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Clarification

In your story "JFK Censored?" (PRESS, Oct. 3) you state in connection with William Manchester's forthcoming book, "The Death of a President," that John Seigenthaler "last week denied he had seen the manuscript." A reporter for NEWSWEEK telephoned me and commented: "I understand you are one of those asked by the Kennedys to do political editing on Manchester's book." I said: "You are in error about that."

I have read the manuscript—I would not have denied it had I been asked—and I have raised some questions about accuracy and common-sense reporting with the publishers, Harper & Row. But I have not been asked by the Kennedys to do political editing on William Manchester's book. That was your suggestion. That is what I denied.

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■ The suggestion that Mrs. Kennedy has exercised or tried to exercise a veto power over some of the books about the assassinated President does not take into account the circumstance that she owes nothing to history but everything to her children. On the other hand, the Warren commission owes everything to history and nothing to anybody else. Researchers seem agreed that it did less than its duty to history.

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