Manchester and Harper Donate \$750,000 to the Kennedy Library 6-21-68 NY Times_

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William Manchester, the generosity, makes the circle author who feuded bitterly with come around and close with the Kennedy family over cer-healing."

tain passages of "The Death Mrs. Kennedy's remarks and of a President," and the book's private comments from several publisher, Harper & Row, have close friends of the Kennedys contributed \$750,000 from the made it plain that the contribubook's profits to the John F. tion was interpreted as a final Kennedy Memorial Library at gesture of reconciliation with Harvard University.

ily disclosed yesterday that the to write the book. payment was made several days The before the assassination of erupted in the summer of 1966 Senator Robert F. Kennedy on and culminated with a suit by June 5. In acknowledging the Mrs. Kennedy against Look contribution, Mrs. John F. Ken-magazine for serializing the nedy said:

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Mr. Manchester, who had been Friends of the Kennedy fam- chosen by the Kennedy family

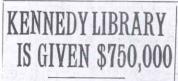
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the dispute left tempers short and old friendships torn.

Statement 'Moving' In an interview from his home in Middletown, Conn., Mr. Manchester called Mrs. Kennedy's statement "very moving." He said he had never felt any animosity toward any-b one in the dispute, and recalled that last April he had publicly endorsed Senator Ken-nedy's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Mr. Manchester, a mildspoken man, said the contribution to the Kennedy Library represented part of his royal-ties and part of Harper & Row's publishing profits. The \$750,000 was only the first in-stallment he said adding the stallment, he said, adding that "ultimately our contribution will be in the vicinity of \$5million."

The author said that immediately after the payment had been made late last month he had received an acknowledg-ment from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, vice president of the library. Senator Robert Ken-nedy was the president.

After the latter's death, Mr. Manchester was invited to the funeral services, but said he was too ill to attend.

"Like a great many people I am still numb over what happened in Los Angeles," he said. "A great many people misun-derstood the nature of our controversy, and understandably s The fact is that the subject was still too painful for the Senator and for Mrs. John F. Kennedy. But I know they understood."

Surprised by Response

Mr. Manchester said he had been surprised by the warm response of the Kennedys to the library contribution since the payments were envisioned in the original publishing arrangements.

"I am a little embarrassed that there should be so much attention given to this," he added. "But I do share their hopes for the library as a memorial to the Kennedy brothers and as an inspiration to future generations."

In her comment on the contribution, Mrs. Kennedy characterized the library as a memo-rial to President Kennedy "which will keep alive all his hopes and inspiration." "I would also like to con-

sider Mr. Manchester's gift as a memorial to Senator Robert Kennedy," she added, "because Mr. Manchester believed in Robert Kennedy, too. His gift is in the spirit of Robert Kennedy 'to make gentle the life of the world.' I thank Mr. Manchester for them both with all my heart."

The phrase "to make gentle the life of the world" was a favorite quotation of the late Senator. It is taken from Edith Hamilton, the late classics scholar.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was planned as a center for research and writing for people in governmental and academic fields. It has been patterned after Harvard's

Nieman program, which offers fellowships to journalists. Plans for the library and the Kennedy Institute for Advanced Political Studies have been designed by I. M. Pei, the New York architect. But the construction has been delayed because the site of the complex, facing Eliot House and Kirkland House on the bank of the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass., is still being used as a subway-train yard by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.