JFK Book Will Appear on Time

NEW YORK, Dec 14 UPI — Despite a threat of immediate court action by Mrs. John F. Kennedy, officials of Harper and Row and Cowles Communications said today William Manchester's "Death of The President" will be published as scheduled.

The former First Lady is reportedly concerned about publication of intimate things she told Mr. Manchester in the belief that nothing would be published without her approval. Mrs. Kennedy told Mr. Manchester about such things as personal letters she wrote to her husband from Greece a month before he was killed.

The late President's widow had a summons served on both publishing companies yesterday notifying them of imminent court action to block publication of the book and its serialization in Look Magazine.

DATES SET

The book is scheduled to be published in hard cover next April 7. Look plans to begin publication of the serial version in the Jan. 21 issue, which goes on newsstands Jan. 10.

Foreign serialization rights to the book have been sold to the London Sunday Times, Paris Match and periodicals in Germany and Italy.

Close associates say that Mrs. Kennedy bared her innermost personal feelings to Mr. Manchester in about 10 hours of tape recording sessions. But Mrs. Kennedy believes she had an understanding that the book would not be published until Nov. 22, 1968, and that nothing would be printed without her approval.