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KOPECHNES QUOTED ON ISLAND MISHAP

They Seem to Be Unsatisfied
by Report of Kennedy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)

—The parents of Mary Jo Kopechne indicate in an article published by New Times magazine that they are not satisfied with Senator Edward M. Kennedy's account of the auto mishap that took their daughter's life.

In the interview, the Kopechnes say they believe Miss Kopechne was sleeping in the back seat of Mr. Kennedy's car when it plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island six years ago.

Her mother, Gwen Kopechne, is quoted further as saying that she believes Mr. Kennedy a Massachusetts Democrat, "was still confused" about the mishap when he made his first statements and also "had poor advice, right from the time it happened." "I think the got so involved in this lousy advice and then couldn't back out and tell the truth. He got deeper and deeper into it," Mrs. Kopechne is quoted as saying in the magazine article scheduled to be published tomorrow.

Miss Kopechne was a 28-year-old former campaign worker for Mr. Kennedy's brother, Robert, and attended a party with a group of other persons on the small island adjoining the island of Martha's Vineyard on the night of July 18, 1969.

Mr. Kennedy's sworn statement is that he was returning to his hotel and taking Miss Kopechne back to hers when he made a wrong turn and acci-

dentally drove off the bridge. He said he had managed to escape from the submerged car but had been unable to rescue the young woman.

Mrs. Kopechne was quoted as saying they hold "so bitter a feeling," against Joseph Gargan, a cousin of Mr. Kennedy, and Paul Markham, a former United States Attorney, both of whom were at the party and, according to later accounts, also went to the accident scene to try to rescue Miss Kopechne.