

Colson Confirms Backing Kennedy Inquiry but Denies Knowing
of Hunt's C.I.A. Aid

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[Story on testimony by Charles W. Colson before House Armed Services subcommittee investigating C.I.A. involvement in the Watergate burglary. At the same time his deposition in a suit by the Democratic National Committee, given 28 May 73, was released on being filed in Federal court.]

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[The investigation by Howard Hunt of Senator Edward Kennedy and the death of Mary Jo Kopechne] he said, was Hunt's idea. He said that in July, 1971, one of Hunt's public relations associates got a telephone call from "someone in Massachusetts"* with unpublished information about the drowning of Mary Jo Kopechne in Senator Kennedy's automobile on Chappaquiddick Island in August [sic - date was 18 Jul 69] 1969.

"Mr. Hunt asked me if I would like to have him try to get that information and I said, 'Certainly,'" Mr. Colson testified.

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* (Earlier in the story, writer says Hunt testified ^{the day} before that Colson had authorized him to interview a "Clifton Demotte.")