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A Kopechne Friend Sues --Wiretap

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One of Mary Jo Kopecne's roommates at the time she drowned in July, 1969, has filed a suit charging that three Watergate figures took part in placing an illegal wiretap on her telephone.

Margaret Carroll filed the civil suit in U.S. District Court late Tuesday against John D. Ehrlichman, John J. Caulfield and Anthony T. Ulasewicz.

Under federal law, if the suit is successful, she could receive \$100 from each defendant for every day her phone in her Georgetown residence was tapped and up to \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Published reports said the alleged wiretap was part of a plan to gather evidence against Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) who was the driver of the car in which Miss Kopechne drowned on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Caulfield and Ulasewicz, both former New York policemen, joined the White House staff in early 1969 and began performing a variety of investigative functions at Ehrlichman's request, according to testimony by Caulfield before the Watergate committee.

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