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## Johnson Has Letters From Mrs. Kennedy

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WASHINGTON — President Johnson has in his files several handwritten letters from Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, expressing her gratitude for his thoughtfulness and many kindnesses in the period after her husband's assassination.

The letters were written at intervals in the traumatic aftermath of the tragedy and contradict the account of Mr. Johnson's behavior toward the grief-stricken widow reportedly contained in William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President," according to informants.

In his controversial manuscript, Manchester allegedly pictured Mr. Johnson as boorish and thoughtless on the Presidential plane at the Dallas airport and on the flight back to Washington.

However, it is known that when rumors of the author's unflattering portrayal of Mr. Johnson's action and words began to circulate here several months ago, the President's staff assembled evidence to disprove the allegations. Mrs. Kennedy's letters presumably are a part of that evidence.

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