

By Vandals in England Kennedy Slab Defaced

BUNNYMEDE, England (AP) — Vandals have painted a swastika and the word "Pinkville" on Britain's stone slab monument to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy, police reported today.

The seven-ton slab, on a three-acre site in a meadow outside London, was defaced during the weekend.

It was the second time the memorial has been vandalized. It was cracked by a bomb last October on the eve of an anti-Vietnam war demonstration in London.

Police said the word "Pinkville" recalling allegations of mass civilian murders by U.S. troops in Vietnam, and the swastika was sprayed

onto the seven-ton slab with red dye. A stonemason was called to clean it.

The memorial was erected in 1965 with funds raised by the lord mayor and the City of London. The land on which it stands was donated, as American territory, to the people of the United States. It stands near Windsor Castle in the meadow where the Magna Carta was signed in 1215—the beginning of today's basic liberties in Britain and the United States.

The Kennedy stone was dedicated by Queen Elizabeth II at a ceremony attended by then Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Kennedy's widow and his children.