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Hughes's Mental State Put Under Study in Texas

HOUSTON, Oct. 8 (UPI)—Texas Attorney General John Hill has hired a neuropathologist to study the Howard R. Hughes autopsy report and, if necessary, to conduct medical tests to determine the billionaire's mental condition at the time of his death.

Assistant Attorney General Rick Harrison said yesterday that Dr. Richard Lindenberg of Baltimore, Md., would try to determine Mr. Hughes's mental state when he died April 5 while flying from Acapulco to Houston for treatment of a kidney disorder.

Mr. Hughes apparently left no uncontested will and his \$2.5 billion fortune is the subject of court disputes in Texas, Nevada and California.

Mr. Hill wants Mr. Hughes declared a Texas resident at the time of his death so the state can collect taxes on the estate. Administrators of Mr. Hughes's affairs are trying to have him declared a Nevada resident for tax and business purposes.