Jackie Settles, Book Is Cut

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The dispute over William Manchester's "The Death of a President" was settled out of court yesterday, the day set for trial of Mrs. John F. Kennedy's suit to block publication as a violation of her "dignity and privacy."

Settlement was announced just before 4 P.M. by State Supreme Court Justice Saul S. Streit. He said the dispute had been "amicably settled."

In a joint statement of attorneys for all parties, it was announced the "agreed upon version" of the book would be published by Harper & Row in April, as planned.

The agreement was described as a victory for Mrs. Kennedy, in that material she had found painfully personal had been deleted or modified.

At the same time all parties agreed that the historical record had not been censored.

Conditions for Publication

The agreement stipulates that:

• Twenty-five passages to which Mrs. Kennedy objected are deleted or revised to remove objections, the total material amounting to about eight of the book's 654 pages.

Manchester and Harper & Row are enjoined from grantiing publication rights to a third party except as provided in the agreement. It was noted that Book-of-the-Month Club will bring out an edition simultaneously with Harper & Row. It was also noted that Manchester has granted, and will grant, rights to publishers outside the U.S.

◆ All letters between the late President and Mrs. Kennedy and between Kennedy and his children will be returned by Manchester to the former first lady. A copy of six reels of taped interviews with Mrs. Kennedy will be given to her for her personal use, the original and a copy going to the Kennedy Library to be sealed for 100 years. Any other duplicates are to be destroyed.

• Letters from President Johnson and other persons to Mrs. Kennedy will be used only with permission of the writers. Cass Canfield, chairman of the executive committee of Harper & Row, said it is hoped to include several LBJ letters, "very nice letters, very sympathetic," if the President permits. Permission for use

of letters of personal friends has been obtained, Canfield said.

 Mrs. Kennedy agreed to drop her court suit against the author and publisher.

Any persons served with the agreement will be enjoined from publishing the deleted material if they are within jurisdiction of the court.

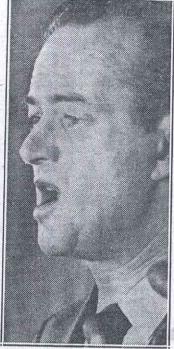
Mrs. Kennedy's attorney said this barred newspapers and other media from use of the deleted material, but Richard Goodwin, a Kennedy family representative, said the Kennedys would rely on the media to honor the agreement and had no intention of suing.

Second Part Appears

Mrs. Kennedy's victory here was tempered by her failure to halt, by persuasion, publication in West Germany of a condensation of the book in the magazine Stern.

The second part of this uncut version, detailing Jackie's and the President's last night to-

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(NEWS foto by John Duprey)
Author William Manchester
talking to press.



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gether on newsstands in Germany yesterday.

The German publication was carried out under a contract with Look magazine, which agreed before Christmas to delete certain passages in Look that distressed Mrs. Kennedy.

Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's lawyer, said after the settlement:

"We are watching very carefully the lawsuits which Look may initiate against Stern. "We may step in as a co-plain-tiff with Look. The lawsuit in

America has ended. In Europe it is now begun."

Manchester said he considered the settlement "a resolution of misunderstandings" rather than

a compromise.

He said claims that his book was "tasteless and distorted" were the result of "isolated fragments which had been read to Mrs. Kennedy by associates of the family."

Explains Her Action

The fact that Mrs. Kennedy had not read the book herself was explained in this way by the author:

"This may sound baffling, but there is an explanation. And it is quite human. The fact is that those close to her had hoped to spare her the ordeal of a full reading. In retrospect, it seems obvious that had she done so then had her authority not been delegated to designated representatives of the family-we all would have forgone

anguish."
Since filing her court action,
Mrs. Kennedy "has studied the
full text, and I have made certain alterations at her request," Manchester declared.

"I should like to observe that from the marginal notations on the page proofs examined by Mrs. Kennedy, it now appears quite clear she has raised no real objections to either the taste or accuracy of the original manuscript, and that she has found no distortions in my ac-counts of the events of late November, 1963."

Pained by Publicity

Manchester said he was just as pained as Mrs. Kennedy by "flagrant publicity" of the past weeks.

"I am aware that on occasion it has unjustly stung the President of the United States, who has been the victim of unauthorized, false and malicious versions of the manuscript's contents."