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Giving Up on the Kennedys



There'll be no more JFK stories coming anytime soon from the critical pen of Brit Nigel Hamilton.

The author, who ruffled the family's feathers mightily two years ago with his sex-obsessed bestseller, "JFK: Reckless Youth," says he has abandoned plans to write a second volume because of interference from the Kennedys, according to the Boston Globe.

"It has been sad for me to watch how this family has sought to marginalize what I was trying to do," Hamilton says, "and deliberately falsify my purposes . . . and put out to the word that I am some sort of scurrilous, muckraking Brit."

Hamilton, now teaching at the University of Massachusetts, alleges that the family saw to it that the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston wouldn't release essential documents and pressured onetime aides to President Kennedy not to participate in the project. After the much-hyped "Reckless Youth" was published, the Kennedy siblings fired off a scathing Op-Ed piece to the New York Times denying the book's contents.



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Nigel Hamilton, off the subject.

A spokesman for Sen. Ted Kennedy declined to comment on the matter yesterday. And Hamilton's publisher, Random House, told the Globe that Hamilton also believes that there is a surplus of Kennedy books on the market right now.

Hamilton, for his part, says he'll return to England soon and tackle a biography of mid-century Indian leader Jawaharlal Nehru.