasn't yet made her mark, but she's considering a law career.

They were dubbed the "Boiler Room Girls" by the press because they were working up to 14 hours a day pressuring Democratic delegates to back Senator Robert F. Kennedy during his campaign for the presidency.

The ENQUIRER traced all five to learn what they're doing today.

Esther Newberg, 32, holds one of the most important political posts in New York.

She's executive director of that state's Democratic Committee.

Before assuming her posi-

tion she worked for Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (Conn.) and Rep. Bella Abzug (N.Y.)

Like the rest of the "Boiler Room Girls," Miss Newberg refuses to talk publicly about Chappaquiddick.

"If I was going to say anything, it wouldn't be to the press."

Rosemary Redmond, 29, is a lawyer with one of Boston's top law firms.

The former "Cricket" Keough married Paul Redmond, an attorney who represented all the "Boiler Room Girls" at the inquest into Mary Jo Kopechne's death.

"My friend is dead — period. It's not an issue of public interest," she says of Chappaquiddick.

Mary Ellen Lyons, 33, is an attorney for the Massachusetts Defenders Committee in Boston.

Previously she worked in the prestigious law office of Gerard Doherty, who was a close associate of Senator Edward Kennedy.

These days she spends most of her time representing young people in Boston Juvenile Court.

In her office overlooking a tiny cemetery on the edge of Boston Common, Miss Lyons said she will never publicly



**BOILER ROOM GIRLS** walk to the airport terminal at Edgartown, Mass., on January 8, 1970, after testifying at Mary Jo Kopechne's inquest. They are (from left) Rosemary Keough, Mary Ellen Lyons, Nance Lyons, Susan Tannenbaum, Esther Newberg,

discuss Chappaquiddick — "not now, not ever!"

Susan Tannenbaum, 30, recently took charge of the Washington, D.C., office of Connecticut Gov. Ella T. Grasso.

Before that she was an assistant to presidential prospect Sen. Walter Mondale (D-Minn.).

"There's nothing more to be said about Chappaquiddick — not by me," she said as she stood for a moment in front of the modern office building where she works.

Nance Lyons, 32, the sister

of Mary Ellen, is the least successful of the "Boiler Room Girls" from a career standpoint.

She lives with her wealthy parents in a fashionable neighborhood on the outskirts of Boston. Recently she returned

from a vacation trip to Europe and she is now considering entering law school probably in the fall.

"I have nothing to say about anything to anyone," she said when asked about Chappaquiddick.