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As on-again, off-again progress toward agreement on changes continued, the Kennedys are pictured as increasingly bewildered by Manchester's attitude. Promises were given that changes would be made—but nothing happened, they said.

Bobby Kennedy said that the Harper editor in charge of the book, the same who handled John Kennedy's books, failed to tell them he had no control over the editing of the Look serialization.

At another meeting with Manchester, Kennedy felt he had received a promise of a revision, but was concerned by Manchester's emotional involvement with the story and his repeated protestations that he was "sick."

The lawsuit, which almost everyone intimately involved on both sides considered unthinkable, was decided upon by Jackie after a turn-around flight to Europe by Cass Canfield, executive chairman of Harper & Row, expressly to talk Manchester into meeting her demands. Canfield, before leaving, assured her the alterations would be made.

The Post account will tell of the London session which was so tense that no one could eat breakfast, at which Canfield asked Manchester to meet Jacqueline's latest demands.

Manchester, "in a state of shocked dismay, and angry as well," dug in his heels and refused to budge past a certain point. Canfield returned unhappily to New York and wrote Jackie a brief note about his transatlantic mission.

"One paragraph was about Book-of-the-Month Club sales; the other two said that he was sorry but Mr. Manchester had not agreed to the requested changes," an intermediary recalls. "That's the point when Jackie decided to sue."

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