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Marilyn/RFK Saga Goes On

NEW YORK—Just when you thought it was all over about Marilyn and the Kennedys, the waters are being muddied (or cleared) yet again. First, a USA Network movie has begun filming in Los Angeles "Marilyn & Bobby: Her Final Affair." This will be a "fictional" account of MM's alleged relationship with RFK. It will air in August, coinciding with the 31st anniversary of her death. Then there is Lester Persky's big NBC miniseries, a four-hour version of "Marilyn: The Last Take," based on the Peter Brown and Patte Barham bestseller. This is gearing up for next season. (Persky's Jacqueline Onassis miniseries, "A Woman Named Jackie," won the Emmy.) The paperback edition of "The Last Take," out this summer, contains an 80-page afterword "corroborating" the MM/RFK connection.



Monroe in 1954

Even more significantly, the recent assertions of author Donald Spoto, that Monroe and Bobby *never* had an affair, are about to be challenged with a vengeance by C. David Heymann in his coming blockbuster biography on Robert Kennedy. I understand that Heymann has obtained truly spectacular evidence that will prove once and for all that Monroe and the attorney general were doing more than exchanging ideas on politics and civil rights. Some of it, I hear, is in the form of tapes, supposedly made by Marilyn herself.

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Regrets for a typo here Thursday on the amount Harold Russell's Oscar brought at auction. That Academy Award earned \$57,000. This is why the June 19 auction of Joan Crawford's "Mildred Pierce" Oscar at Christie's East is expected to go sky high—perhaps way into the 80s or 90s of thousands of dollars!