New Book May Reveal the Real Ma

By ARTHUR GREENSPAN

reader in America today who Manchester row over "The Death doesn't know that William Man. of a President." chester has written a book about the assassination of Preside hook in the fall of 1964, it was dent Kennedy, interviewing said to be "for early 1965 publithousands of persons to piece to catton." It was to be "an account gether his narrative.

But two key figures never agreed to be interviewed by the author-President Johnson and Marina Oswald, widow of Kennedy's accused killer and now the wife of Kenneth Porter, a Greenville, Tex., electronics technician.

Will the public ever learn Marina's full story?

Manchester, on television Sunday, said he felt the Warren Commission had gone too easy on her. He though she should have been questioned at greater length.

Perhaps the full Marina Oswald story will be told when a book about her is completed, "perhaps within the next few months."

Masters From Harvard

The author is Priscilla Johnson, a young writer in her 30s with a masters in Russian from Harvard; two stints in Russia as a foreign correspondent, and months of interviewing for her

"I would say the motivations of the two writers-Priscilla and Manchester—are not dissimilar," her literary agent, William Wing, told the New York Post today. "They're both seriously interested in doing a threedimensional job. They're both working journalists and historians."

And they share another com- amateur psychiatrist." mon bond, too-their books, each of which deals with a facet

There's hardly a newspaper known because of the Kennedy-

of Marina Oswald by Priscilla Johnson, whose purpose is to do what it can to make public knowledge and historical fact of the origins of the tragic assassination of President Kennedy."

Still Working On It

printed, Miss Johnson is still at on the situation." work on it.

"There was never, from the outset, any intention of making this a so-caled timely book," Wing explained, "She was to work with all due diligence and she was to decide the speed with which she would work. We have a good chunk of it in manuscript form," Wing added, "She's been plugging away at her own pace, and she's long since completed her researches."

Those researches including living with Marina "through three or four months of the worst of it," Wing said. "And for a time, they were in Phoenix, Ariz., secluded and isolated from every-

What is the scope of the book? "It's to show the sort of life Marina had, and to understand what sort of person Marina was and is. It undertakes to recreate Marina's life in Russia, which is very interesting.

"Priscilla's very interested in what made Marina tick, although he's not trying to serve as an

Much has been made about the millions Manchester will earn of the Kennedy death—are being from his book. And in Texas, published by Harper & Row, al-Marina has reportedly told

[ready made uncomfortably well- | friends she expects "to make a killing" from the volume's sale.

What about Marina's expecta-

"Yes, she will benefit from it," Wing said, "There was an agreement between Marina and Priscilla, a commitment we had to make in the heat of battle, so to speak.

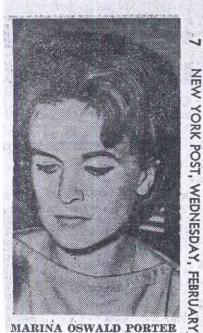
"But in the time since, there has been no pressure, nothing like-'well, let's get the book done so I can make some money' Inothing like that. As Priscilla has often said, she didn't want to Now, more than two years has often said, she didn't want to after it was first due to be do a 'quickie' book to capitalize

Miss Johnson will not have one problem which triggered the Manchester-Kennedy battle-the right of review of the manuscript.

"To begin with, Marina did have a right of review. But now, she's said she doesn't want to review the book. That, of course, makes life simpler for everyone."

Will the Marina book satisfy Manchester's feeling that the widow didn't tell all she knew before the Warren Commission? "Well, first of all," Wing said, I feel Mrs. Oswald did tell the Warren Commission everything. Manchester says she didn't. That's one man's opinion, and might have another.

"But about the book, I can't answer that. The book isn't finished yet; I haven't read how it comes out, so to try and answer that before I find out from the author . . . well, that's sort of premature."



MARINA OSWALD PORTER She's cooperating.

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