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Mr. J. Herbert Sawyer
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Dear Mr. Sawyer,

In brief introduction, I have been invited by Mrs. John F. Kennedy to write an historical account of the events of and surrounding the death of President Kennedy. The enclosed announcement describes the nature of the project.

I expect to be in Texas late this summer, and I would be most grateful if you and I could talk then. I know that Mrs. Kennedy would appreciate it, too.

During July I shall be working in New England, and my address then will be 115 High Street, Middletown, Connecticut. After August 1, I shall be back in this office.

It would be extremely useful to me if you could send me a telephone number at which you can be reached in August and September. If the number is unlisted I shall, of course, treat it with discretion.

Faithfully,

William Manchester
William Manchester



Office of the Attorney General
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March 26, 1964

The Kennedy family has authorized William Manchester to write an extensive account describing the events of and surrounding the death of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

Because versions of what occurred November 20-25 already have appeared and because it is understood other articles and books are in the course of being prepared for later publication, these arrangements were made with Mr. Manchester in the interest of historical accuracy and to prevent distortion and sensationalism.

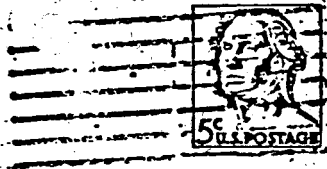
Mr. Manchester has taken an indefinite leave of absence from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, and has moved to Washington for interviews with Mrs. John F. Kennedy, the Attorney General, other members of the family, and friends and associates of the late President. Subsequent interviews will be held in Texas and elsewhere.

This is a long-term project. Publication of the book may not be expected before three to five years.

The book is to be published by Harper & Row, and all profits beyond expenses and a moderate return on investment on the first printing by both the author and the publisher will be donated to the John F. Kennedy Library at Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Manchester, 41, is a former foreign correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, Guggenheim Fellow, Fellow of the Wesleyan University Center for Advanced Studies, and Managing Editor, the Wesleyan University Press. He is the author of seven books, the most recent of which, Portrait of a President, was largely based on a series of interviews with President Kennedy in the White House.

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