

Caroline's letters figure in book row

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LETTERS written to her father by Caroline Kennedy, now nine years old, figure in the suit filed by Mrs. Jackie Kennedy to bar publication of the book "Death of a President."

In her affidavit outlining her case against author William Manchester, Look magazine, and the publishing firm of Harper and Row, Mrs. Kennedy said:—

"Manchester has obtained copies of certain letters my daughter Caroline and I had written to President Kennedy. I also permitted him to record lengthy interviews with me.

"I believe he now has both the letters and the tapes in his possession. I am informed and believe that the manuscript [of the book] contains long quotations from the letters and from the spoken material which I dictated on to tapes.

"I am informed by counsel that I am the owner of the copyright in all of this material, and that Manchester's purported use of it in the manuscript is in violation of that copyright."

Mrs. Kennedy claims that Manchester signed an agreement not to publish unless the text was approved by herself and the late President's brother, Senator Robert Kennedy.

Emotional

Manchester has not yet replied to Mrs. Kennedy's accusation that he exploited the emotional state in which she disclosed to him her innermost feelings.

Mrs. Kennedy's law suit, due for hearing on December 27, promises to become one of the most publicised legal battles in recent memory.

It was splashed across the front pages of both New York City morning newspapers and other papers across the nation. The New York Times devoted two complete pages to it, publishing all the legal documents in the case.

Manchester said last week that he was "puzzled" by the storm that has broken.

"I have confidence in the book," he said later.

Mrs. Kennedy has called off plans to spend a Christmas and New Year ski-ing holiday with her two children at Sun Valley. No reason was given.