

The Kennedys vs. Manchester

From the lamentable furor over "The Death of a President," needlessly exacerbated by the press, only one person emerges with enhanced stature (PRESS, Dec. 26). Mrs. Kennedy was battling for her own and her family's rightful privacy and honor. But, in fact, she was doing battle for all who care greatly for integrity in authorship, in journalism and in publishing. Let it be hoped that the lesson of her victory has been deeply implanted in all three professions.

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■ If only the Kennedys knew, history cannot tarnish the image of JFK because of the man he was. Not even the Kennedys can blemish JFK's 1,000 days. Had he lived, he might have made mistakes, but he would have given us no reason to hang our heads in shame, as his family has done by involving their personal feelings in a court fight.

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■ It was only natural that the Kennedys were shocked and hurt by the assassination—as we all were—but I think their unfair treatment of LBJ is just too much!

Whether the Kennedys approve or not, history will record Mr. Johnson as one of our great Presidents.

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■ What is really sad is not the alleged invasion of privacy (which has already been amply exploited by the pulps), but the fact that the U.S. courts are being exploited as tools for publicity purposes. Shades of Hollywood!

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■ Perhaps Jackie's greatest concern is for her personal privacy, but I prefer to believe that it is for Bobby's Presidential ambitions. The Kennedy clan seems determined that nothing hinder his drive toward the office that they seem to regard as having been simply vacant ever since the assassination.

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