

Publishers Of JFK Book Correct Error

NEW YORK (AP)—Production of William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President," was halted for several days last week to correct an error, says Evan Thomas, vice president of Harper & Row, publishers of the book.

The correction, Thomas said yesterday, resulted from Manchester's account of the actions of Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton Jr., military aide to President John F. Kennedy. Clifton is now retired.

Manchester had written that Clifton, after the assassination in Dallas, first called the White House and asked that Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. Kenneth O'Donnell be informed their husbands were safe, rather than immediately handling the military situation involved.

Thomas said Clifton, a long-time friend, told him that the story was incorrect—that Clifton had made an earlier phone call to the White House which dealt with military and security aspects of the assassination.

Said Thomas: "When I learned that he (Clifton) had done his job, I believed him. So we changed it."

Thomas said that 100,000 copies had to be corrected. He said the cost to Harper & Row was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

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