

AGREEMENT REACHED ON MANCHESTER BOOK

NEW YORK (AP)—A spokesman for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said today an agreement has been reached in Mrs. John F. Kennedy's dispute with author William Manchester over publication of his book, "The Death of a President."

The spokesman said lawyers for parties to the dispute would obtain a consent decree shortly in Mrs. Kennedy's suit against publication.

Mrs. Kennedy had sued to block Manchester's book, claiming it was "tasteless and distorted."

The book deals with the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The spokesman said one of the terms of the agreement would stipulate that neither Mrs. Kennedy nor Sen. Kennedy approves or endorses the material in the book. The Kennedy family had commissioned Manchester to write the book.

Harper & Row intends to publish the book April 11. The Kennedy spokesman said lawyers for Mrs. Kennedy, Harper & Row and Manchester would meet this afternoon with Justice Saul Streit, who was to sign the consent decree.

Sources close to the Kennedy family said the agreement stipulates:

1. That the tapes of Mrs. Kennedy's recorded interview with Manchester will be deposited under seal in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

2. Passages concerning Mrs. Kennedy, personally, have been deleted or modified.

3. That letters from President Johnson to Mrs. Kennedy will not be published in the book without his consent. "We don't object to the content of the letters," the source said. "In fact, they are friendly and kindly. But we insist that the President should approve them before publication."

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