

Last Night in the White House

Jackie's Farewell Note for Peace

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NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (UPI) — During her last night in the White House, Mrs. John F. Kennedy wrote a letter to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev expressing her hopes for world peace, it was reported yesterday.

The full text of the letter, it is said, will be contained in a forthcoming book "The Death of a President" by William Manchester, a former newspaperman.

Longhand

IN a preview of the book, Newsweek Magazine reported in its Sept. 5 issue that Mrs. Kennedy wrote the letter, in longhand, to Khrushchev during her last night in the White House. None of the text was quoted by the magazine.

Newsweek also said that Mr. Manchester's book reveals that the Kennedy family Bible used

by Judge Sarah Hughes to administer the oath of office to President Lyndon Johnson on the day of the assassination disappeared — no one knows how.

After the ceremony, Newsweek said, Judge Hughes handed the book to a stranger she presumed to a "Secret Service agent. "He wasn't," the magazine said, "and the Kennedys have yet to trace the Bible."

Another historical sidelight concerns the last Washington talk between President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson.

Dispute

IT was, according to the book, an argument," Newsweek said. "The President didn't want to make the trip (its purpose was to patch a Democratic feud in LBJ's home state) and complained that the Vice President's political

prestige should be sufficient to settle the rift.

"Mr. Johnson was said to have replied that his influence had waned since taking over the Vice Presidency and that the trip was vital," Newsweek said.