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Jackie Kennedy wanted a rocket named for JFK

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BOSTON (AP) — A week after President Kennedy's assassination, Jacqueline Kennedy charted a future that she hoped would include privacy for herself and a rocket named after her husband.

"I'm not going to be the Widow Kennedy," Mrs. Kennedy told journalist Theodore H. White in comments released for the first time. "When this is over, I'm going to crawl into the deepest retirement there is."

Excerpts of the Nov. 29, 1963, interview were published previously in Life magazine and White's 1978 memoir, "In Search of History." On Friday, the John F. Kennedy Library

released the full record of that interview, 34 pages that include White's handwritten notes and revisions in Mrs. Kennedy's handwriting.

White had donated the papers to the library in 1969 but said they could not be released until one year after the former first lady's death. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died of cancer May 19, 1994, at age 64.

Speaking of her 3-year-old son, Mrs. Kennedy said: "I want John-John to be a fine young man. He's so interested in planes; maybe he'll be an astronaut or just plain John Kennedy fixing planes on the ground."

She also recalled that her daughter, Caroline, "held my hand like a soldier. She's my helper; she's mine now."