

Writer Cuts Wrist During Family Spat

One of Playboy magazine's top freelance writers was in satisfactory condition at San Francisco General Hospital yesterday after, according to police, he slashed his wrist with a razor in his room at the Mark Hopkins Hotel.

Eric Norden, a Londoner and an interview specialist, cut his wrist during an argument with his wife, Judith, in their room on the 14th floor of the hotel.

Police said the two had been drinking, and at the height of a quarrel Norden cut himself with a razor. His wife tried to grab the instrument away and cut her finger in the process.

Both were taken to Mission Emergency Hospital for treatment. A Playboy spokesman in Chicago said Norden is one of the magazine's top writers. He specializes in interviewing famous people, and has authored stories on such personalities as Truman Capote and New Orleans district attorney James Garrison for the magazine.