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## Jackie Won in Pact

Here is what Jacqueline Kennedy won in her battle to protect her "emotional privacy" from the threat posed by Look magazine's serialization of William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President."

President Kennedy's widow won a promise from Look to "remove or modify all those passages relating to the personal life of Mrs. Kennedy and her children."

There were at least 12 passages in the book that Mrs. Kennedy wanted adjusted. These included:

Her reported reaction—"That's absurd"—when Robert Kennedy told her that Lee Harvey Oswald was identified as the assassin. "He didn't even have the satisfaction of being killed for civil rights," Mrs. Kennedy reportedly said. "It had to be some silly little Communist."

Manchester's detailed account of how she used Vaseline to slip her wedding ring on her dead husband's hand.

An account in her own words of the night she spent with the President before he was assassinated in Dallas.

Quotations from a love letter to her husband.

A passage relating that she was unable to make a decision on how to tell her daughter Caroline, then 5, that her father had been killed.

A vivid account of how she tried to cover her husband's wounds after the shooting and how she refused to let him be taken into Parkland Hospital until a Secret Service agent covered him with a coat.

Details of family disagreement over where President Kennedy's body should be buried—in Massachusetts or in Arlington National Cemetery.

A speedy settlement of Mrs. Kennedy's remaining litigation against Manchester and his publishers, Harper & Row, appeared likely as Supreme Court Justice Creit granted them a 24-hour extension of the deadline for answering her suit.

Her lawyer, Simon Rifkind, announced the postponement of

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the deadline from today to tomorrow, and indicated there would be immediate negotiations for an out-court settlement with Harper's and Manchester, presumably based on last night's agreement with Look magazine.

After a grueling seven and a half-hour "give and take" session in which Sen. Robert Kennedy played a key role on the phone from Sun Valley, Look agreed to delete 1,600 words from its 80,000 word serializa-

tion of Manchester's book, "The Death of a President." In turn, Mrs. Kennedy dropped her suit to block Look's four-part condensation starting Jan. 10.

A Harper & Row spokesman today said they "will be very glad to settle Mrs. Kennedy's suit along the lines of her agreement with Look. Manchester, at his home on the Wesleyan University campus in Middletown, Conn., would not comment. But Rifkind said Manchester "apparently approves the settlement with Look."

Richard N. Goodwin, former White House speechwriter under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, initiated the settlement on Mrs. Kennedy's behalf yesterday in conference with William Attwood, onetime ambassador to Guinea under Kennedy and now editor-and-chief of negotiations which, said one

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Simon Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's attorney in the Look battle, discusses the settlement with reporters.

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Cowles Communications, Look's publisher.

The final agreement was reached in Rifkind's office at 575 Madison Av. last night after Kennedy aide, required great "patience."

Robert Kennedy, on an Idaho skiing trip with his family, was kept in "constant" touch, the aide said, and one reason it took so long to hammer out a settlement was that "every time they agreed on a particular point they had to get in touch with Bobby at Sun Valley for his confirmation."

Rifkind refused to characterize the settlement as "a complete victory" for Mrs. Kennedy, but her advisers issued a statement that she was dropping the suit "since every passage of a personal nature" in Manchester's book was either deleted from Look's serialization "or changed to her satisfaction."

Attwood, speaking for Look, said the changes involve "approximately 1,600 out of 80,000 authorized words"—which would seem to indicate a retreat by Mrs. Kennedy from her reported demands for deletions totaling 10,000 words. Most observers, however, considered the latter figure merely a bargaining point.

#### **Disagreements**

Goodwin said every installment of the Look series would be affected by the changes, including the first. Attwood would not confirm this.

There was some lingering disagreement, too, over the amount



Mrs. Kennedy, seen here in a recent photograph, is expected to appear in the first issue of Look.

of truth in Manchester's book. Attwood made a point of saying the changes "in no way affected the historical accuracy of completeness" of the manuscript. "They concern only passages to which Mrs. Kennedy objected on personal grounds."

But Mrs. Kennedy's statement alluded to reports that Manchester vividly dramatized the Kennedy's rift with President Johnson after the assassination in passages so hostile to Johnson that they could shake Robert Kennedy's delicate political alliance with the President and affect both men's destinies.

Mrs. Kennedy said: "I have been told there are historical inaccuracies and unfair references in this book. That they have been written is unfortunate. However, it was clear before bringing this suit that historical judgments, even if inaccurate, could not properly be suppressed by a court of law."

The deleted portions, some sources speculated, may include letters written to President Kennedy by his wife and by their daughter, Caroline, and an account of how Caroline was told of her father's death by her English nurse, Maude Shaw.

Miss Shaw's own story of that moment reportedly was toned down by the London publisher of her book, "White House Nanny," at Mrs. Kennedy's request.

Mrs. Kennedy was said to have urged Miss Shaw not to

"make capital out of the children." She finally asked Xerox Corp. president Sol Linowitz to see the publisher, and Linowitz arranged a deletion of about 100 words.

Last April, Miss Shaw visited here and is said to have spoken of many moments when the children talked to her about their father in the first two years after his death.

John Jr. remembered that he had liked fish chowder, and asked her: "Will Daddy get fish chowder in heaven?" And Caroline wondered what her father was doing in heaven, and whether his back was all right now.

Harper & Row is scheduled to release its 300,000-word hard-cover version of Manchester's book in April. The firm did not take part in last year's negotiations, but its chief counsel, Edward S. Greenbaum, said

after being informed of Mrs. Kennedy's agreement with Look:

#### First Printing Increased

"Harper & Row will be very glad to make a similar arrangement with Mrs. Kennedy."

Rifkind said: "I'm glad to hear that. It shows he's interested in reaching an agreement."

The 24-hour deadline extension granted to Manchester and his publisher was originally requested by Look early yesterday, said Rifkind, to avoid a general stiffening of attitude on all sides when a possible settlement was in the making.

Meanwhile, Harper & Row said it would increase its first printing from the planned 100,000 copies to 250,000, with all profits from the extra run going to the Kennedy Memorial Library in Cambridge, Mass. Harper previously had said that except for a modest return on the first 100,000 books, the library would get the profits from that run, too.

Dell Books has offered a record \$1,000,000 payment for the paperback rights to Manchester's book, while the Book-of-the-Month Club has bought distribution rights for \$250,000, to be split 50-50 between Manchester and Harper's.

Manchester received an advance of \$40,000 from the publisher. Look is paying \$665,000 for serialization rights. In turn, Look sold the European rights for a total of nearly \$300,000—completing a far-reaching bonanza which has impressed the publishing business.

Gardner Cowles, board chairman of Cowles Communications, said:

"I hope that the controversy between the Kennedy family and Harper & Row will be speedily resolved because Cass Canfield (of Harper and Row) has been extremely helpful in the discussions concerning the serialization.

"The public should not be deprived of the opportunity to read Mr. Manchester's manuscript."