

Goldwater: A Book

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SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER has signed a contract with Macmillan to write a book on politics in government. His editor at Macmillan, Connie Schrader, said that for the people who are waiting to hear the senator speak out, it'll be a "dynamite" book.

Goldwater's office said it was too early to talk about the contents of the book (the manuscript is due to be delivered next January), but that it would deal with the problems that face the three branches of government. It will not be a Watergate

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book, but his office confirmed that Watergate was a catalyst in the senator's decision to address himself to a book now. It was said that the senator feels there is an abuse of power on many sides of government, particularly presidential and judiciary powers, and that he will undoubtedly concentrate on this. Goldwater's advance is described as "very sizeable."

In 1961 Senator Goldwater had signed a contract with Macmillan for a book on the morality of government and business. But a book for McGraw-Hill, Why Not Victory?, published in 1962, superseded it. The Macmillan contract had been put in his office safe and somehow forgotten during the writing of Why Not Victory?

A few months ago Gerald Gross, senior vice-president at Macmillan, and Connie-Schrader approached the subject of a new book and renewed negotiations. Schrader said that it came about because she and Goldwater share an interest in the Indians of Arizona. She had asked the senator to review American Indian Food and Lore by Cari Meithammer, a cookbook Macmillan will publish in the fall. He agreed, and Schrader said she was so impressed with the material that she showed it to Gross, who knew of the old contract. Within a day they decided to try to get the senator to write a new book for a new contract.

Goldwater's office said this will not be his autobiography. "When the senator starts to write those papers," a spokesman said, "I hope it will be 20 years from now and far away from his Senate office."