

Memo From John J. Miller

TEDDY KENNEDY may soon be facing the most critical crisis of his political career, including the catastrophe at Chappaquiddick, over a year ago. A hand-picked squad of special agents from the U.S. Justice Department has been very quietly microscoping Sen. Kennedy's activities during the summer of 1967. U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell's men are particularly probing into all aspects surrounding the abrupt termination of a Federal grand jury that had been investigating a prominent businessman, who'd been an intimate pal of Ted's for many years. Coincidentally, the U.S. attorney who conducted those grand jury sessions in '67, was Paul Markham — the same lawyer who attended the now famous weekend party at Chappaquiddick with Kennedy and Mary Jo Kopechne.

Charles Manson, the cult-king who allegedly masterminded the mass murders of Sharon Tate and her victims, has closed a deal with a New