

Autopsy Writ Due in Ted's Crash

NEW BEDFORD (Mass.) — (AP) — District Attorney Edmund Dinis was expected to file either late today or tomorrow his official request for an autopsy on the body of Miss Mary Jo Kopechne, the young blonde secretary who died in Sen. Edward Kennedy's July 18 auto accident.

Reports quoted Dinis as implying that the initial pa-

perwork could be handled via registered mail.

Dinis and his assistants were reported nearing completion last night of their petition seeking the autopsy.

To Cite Need

"It will recite what conditions substantiate our need for exhumation and an autopsy," Dinis said.

Dinis already plans an in-

quest into the case Sept. 3 in Edgartown District Court on Martha's Vineyard, a resort island off the Cape Cod coast.

In another development, Edgartown court clerk Thomas A. Teller said that he has been deluged with requests for press credentials for the inquest.

"Hundreds of requests

from newsmen all over the world have been received," Teller said.

Only 160 Seats

The courtroom in which the proceedings will be held seats only 160.

Massachusetts Attorney General Robert H. Quinn says he does not intend to enter the inquest Dinis plans.