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Kennedy Protests Cut Book

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Almost half the original text of William Manchester's highly controversial book, "Death of a President," has reportedly been scrapped because of Kennedy family objections. Revisions are still being made, and they have greatly disrupted publishing plans.

The Book-of-the-Month Club has already jerked the book as the April selection and has temporarily made it the May choice. The volume, said to be getting thinner and thinner, may even wind up as the June pick, depending on when it reaches final form.

Harper and Row had planned for the book to be on sale in early March but now will be lucky to have it out by early April.

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