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# Mrs. Kennedy to Go to Court To Block Manchester Book

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy has served a summons on Look magazine and the publishing firm of Harper & Row in an apparent effort to block publication of a book about her late husband's death.

Author of the book, "Death of a President," is William Manchester who returned from Europe yesterday. He said he was "not informed on what is happening" but was "puzzled by the disturbance."

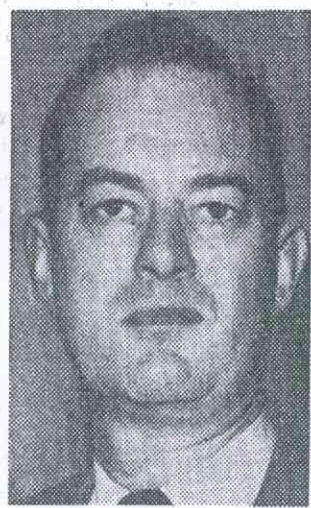
William Attwood, editor-in-chief of Look, acknowledged receipt of the summons yesterday but said the magazine was going ahead with its plan to serialize the book.

"The presses are already rolling," he said. "We're publishing. I don't see any way it can be stopped."

He declined to discuss the legal aspects of the summons pending the return of Look's lawyer, John Harding, who was in Washington.

Attwood noted that the summons merely indicates that Mrs. Kennedy intends to take court action but does not specify what course she will follow and carries no legal attachment.

Pamela Timmins, secretary



WILLIAM MANCHESTER

recordings of her deep personal thoughts and recollections.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., is also believed to be unhappy with portions of the manuscript, but reportedly has told Harper & Row he would not seek to prevent its publication.

A source close to the Kennedy family said objections to the book centered on a section which implied that the Kennedys did not care for President Johnson. The source said it was feared this could create insurmountable tensions between the Kennedy's and Johnsons

Harper & Row had scheduled publication of "Death of a President" for March, but announced last weekend the date had been advanced to April because of revisions by the author.

There have been many reports of heavy cutting in the original manuscript.

Serialization in Look is scheduled to begin in the Jan. 10 issue. The book already has been sold for further serialization in Western Europe.

Look reportedly paid about \$650,000 for the serialization rights and then sold its ownership of the European rights for nearly \$300,000.

to Mrs. Kennedy, said she had not been aware the action had been taken.

Mrs. Kennedy chose Manchester to record the events of the assassination "in the interest of accuracy" but later was reported disturbed by his use of some of her personal recollections in the book. Manchester is reported to have 10 hours of tape