

**PROCEDURE DELAYS
REQUEST TO EXHUME**

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Aug. 13 (UPI) — The Pennsylvania authorities said today that a Massachusetts district attorney seeking to exhume the body of Mary Jo Kopechne, who was killed in an automobile driven by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, would have to present his petition in person or send a representative.

Anthony Panaway, solicitor for the clerk of the Luzerne County Court, said the Clerk had received the request of District Attorney Edmund S. Dinis of New Bedford that the body be exhumed but he would not file it legally.

"Under Pennsylvania law, the Clerk of Court has no right to present a petition of this type to the court," Mr. Panaway said. He said a letter would be sent to Mr. Dinis explaining that either he or a member of his staff must come to Pennsylvania.

In Washington, Mr. Kennedy termed untrue a report that he did not make an impulsive swim between two islands the night his car plunged into the water killing Miss Kopechne. A columnist, Jack Anderson said that Mr. Kennedy made the trip between Chappaquiddick Island and Martha's Vineyard in a boat with two friends.