

'Camelot' Papers

To the Editor: *NYT 10-23-97*

I write to correct misinformation that has found its way into your reports on the journalist Seymour Hersh, his forthcoming book, "The Dark Side of Camelot," and the papers allegedly belonging to President John F. Kennedy ("What History Leaves Out," editorial, Oct. 20).

The book's publication has never been delayed. It is being published on Nov. 10, and it has always been listed as a November publication. Little, Brown and Company's spring catalogue, published last April, states that clearly.

Mr. Hersh was not paid \$2.2 million by ABC for the television rights to his book. Rather, he was paid \$50,000 by Lancer Productions, the company making the documentary on behalf of ABC, plus a monthly salary for 15 months for his work on the documentary.

Furthermore, ABC has not suspended work on the documentary. The show continues to be in its final editing process, as it has been for some weeks.

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