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AUSTIN--TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY TODAY CALLED WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," AN "ASTONISHING PROPAGANDA INSTRUMENT." HE SAID HE PLANS A PUBLICATION OF HIS OWN TO COUNTERACT ITS STATEMENTS ABOUT HIM.

CONNALLY SAID THE MANCHESTER BOOK "CANNOT...QUALIFY AS FACTUAL HISTORY." *IN William Manchester Book*

"IT ACTUALLY IS A RECITATION OF RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED AND REFLECTED THROUGH THE PRISMS OF PREJUDICE," HE SAID. CONNALLY SAID THE WORK WAS FILLED WITH "EDITORIAL COMMENT BASED ON UNFOUNDED RUMOR, DISTORTION AND INCONSISTENCY."

THE GOVERNOR CALLED A NEWS CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS DEMANDS FOR COMMENT ON THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE MANCHESTER BOOK APPEARING IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF LOOK MAGAZINE.

IN THE BOOK, MANCHESTER ACCUSES CONNALLY OF USING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S 1963 TRIP TO TEXAS "TO MAKE POLITICAL GAINS."

CONNALLY READ A 250-WORD STATEMENT BUT WOULD NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT PLANS HE HAD CONCERNING A PUBLICATION OF HIS ACCOUNT OF KENNEDY'S 1963 VISIT TO TEXAS.

"I PURPOSELY HAVE REFRAINED FROM PUBLISHING ANY PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE DETAILS OF THE TRIP," CONNALLY SAID. "HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF UNMANAGED HISTORY, I HAVE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSEMBLE AND PRESENT THE FACTS AND DETAILS AS WE KNOW THEM RELATING TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S VISIT."

"THESE FACTS AND DETAILS WILL BE RECORDED IN THE HOPE THAT PRESENT DAY WRITERS AND LEGITIMATE HISTORIANS MIGHT FIND THEM USEFUL IN REACHING OBJECTIVE JUDGMENTS."

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