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2ND ADD 2ND NIGHT LD BOOK NEW YORK 285A XXX DELETIONS.

A KENNEDY FAMILY SPOKESMAN, RICHARD GOODWIN, SAID, "THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION (ON THE PART OF THE KENNEDYS) OF BRINGING ANY FURTHER LAWSUITS." HE SAID THE COURT ORDER WAS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO MEDIA "IN THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THEY WILL HONOR IT."

HE ADDED THAT THE FAMILY WOULD "FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY" THE LOCK PROCEEDINGS AGAINST STERN.

MONDAY'S AGREEMENT, APPROVED BY STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE SAUL STREIT, CALLED FOR THE DESTRUCTION WITHIN 45 DAYS OF ALL COPIES OF ALL ORIGINAL VERSIONS OF THE BOOK BY ALL PARTIES, EXCEPT THAT HARPER & ROW AND MRS. KENNEDY MAY KEEP ONE FILE COPY AND MANCHESTER MAY RETAIN TWO FILE COPIES.

REPRESENTATIVES OF MRS. KENNEDY MADE IT CLEAR MONDAY THAT ALTHOUGH HER OBJECTIONS TO THE PULICATION OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" HAD BEEN REMOVED, SHE NEITHER APPROVED NOR ENDORSED MATERIAL APPEARING IN THE BOOK.

GOODWIN SAID MRS. KENNEDY "SEES NO NEED TO ALTER HER PREVIOUS STATEMENTS" ON THE TASTELESSNESS AND INACCURACY OF THE BOOK "AND WILL HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT."

MANCHESTER SAID MRS. KENNEDY'S EARLIER JUDGEMENT "WAS BASED ON 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," HE SAID. YET, HE ADDED, SHE TOLD THE COURT WHEN SHE FILED SUIT SHE HAD NEVER READ IT.

"THIS MAY SOUND BAFFLING," HE SAID, "BUT THERE IS AN EXPLANATION, AND IT IS QUITE HUMAN. THE FACT IS THAT THOSE CLOSE TO HER HAD HOPED TO SPARE 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." MANCHESTER SAID.

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THE WRITER ALSO SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO MRS. KENNEDY'S WITHDRAWAL OF LEGAL ACTION, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY "WAS WAIVING HIS RIGHTS IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH I SIGNED WITH HIM THREE YEARS AGO." THAT MEMORANDUM CONTAINED AN AGREEMENT THAT THE BOOK WOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED BEFORE NOV. 22, 1968, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, AND WAS THE BASIS OF MRS. KENNEDY'S SUITS.

AFTER READING HIS STATEMENT, MANCHESTER DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A "VERY SICK MAN--UNDER DOCTOR'S ORDERS," AND LEFT THE NEWS CONFERENCE. HE RECENTLY WAS HOSPITALIZED WITH PNEUMONIA.

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