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**KOPECHNE CASE DATA ARE DELAYED AGAIN**

BOSTON, April 15 (UPI)—The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit cleared the way today for making Mary Jo Kopechne inquest documents public, but another delay developed. After the Federal court acted,

distribution of the documents was "held in abeyance" by Suffolk Superior Court in Boston, a state court.

No explanation was given by the Superior Court, but its judge, Wilfred J. Paquet, immediately conferred with the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

The latest delay followed a series of legal maneuvers by Sidney R. Lipman, a free-lance

stenographer who contended that he—not the Superior Court—had the right to distribute the transcript for a fee to news media and other interested parties.

Mr. Lipman transcribed the testimony of witnesses during the four-day secret inquest into Miss Kopechne's death in Senator Edward M. Kennedy's car on Chappaquiddick Island last July.

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**U.S. Judge Gives State Court 2 Choices on Kopechne Text**

BOSTON, April 16 (AP) — A Federal judge issued guidelines today designed to help a Massachusetts court decide how to release the transcript of the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, killed in Senator Edward M. Kennedy's car accident last July.

The clerk of the state court said afterward he did not know when the 764-page transcript might be released, but it would not be before next Tuesday.

The legal tangle stems from a challenge by a free-lance court stenographer, Sidney R. Lipman, who contends he alone has the right to copy and sell the transcript because he was the stenographer of record.

Chief Judge Bailey Aldrich of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit gave the Suffolk Superior Court two choices—release the document itself, or turn it over to Mr. Lipman, with money from its sale to be held in escrow until a final decision was made on who had rights to the documents.