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munique, monitored in Tokyo, Washington is now clearly  
said that at 3 p.m. on Tuesday alarmed at the uproar caused

# Kennedy book row: showdown looms over 'revelations'

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NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The controversy between the Kennedys and William Manchester, author of the forthcoming book *Death of a President* has reached the showdown stage, friends of the family indicated today.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy has served a summons on Harper and Row, and *Look* magazine, saying she wishes to see some portions of the book withheld in "the interest of personal accuracy."

Manchester, who has just returned to New York from Europe, said today he was "puzzled" by the situation and that he had been advised not to say anything about the case.

A spokesman for both the Kennedys and Harper and Row said today they hoped that a compromise could be worked out.

However, the basis for the Kennedy complaint is that Manchester's book will reveal what is supposed to be a strong difference between the late President Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, then Vice-President, over whether Kennedy should visit Dallas, Texas, where he was assassinated.

## Honesty

Mrs. Kennedy chose Manchester to write the book because the late President had indicated he liked Manchester's style and honesty.

Later, Mrs. Kennedy "poured out her heart" in connection with the assassination because of her late husband's obvious feelings towards Manchester.

More recently, however, Mrs. Kennedy was reported to have had "second thoughts" about the expression of such feelings, particularly as they related to the reported role of President Johnson in inducing Kennedy to go to Texas because of the apparent anti-Kennedy trend there in political circles.

Mrs. Kennedy gave Manchester intimate details, which he taped, on how she felt during and after the assassination.

Today, however, she is



JACKIE KENNEDY  
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reported "very upset" by Manchester's use of her revelations and she is understood to have asked Senator Robert Kennedy to use his influence in having a number of deletions made.

The Senator, it is reported, believes that some of the anti-Johnson sentiments expressed in the book and articles are so strong that they could hurt the Senator's political career.

## 'Boorish'

Once source said today that the unedited version of the Manchester book depicted Johnson as "boorish."

A number of friends of the Kennedys have suggested legal action to prevent publication of the book in its present form.

Others have suggested that Kennedy merely rebut Manchester in an article for use after publication of the book for next March or April.

Originally, it was hoped to publish the book next February. A spokesman for the publishers said the delay had become necessary because of "revisions."

Cass Canfield, chairman of Harper and Row, said he was "deeply distressed" because "I have great respect and admiration for Mrs. Kennedy."

Mr. William Attwood, editor-in-chief of *Look* magazine, said: "We are going ahead — the presses are already rolling."

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