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Not Forgotten— Nor Forgiven

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Ethel Kennedy walked into a party at the Robert McNamaras' last Saturday night, spotted columnist Joseph Kraft, and walked right back out again.

Apparently the widow of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has neither forgotten nor forgiven Kraft for a column he wrote seven months ago on the fifth anniversary of her husband's death.

Mrs. Kennedy, fiercely protective of Bob Kennedy's memory, objected to a reference to his having "promoted wire-tapping and other invasions of privacy."

At least one other of Kennedy's former aides, Burke Marshall, took issue with Kraft at the time.

Some of Mrs. Kennedy's closest friends, including columnists Art Buchwald and Rowland Evans and their wives, were at the McNamara dinner.

More Bad News for Agnew

Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is no longer a consultant to J-W Industries, the Beverly Hills company owned by actress Eva Gabor's husband, Frank Jameson.

According to friends of Agnew in Baltimore, Jameson had to withdraw his offer of a \$100,000-a-year consulting fee because of "pressures" brought by others with a financial interest in the firm who considered Agnew to be a liability.

Jameson, contacted in California earlier this week, referred all calls on the matter to Agnew. "He will have to be the one to make the announcement," Jameson said. "We are still friends and a man needs all the friends he can get in a situation like this."

Agnew now refuses to answer most press inquiries, but he told a London publication several days ago that he was no longer working for J-W Industries.

Another Blank Tape

The White House called WETA-TV last week, asking for the tape of an energy show Martin Agronsky had done with Federal Energy Office administrator William Simon.

The television station was happy to oblige. But the tape was delivered, it turned out to be blank. Red-faced at the unintentional jibe, WETA officials hastily dispatched a recording with all conversations loud and clear.