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'I Miss You...?' Wrote Mrs. Kennedy

This excerpt from a letter to President Kennedy—written by his wife while she was traveling abroad in the summer of 1963, after the death of their new-born son Patrick—is the only deletion from the first installment of William Manchester's "The Death of a President," published by Look magazine today:

"I miss you very much—which is very nice on the one hand, on the other hand, however, sad . . . But then I feel that I am happy about missing you after all—I know I always exaggerate—but I am sorry for everybody else who is married—I see that I am enjoying something here which you are never allowed to enjoy—genuine relaxation—there are no papers here which make one angry every day—if only you could have that too—I have never realized how big the strain is—but I cannot help you there, that is why I give you every day the only thing I can give you: I am thinking of you . . ."

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German Weekly Prints Uncut Manchester Text

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The West German magazine Der Stern yesterday serialized "The Death of a President" with excerpts from a letter by Mrs. John F. Kennedy that was cut from Look magazine to avoid a court battle with the Kennedy family.

In the letter, written while Mrs. Kennedy was recuperating from the death of her new-born son, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, during a Mediterranean vacation, the former First Lady told her husband:

" . . . I am sorry for everyone else who is married. I can see that I am enjoying something here which you are never allowed to enjoy—genuine relaxation—there are no papers here which make one angry every day—If only you could have that too . . ."

The editor of Der Stern, the largest illustrated weekly in Europe, rejected a last-minute plea from Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) to remove the 117-word passage as well as 1504 additional words cut by Look but scheduled to appear in the next three Der Stern

installments.

The Senator, who did not join with his sister-in-law in the court action against author William Manchester and his publishers, said in a telegram that its appearance would "cause distress" to the Kennedy family.

But Der Stern's chief editor, Henri Nannen, refused to make any changes in the original serialized version, which the magazine acquired from Look for \$72,000 before the Kennedys sued Look and the book's U.S. publisher, Harper & Row.

In a preface to the first installment, Nannen defended his decision by asserting that behind the censorship effort lay Robert Kennedy's ambition to become President in 1972. But his chances for the presidency, the German editor went on to say, hinge upon the election of President Johnson and not a Republican in 1968.

The Manchester account, the editor continues, "throws a very bad light on Johnson. He might lose all his popularity, thereby hurting the Kennedy ambitions in the long run."

In alleging that "political considerations" were behind the effort at censorship, Nannen declared that the Ken-

nedys' hostility to Mr. Johnson led them to blurt out truths to Manchester which revealed Mr. Johnson's behavior at the time of the assassination as "really doubtful and dislikable."

"Should this description be published," the editor concluded, "then it is likely that LBJ would lose the 1968 election."

A source close to the Kennedy family yesterday rejected this analysis. The source said that the Senator realized from the start that too many copies of the uncut Manchester manuscript were in circulation to keep the offensive material from being published.

In fact, the source noted, a legal fight would only serve to draw attention to the book and, especially, to the very parts Mrs. Kennedy sought to have deleted. Nevertheless,

the President's widow went ahead because Manchester broke an agreement and violated her privacy, it was explained.

Although the case against Look was settled, a trial over the book itself, which is five times as long as the serialization, is scheduled to begin in New York Supreme Court next week. Lawyers for the parties visited Manchester in Middletown, Conn., last Thursday.

In subsequent issues, according to a spokesman for the Hamburg-based magazine, Stern will publish how:

- The President and his wife found, upon entering their Fort Worth hotel room, that a mattress had been removed from one of the beds. Mrs. Kennedy had to say goodnight to her husband and sleep in another room.