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Salinger Denies Claim Book Was Censored

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—Pierre Salinger, former White House Press Secretary, denies that the Kennedy family “censored” his book about the late President, “With Kennedy.”

The censorship assertion was made last month in an article in Look magazine by William Manchester, author of “The Death of a President.”

In a letter to the magazine, Salinger says Manchester’s statement is “categorically untrue.”

Salinger says only three words were deleted from his manuscript, but the change was not made at the behest of

the Kennedy family or any of its representatives.

Salinger writes that he sent a copy of his manuscript “as a courtesy” to Sen. Robert Kennedy but received no word from him about it until after it was published.

He says Manchester’s charge is “beyond my comprehension.”

In a letter in the same issue of Look, Manchester does not retract his censorship assertion. He says only, “I am glad to hear that the Kennedys are not responsible for Mr. Salinger’s own book.”