

\$5 Million Risked by Mrs. Kennedy

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She May Have to Pay Any Loss Magazine Incurs

NEW YORK (UPI)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy is risking as much as \$5 million to prevent publication of "Death of a President" and revelation of her rawest and tenderest emotions, one of the defendants in the case said Tuesday.

A spokesman for Look magazine said the former First Lady will be required to file an indemnity bond which would cover the magazine's losses if a temporary injunction halted serialization of the book. If Mrs. Kennedy later lost her case, Look would collect the money.

Look, in its answer to Mrs. Kennedy's suit, will inform State Supreme Court Judge Saul S. Streit of the exact figure it would lose through loss of advertising, circulation and costs in an affidavit it is scheduled to submit Thursday. The spokesman said the figure would be between \$3 million and \$5 million.

Personal Appeal to Author

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) made the first reference to the possible cost of the case in a statement underscoring his claim that the Kennedys tried every way to avoid litigation. He said in Sun Valley, Ida.,

Monday night that Mrs. Kennedy had appealed personally to author William Manchester to delete portions of the manuscript which she considered too personal to share with the public.

"They did not think that we could afford to sue," the senator said. "They did not think it to the point of not letting anybody see the manuscript they now plan to publish. That is what pushed us into this suit."

Judge Streit will hear arguments from both sides next Tuesday and has promised a speedy decision. Mrs. Kennedy contends Manchester broke a 1964 contract which gave the Kennedys final say on the contents of the manuscript and the publication date and his publishers, Harper & Row and Look, went ahead knowing the contract existed.

Parties in Telephone Contact

The opposing parties were in telephone contact concerning a possible out-of-court settlement but none seemed possible unless Manchester agrees to cut out about 10,000 words which Mrs. Kennedy finds objectionable from the 300,000-word book. Look's first installment is scheduled to hit the newsstands Jan. 10 and about 8 million copies already are being printed.

(The Washington Post reported Tuesday that a source close to the situation expressed optimism that the line-by-line effort to edit the manuscript would succeed before Look submits its answer in court Thursday. An announcement was expected today, the newspaper said.)

Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.) said in a Boston television interview Monday night, that he

hoped an acceptable version of the book could be agreed upon through compromise so that "some day the book will be published." According to persons who have read the book, the following passages are among

those that apparently would have to be censored to meet Mrs. Kennedy's objections:

1—Conversations which she and the President had in their bedroom the night before the assassination.

2—Her reaction to learning a "silly little Communist" killed her husband so that he "didn't even have the satisfaction of being killed for civil rights."

3—A heartbreaking description of how Caroline learned of her father's assassination from her nurse, Maude Shaw.

4—Disclosure that Mrs. Kennedy dipped her wedding ring in petroleum jelly to slip it on the dead President's hand. The ring was removed from the President's body before burial and returned to Mrs. Kennedy.

5—Inaccurate and unflattering interpretations of President Johnson's attitudes and actions in the hours and days after the assassination.

6—Intimations that the Kennedy entourage kept Mr. Johnson from the immediate vicinity of the coffin when it was taken off the Presidential jet by a fork lift in Washington.

7—The painful loneliness Mrs. Kennedy felt on her first night back in the White House, her hands desperately clawing at the pillows. *End*