

KENT STATE PETITION IS SENT TO MITCHELL

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—A petition to President Nixon from 10,380 Kent State University students, calling for a Federal grand jury investigation of the shooting of four students in May, 1970, has been referred for consideration to the Justice Department, the White House said today.

The petition, delivered to the White House three weeks ago, in effect asked for a reversal of a decision not to call a Federal grand jury. That decision was announced last August by Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

A White House spokesman

said that the petition had been brought to the President's attention and that there would be a response to it. At the Justice Department, a spokesman said that the petition had been taken under advisement.

The petition urged the President to consider the possibility of Federal law violations in the shooting of the four students by National Guardsmen. It occurred on the Ohio campus during antiwar demonstrations.