

RFK Cuba Papers Sold

McCall's Pays \$1 Million for Crisis Memoir

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NEW YORK, Sept. 18—
Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's personal memoir of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, found among his papers after his assassination, was sold by his executors today to McCall Corp. for \$1 million.

McCall's magazine will publish the 25,000-word memoir, titled "Thirteen Days," in its issue appearing

Oct. 22, on the sixth anniversary of the confrontation with the Soviet Union.

McCall editor-in-chief Norman Cousins, announcing the purchase here, said the manuscript contained "far more information than has previously been published on the thinking and feelings at that time of the President (John F. Kennedy) and Attorney General (Robert Kennedy), the estimates and reports of the CIA, delibera-

tions and interplay of personalities around the National Security Council table, significant secret meetings between the Attorney General and Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin, the contents of the Kennedy-Krushchev correspondence and the military preparations undertaken by the United States."

Theodore C. Sorensen, who was White House coun- See KENNEDY, A11, Col. 6

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at the time and who has written his own memoir of the Kennedy Administration, negotiated the sale on behalf of the Senator's estate. Sorensen also said there is much hitherto unpublished information in the memoir.

Apparently no state secrets are involved, however, Sorensen said that former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, former Assistant Secretary of State Fred Dutton and himself had determined that Government security clearance of the manuscript prior to its publication was unnecessary.

According to Sorensen, Sen. Kennedy dictated his memoir into a tape recorder about a year ago, working from diaries and other detailed records.

At the time, Kennedy felt that publication would be inappropriate, Sorensen reported. The decision to publish now was made by the three executors of the Senator's estate—Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Sen. Edward Ken-

nedy and Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Lawford.

Major magazines and publishing houses were invited to bid on the manuscript last week. Sorensen said the bidding process was de-

signed "to maximize the income to an estate with 11 minor children." Book publication and a possible motion picture are in prospect later.

The publishing contract gives the Kennedy estate the power of approval over "appropriate and tasteful standards" in advertising copy, excerpts for serialization and other details. This was intended to avoid the sort of literary battle that erupted when the Kennedy family objected to parts of William Manchester's book on the John F. Kennedy assassination, "Death of a President."