

Girl's Mother Hopes Kennedy Will Stay

BERKELEY HEIGHTS (N.J.) — (UPI) — The mother of the pretty young blonde drowned in Sen. Edward Kennedy's car said today she is satisfied with the senator's TV statement and hopes "he decides to remain in the Senate."

In a halting voice Mrs. Joseph Kopechne read a statement.

Earlier she had said she might order an autopsy on

her daughter's body to quell "snide remarks" and "vicious mail" about her daughter's reputation and character.

But after the senator went on national TV and said it was "indefensible" of him to have left the scene of the accident and denied any immoral conduct with the young secretary, Mrs. Kopechne said "I am satisfied with the senator's statement."

Joan Expecting 4th Child Next Year

BOSTON — (AP) — Joan Kennedy, the 32 year old wife of Sen. Edward Kennedy, is expecting her fourth child early next year, a source close to the Kennedy family said today.

The source confirmed the report shortly after Kennedy appealed in a TV and radio speech for Massachusetts residents to help him decide whether he should resign from the Senate.

The senator said in the speech that "reasons of

health" prevented his attractive blonde wife from accompanying him last Friday to a party on Chappaquiddick Island, where Kennedy was later involved in an auto accident that killed a 28 year old woman.

The Kennedys have three children, Kara, 9; Edward Jr., 7, and Patrick, 2.

Mrs. Kennedy has lost two children in miscarriages in July, 1963, and June, 1964.

The Kennedys were married in 1958.