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**U.S. Judge Bars Release of Kopechne Transcript**

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BOSTON, April 14—A Federal judge ordered a temporary delay today in publication of the transcript of the Mary Jo Kopechne inquest, pending a decision on a suit brought by the inquest stenographers.

The restraining order, issued by United States District Court Judge Andrew A. Caffrey, does not apply to the report of Judge James A. Boyle, who presided at the January inquest. The judge's 12-page report will be released at 11 A.M. tomorrow in Suffolk Superior Court.

The transcript, a 764-page document, contains the sworn testimony of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and 26 other wit-

nesses who testified at the inquest. Miss Kopechne, a 28-year-old Washington secretary, drowned July 18 when a car driven by Senator Kennedy plunged off a narrow bridge on Chappaquidick Island and overturned in a tidal inlet.

Both the transcript and the judge's report were to have been made available tomorrow in a set to be sold for \$75 by the court, Edward V. Keating, clerk of Suffolk Superior Court, said he had received orders for more than 80 copies from news media.

There was no clear indication today of how long Judge Caffrey would require to make a decision in the case.

Two free-lance court report-

ers, Sidney R. Lipman and Harold T. McNeil, sought the restraining order, arguing that they had the right to reproduce and sell the transcript.

Mr. Lipman said he had contracts with some 50 persons from the news media for the purchase of transcripts at about \$800 apiece. He contends that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has deprived him of valuable property rights by allowing sale of the document through the Superior Court.

Mr. Keating, who has contracted with the Xerox Corporation to reproduce the transcript, contends that he was acting under court orders.