



Others observe that by that time—last November—the Kennedys could have obtained all the changes they wanted. The decision to sue, they hold, was to establish proof that the book no longer had the Kennedy seal of approval. They wanted to shake loose from the political embarrassment.

Throughout the complex negotiations, there was the growing feeling by the Kennedys that their adversaries were getting tougher, standing their ground against changes more stubbornly, because they felt certain the family would not sue.

There was miscalculation on both sides.

"They thought it would be too politically dangerous for me if the whole thing was brought into court," Robert Kennedy says.

But Jackie, too, felt that the other side would not chance a court action and would give in.

She told Manchester at Hyannis Port:

"Unless I run off with Eddie Fisher, the people will think that anyone who is in a fight with me is a rat."

On Dec. 14, Jacqueline filed notice of a suit, "horrible as a trial will be."

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