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 (STATEMENT)

NEW YORK--STATEMENT OF AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER TODAY UPON SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES OVER HIS BOOK "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT":

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, JACQUELINE KENNEDY, HARPER AND I HAVE AGREED UPON APRIL PUBLICATION OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," WHICH I WROTE AT HER REQUEST. IN CONSEQUENCE, SHE HAS WITHDRAWN HER LEGAL ACTION, AND ROBERT KENNEDY IS WAIVING HIS RIGHTS IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH I SIGNED WITH HIM THREE YEARS AGO.

OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENTS ARE OFTEN CALLED "COMPROMISES." IN THIS CASE A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION WOULD BE "A RESOLUTION OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS." LAST MONTH A STATEMENT ISSUED BY MRS. KENNEDY'S OFFICE CHARACTERIZED PORTIONS OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" AS "TASTELESS AND DISTORTED," BUT THAT JUDGMENT WAS BASED UPON ISOLATED FRAGMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN READ TO HER BY ASSOCIATES OF THE FAMILY.

I MAY SAY THAT SHE HAS HAD COMPLETE ACCESS TO MY ENTIRE MANUSCRIPT SINCE LAST MARCH AND HAS BEEN GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT, YET, AS SHE DECLARED IN HER AFFIDAVIT TO THE COURT, AT THAT TIME SHE HAD NEVER EVEN SEEN IT. THIS MAY SOUND BAFFLING, BUT THERE IS AN EXPLANATION, AND IT IS QUITE HUMAN. THE FACT IS THAT THOSE CLOSE TO HER HAD HOPED TO SCAPE HER THE ORDEAL OF A FULL READING.

IN RETROSPECT IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT HAD SHE DONE SO THEN-- HAD HER AUTHORITY NOT BEEN DELEGATED TO DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FAMILY -- WE ALL WOULD HAVE FOREGONE MUCH ANGUISH.

HOWEVER, THE DILEMMA HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED. SINCE FILING HER COURT ACTION, MRS. KENNEDY HAS STUDIED THE FULL TEXT, AND I HAVE MADE CERTAIN ALTERATIONS AT HER REQUEST. ALTOGETHER HER SUGGESTIONS COMPRISED LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF THE MANUSCRIPT -- THAT IS, LESS THAN SEVEN PAGES OUT OF A 700-PAGE BOOK. 9439:34, DURING THE DISCUSSIONS JUST COMPLETED ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL HAS BEEN ADDED.

I SHOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THAT FROM THE MARGINAL NOTATIONS ON THE PAGE PROOFS EXAMINED BY MRS. KENNEDY, IT NOW APPEARS QUITE CLEAR SHE HAS RAISED NO REAL OBJECTION TO EITHER THE TASTE OR ACCURACY OF THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT, AND THAT SHE HAS FOUND NO DISTORTION IN MY ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS OF LATE NOVEMBER 1963.

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