

# Book Includes Letter Sent Khrushchev by Mrs. Kennedy

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy wrote Premier Nikita Khrushchev before she left the White House that he and President Kennedy, although adversaries, were allied in a determination that the world would not be blown up.

Mrs. Kennedy said she was certain that President Johnson would continue her husband's policy which she termed one of control and restraint.

A spokesman for the Kennedy family confirmed today that the letter will be in the Look magazine serialization of William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President." The spokesman was asked about the letter after a person who had read the manuscript related details of it to The Associated Press.

Manchester also says in the serialization, according to a person who has read it:

1. He agrees with the theory of the Warren commission, which investigated the assassination, that Gov. John Connally of Texas, who was riding with Kennedy in the Dallas motorcade Nov. 22, 1963, was hit by the same bullet that went through Kennedy's body.

2. Newsman Charles Bartlett told Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara he had heard from President Kennedy that McNamara was to be secretary of state in the second term. Bartlett said today he did not care to comment.

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., a former adviser to President

Kennedy, wrote recently that Kennedy had decided in 1963 to replace Dean Rusk as secretary of state after the 1964 election.

Manchester says that once Rusk had left, Robert F. Kennedy, then attorney general, would ask to be assistant secretary for inter-American affairs.

3. Schlesinger asked John Bailey, Democratic national chairman, if it were possible to deny the presidential nomination in 1968 to Johnson. Bailey said the result would be to lose the election.

A source close to the Kennedy family said that Mrs. Kennedy had written a letter to President Johnson after the assassination in which she expressed "appreciation for the considerate behavior he showed her."

"In some respects the book paints an unfavorable picture of President Johnson," the source said. "But this did not come from Mrs. Kennedy, or Robert Kennedy. It came from some other sources and from the judgment of the author, which he is entitled to make."

The source said that "Mrs. Kennedy has always been grateful for the consideration and thoughtfulness President Johnson showed her. I think she still writes him now and then, but I have no idea how often."

In the manuscript, Johnson reportedly is shown as boorish and thoughtless on the presidential plane at the Dallas airport and on the return flight to Washington.

But the source close to the family said Mrs. Kennedy never felt it was wrong for Johnson to ride on Air Force 1, the presidential plane carrying President Kennedy's body. The source said Mrs. Kennedy felt it would be wrong to leave Johnson behind.

Mrs. Kennedy had filed a suit in Manhattan Supreme Court Dec. 16 seeking to block the four-part, 60,000-word serialization of the manuscript by Look and the publication in April of the 300,000-word book by Harper & Row on grounds it invaded her privacy.

But Look and Mrs. Kennedy reached an out-of-court settlement last week after the magazine agreed to modify passages that she considered too personal and of no historical value. The first part of the Look series begins in the issue that hits newsstands Jan. 10.

Attorneys for Harper & Row, Manchester and Mrs. Kennedy met privately yesterday with Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Saul S. Streit in continuing efforts to settle their dispute over the book out of court.

In another development, Schlesinger criticized Manchester yesterday for including in his manuscript personal material he gained from 10 hours of taped interviews with Mrs. Kennedy.

Schlesinger said he had approved the interviews, but that he (Schlesinger) had assured Mrs. Kennedy she was "making a deposition for the historian of the 21st century."