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After changing from sailing togs, Kennedy took the two-car ferry, the On Time, for the four-minute crossing to Chappaquiddick (Edward). Deputy medical examiner David R. Mills would later determine that she had died from drowning. (Lange and Katherine, pg. 42) Urged by his friends Gargan and Markham, Kennedy crossed back to Edgartown to report the accident, almost ten hours after he drove off the bridge (Tedrow Tedrow 36). “Unable to prove that Kennedy had been driving to endanger or driving drunk, Steele could not justify a charge of manslaughter; consequently, Kennedy was charged with leaving the scene of an accident. (Stanley)” Kappel stated that the accident and its aftermath put the media into a frenzy (Kappel, 397).
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