

## Petition on Balky GIs for Kennedy

A writer claiming he has a petition from angry U.S. soldiers in support of six infantrymen who refused to go out on patrol stopped here yesterday on his way to Washington, D.C., where he will present his findings to Senator Edward Kennedy

Richard Boyle, a free-lance writer, said he was given a petition signed by 66 soldiers in the Artillery Fire Base near the Cambodian border shortly after six infantrymen balked at orders to go out on a night ambush patrol on October 9.

"They were fed up. They were taking heavy casualties, said Boyle, who arrived here from Saigon last night.

Relations between the U.S. and South Vietnamese armies

"were almost to the point of warfare at the base," he said.

"The men feel they're being left to die and nobody cares," Boyle said.

He showed the handwritten petition, scrawled on several small sheets of notepaper, but declined to discuss it until he could confer with Kennedy's staff.

"I have documents, photos, and tapes I plan to show to the senator," Boyle said.

"The Army is trying to cover up the story of what happened there," he added.