

**COUSIN OF KENNEDY
SUBJECT OF REPORT**

BOSTON, (AP) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy's cousin, Joseph Gargan, almost accepted responsibility for the Chappaquiddick auto accident that killed Mary Jo Kopechne in 1969, The Boston Globe quotes a "highly knowledgeable source" as saying.

In a copyrighted article in today's editions, The Globe reported what it termed "contradictions" between Mr. Kennedy's testimony and public statements about the accident and the statements of other persons involved.

The newspaper said that its unidentified source had said a plan to have Mr. Gargan take the responsibility was abandoned shortly before Mr. Kennedy has said that the report was made almost 10 hours after the accident.

The Globe quoted its source as saying that its conclusion was based on more than speculation and testimonial inconsistencies, and that Mr. Kennedy abandoned the plan because he "decided the alibi either couldn't work, or he couldn't live with it."

The Globe said that it found in a two-month investigation nearly 100 discrepancies in the testimony and statements of several persons.

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