

Kennedy Says the People Will Decide

Chappaquiddick, Watergate 1976 Presidential Issues

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... Kennedy freely discussed Watergate, but was quick to emphasize he considered it unfair to judge President Nixon's role, if any, in the break-in and subsequent coverup "until all the evidence is in."

"At some time," Kennedy said, "it's apparent that the President became aware of what happened and that some of his top people were involved. He himself has indicated as much.

"But up to now, at least, there has been no direct evidence to tie him to Watergate. There should be a basic assumption in favor of the President, and for anyone, for that matter, until there is convincing evidence to the contrary."