

JACKIE MOVES TO STOP BOOK

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Get Summonses

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New York, Dec. 13—Mrs. John F. Kennedy has served a summons on Harper & Row and Look magazine in an apparent effort to stop the publication of a book she once wanted written "in the interest of personal accuracy."



Mrs. Kennedy

The book, "Death of a President," was written by William Manchester, who returned here from Europe today. He said he was "puzzled by the disturbance" and that he had "advice not to speak to anyone."

The summons, according to Harper & Row, is a notice that Mrs. Kennedy will pursue court action. It carries no legal attachment and it does not show what course Mrs. Kennedy will follow.

Tells of Revisions

Manchester, who arrived on the Queen Mary, said he was "out of the picture" and "not informed on what was happening." A friend of his said later that Manchester had made some revisions in the book at Mrs. Kennedy's request, but that no one in the Kennedy family had seen the revised book "for fear they will want more changes."

Mrs. Kennedy chose Man-

chester to write the story of Kennedy's assassination "to prevent distortion and sensationalism." Now she is said to be upset by Manchester's use of some of her personal recollections.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy [D., N. Y.] has told Harper & Row that he will not seek to prevent publication of "Death of a President," altho he is known to be unhappy with it.

Linked to Career

A source close to the senator said the original manuscript reflected the distaste some of the Kennedys felt for President Johnson, and that Kennedy and his associates believed this could hurt the senator's political career.

The unedited version of the book, the source said, depicted Johnson as boorish. He said that in describing the air trip from Dallas to Washington after the assassination, Manchester indicated that Johnson

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had not shown respect for Mrs. Kennedy's feelings.

He also said that, because the book might be regarded as the official Kennedy family version of the assassination, it could create insurmountable tension between the Johnson and Kennedy political alliances.

Viewed as Damaging

Manchester, the source said, had reported conversations that the Kennedys had regarded as private. "The Kennedys fear," he said, "that the book will be so anti-Johnson as to be damaging to Bob."

Mrs. Kennedy is said to regret having made a confidant of Manchester. He, in turn, was described by a friend as "bewildered and caught in the middle of an unpleasant situation."

Harper & Row had scheduled publication of "Death of a President" in March, but announced over the week-end that

it was delaying it until April because of revisions by the author.

Cass Canfield, chairman of the board of Harper & Row, said he was "deeply distressed over the fact that Mrs. Kennedy is upset because I have great respect and admiration for her." Canfield did not offer an explanation of Mrs. Kennedy's motives.

If "Death of a President" is published, it is virtually certain to be a best seller. Look magazine is said to have paid more than \$650,000 for the serialization rights, and to have sold its ownership of the European rights for nearly \$300,000. The Sunday Times of London paid more than \$100,000 for the rights in Britain and Ireland.