

# LATE BID TO KEEP JACKIE OUT OF COURT

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Desperate last-minute efforts are going on behind the scenes today to avoid a court fight in which Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy would have to appear to support her request for halting publication of the book Death Of A President.

Continual conferences are being held between representatives of Mrs. Kennedy, the publishers Harper and Row, and Look magazine, which plans to serialise the book.

Author William Manchester is remaining quietly on the sidelines awaiting the result of all the furore his forthcoming book has created.

Friends of the Kennedys, and even Senator Robert Kennedy, indicated they are eager to keep the case out of court, even if only to spare Jacqueline the ordeal of discussing the late President's assassination in a courtroom.

Meanwhile, Simon Rifkind, the former Federal judge who represents Mrs. Kennedy, said he would file a complaint in the State Supreme Court shortly, perhaps tomorrow.

The complaint will charge a breach by Manchester of the contract signed by the Kennedys and Manchester in March 1964.



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