

Kennedys Were Distressed by LBJ

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UPI) — Historian William Manchester is expected to break his silence today on Jacqueline Kennedy's determination to stop publication of his book about the assassination of President Kennedy.

Manchester, the man handicapped by the Kennedy family to set down the events of November, 1963, has been criticized by the President's widow, who has vowed to seek an injunction to keep "The Death of a President" from being published by Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., and serialized in Look magazine beginning Jan. 10. Mrs. Kennedy charged Mr. Manchester with breach of contract.

She contends that the book in its present form makes public emotional and intimate reactions to the assassination which would embarrass her and her children.

Bennett Cerf, the publisher and television panelist, said

yesterday that Mrs. Kennedy is sensitive to a passage describing Lyndon B. Johnson's taking over the presidential plane after Kennedy was shot in Dallas.

Mr. Cerf said the book relates that the presidential jet — Air Force One — and the vice presidential jet were at Love Field in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The planes were identical — except for "the football," a bag containing information

regarding procedures in case of nuclear attack.

The book, according to Mr. Cerf, says the Kennedys were "shocked and infuriated" when they returned to Air Force One with Mr. Kennedy's coffin and found Mr. Johnson occupying the presidential jet.

Other sources say the book describes "boorish" behavior by Mr. Johnson toward the Kennedy entourage, but Mr. Cerf had no comment on that.