

Mrs. Kennedy Requests Cancellation Of Manchester's Assassination Book

As BOOKS/October went to press, it was exclusively learned that Mrs. John F. Kennedy had requested Harper & Row to CANCEL publication of William Manchester's official and candid account of her husband's assassination, "The Death of a President." Mrs. Kennedy has been quoted as having said, "If I decide the book should never be published — then Mr. Manchester will be reimbursed for his time." Reimbursement talks have begun.

Top-level meetings have been held at Harper's to determine its response to Mrs. Kennedy's request. Should Harper's elect to ignore Mrs. Kennedy's request — the moral issue of censorship, \$3,000,000 in international book and magazine sales, and future relations with the Kennedy family are at stake — it may permit a foreign company to publish the book first, softening news coverage of the intimate contents.

~~men of The New York Times . . .~~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library officials report that they are not checking on publishers who promised to donate to the Library a portion or all of their profits