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... The Manchester book is scheduled to be published next spring. /Malcolm M./ Kilduff, however, cited an agreement between Manchester and the Kennedy family stating that the book shall not be published before Nov. 22, 1968, unless Jacqueline Kennedy designates a prior date.

"I have reason to know that Mrs. Kennedy has at no time given either oral or written permission for publication of the book . . . prior to Nov. 22, 1968," Kilduff continued. ". . . No matter how you cut the mustard, it still turns out that he is violating the basic agreement that he signed."

Manchester was traveling in Europe and unavailable for comment. But his literary agent, Donald Gongdon, told the Washington Post that he had a telegram from Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem-N.Y.) releasing Manchester from the 1968 date.

Through a spokesman, the Senator declined to comment on Gongdon's report.

However, the Senator is known to feel that the publication of the book before the 1968 elections - even in its edited form - could prove damaging to President Johnson and make the Senator's future relations with the White House very difficult.