

Author Manchester Admits Possible Error in His Book

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William Manchester admitted today "it is entirely possible" he made a mistake in his highly controversial book "The Death of a President" when he wrote every male Kennedy aide except one had ducked the swearing-in of President Johnson.

"It is entirely possible I might have made a mistake," the author said when he was told by the World Journal Tribune at his home in Middletown, Conn., that

Time magazine had published 19 pictures taken at the ceremony showing at least five Kennedy aides present.

"I don't see how Time is publishing 19 pictures. The only pictures of the event were taken by Army Capt. Cecil Stoughton. Stoughton told me he had taken 18 pictures and showed them all to me," Manchester said.

Time, in its Feb. 24 edition on newsstands today, identifies Kenneth O'Donnell, David Powers, Mac Kilduff, Dr. George Burkley and Stoughton himself as Kennedy aides.

NAMES 3 AIDES

Manchester said he acknowledged in his book, which is not yet published but parts of which have been serialized by Look magazine, that Kilduff, Dr. Burkley and Stoughton were present.

But the author questioned seriously whether those three, the assistant press secretary, physician and

photographer, could be called aides. He fully acknowledges O'Brien and O'Donnell were aides.

"I feel this is a very small point considering the full sweep of the book," he said. "What is important and what is significant is that it has been admitted by O'Donnell that he was opposed to having Mrs. Kennedy in the picture."

BOOK LONGER

Manchester pointed out that his book is six times longer than what has been serialized by Look. "I wish people would wait to criticize until they read the full account," he added.

"As each objection has come up, I've been checking them out. Most turn out to be unsubstantiated, but when I've found I've been wrong I have tried to make changes in the manuscript before it is published. I will also make changes in later editions if I need to," he added.