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(230) ADVANCE FOR 6:30 P.M. EST

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON--FIRST ADD KENNEDY ASSASSINATION (A24WX)

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KILDUFF, IN CRITICIZING THE RASH OF PUBLICATIONS RAISING DOUBT THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE, SAID THEY WERE "WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CAPITALIZE ON THE ASSASSINATION... FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN. NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO WERE IN DALLAS AT THE TIME, OR WERE PRIVY TO ANY OF THE CONVERSATIONS OR TO PERSONNEL IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION IN LOOK MAGAZINE OF EXCERPTS OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," WRITTEN WITH COOPERATION OF THE KENNEDYS, Kilduff said Manchester is violating a written agreement with the Kennedys.

IT WAS AGREED, KILDUFF SAID, THAT THE TEXT WOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED BEFORE NOV. 22, 1968, UNLESS MRS. KENNEDY DESIGNATED A PRIOR DATE "AND IT SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT SUCH DATE THEREAFTER AS SHALL BE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES."

KILDUFF SAID "I HAVE REASON TO KNOW MRS. KENNEDY HAS AT NO TIME GIVEN EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OR ANY PORTION THEREOF PRIOR TO NOV. 22, 1968."

KILDUFF ALSO CRITICIZED THE BOOK ON KENNEDY WRITTEN BY FORMER PRESIDENTIAL AIDE, ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, SAID IT IS BASED ON PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. BUT A BOOK BY FORMER AIDE TED SORENSEN "IS AN ACADEMIC WORK," KILDUFF SAID, AND ONE BY FORMER PRESS AIDE PIERRE SALINGER IS "A RECOUNT OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WHICH WAS DONE IN GOOD TASTE."

HE HAS NO PLANS TO WRITE A BOOK OR ANY ARTICLES, KILDUFF SAID, BECAUSE "I WAS PRIVY TO PRIVILEGED INFORMATION."

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TELEGRAPH EDITORS:

WASHINGTON--THE FOLLOWING OPTIONAL INTRO ON THE KILDUFF-ASSASSINATION STORY IS SENT FOR PAPERS WHICH MAY WISH TO GIVE MORE PROMINENCE TO HIS EVALUATION OF THE WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS.

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