Manchester Corrects 649/67 New Edition

NEW YORK (AP) — Author William Manchester has made 18 corrections for the planned 25,000-copy second-run printing of "The Death of a President," a book that sold out its first-run of 600,000 copies in less than two months, the publishers disclosed.

The announcement Sunday by Harper & Row said most of the corrections deal with typographical errors and misspellings. But one important correction, a spokesman said, deletes the reference to no major Kennedy aides being present when Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president.

The swearing-in occurred on the presidential plane in Dallas on the afternoon President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Nov. 22, 1963.

Manchester's original version carried the sentence: "The photographer did not record the presence of a single major Kennedy aide" in the cabin of Air Force One, where the ceremony was performed.

The Boston Globe last Feb. 9 reproduced previously unpublished photographs by White House photographer Cecil Stoughton which showed Kenneth O'Donnell, then a White House secretary, standing next to Jacqueline Kennedy at the swearing-in.

The Harper & Row spokesman denied published reports that sales of the Manchester book were unusually slow. More than a million copies — including Book-of-the-Month Club issues printed by the club, not by Harper — have been sold since the work was first published April 7, the spokesman said.