

# Mrs. Kennedy 'infuriated by Johnson'

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SOME "unbelievable things" that happened after the assassination of President Kennedy are described in the unedited manuscript of "Death of a President," the book over which Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy is taking legal action, a New York publisher said last night.

Mrs. Kennedy's lawyers are preparing papers seeking a temporary injunction to stop publication. Summonses have already been served on Harper and Row, publishers of the book, and Cowles Communications, publishers of *Look* magazine, which is to serialise the work.

Mr. Bennett Cerf, chairman of another publishing firm, Random House, said in a speech at Yale University last night that the manuscript described how Mr. Johnson went to the airport and boarded the presidential plane, which was parked next to the vice-presidential one.

When Mrs. Kennedy and those accompanying her arrived at the airport with the coffin containing President Kennedy's body they were "shocked and infuriated"

by what Mr. Johnson had done.

## 10-hour interview

A friend of the Kennedy family said today that Mrs. Kennedy objected to four or five pages based on a 10-hour tape-recorded interview with the author, William Manchester, a few months after the assassination. They were "not a matter of historic significance."

At that time Mrs. Kennedy was in a state of grief, "she was not self-censoring, but was relying on Mr. Manchester's agreement not to publish anything that would be offensive to her."

Mrs. Kennedy's attempt to hold up publication was said to be based on a signed agreement between Mr. Manchester and Senator Robert Kennedy, the late President's brother. One clause provided that the final text should be approved by Mrs. Kennedy and Senator Kennedy.

## "Far too painful"

Neither has yet read the manuscript: "To have done so would be far too painful," the family friend said. But it has been read by several of their representatives.

Harper and Row said they had made four sets of "substantial" revisions at the request of Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the family. All profits beyond a "small return" on investment would go to the Kennedy Library in Boston.

Mr. Manchester was chosen by Mrs. Kennedy to write the book because of her husband's admiration for his work.