

Jackie Moves to Block JFK Book

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Mrs. John F. Kennedy has served a summons on Harper & Row and Look magazine in an apparent effort to stop the publication of a book she once wanted written "in the interest of personal accuracy."

The book, "Death of a President," was written by William Manchester, who returned here from Europe yesterday.

He said he was "puzzled by the disturbance"

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and that he had "advice not to speak to anyone."

The summons, according to Harper & Row, is simply a notice that Mrs. Kennedy will pursue court action. It carries no legal attachment and it does not show what course Mrs. Kennedy will follow.

Manchester, who arrived on the Queen Mary, said he was "out of the picture" and "not informed on what was happening."

A friend of his said later that Manchester had made some revisions in the book at Mrs. Kennedy's request, but that no one in the Kennedy family had seen the revised book "for fear they will want more changes."

Mrs. Kennedy originally chose Manchester to write the story of Mr. Kennedy's assassination "to prevent distortion and sensationalism." Now she is said to be upset by Manchester's use of some of her personal recollections.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem.-N.Y.), has told Harper & Row that he will not seek to prevent publication of "Death of a President," although he is known to be unhappy with it.

A source close to the Senator said the original manuscript reflected the distaste some of the Kennedys felt for President Johnson, and that Kennedy and his associates believed this could hurt the

Senator's political career.

The unedited version of the book, the source said, depicted Mr. Johnson as boorish. He said that in describing the air trip from Dallas to Washington after the assassination, Manchester indicated that Mr. Johnson had not shown respect for Mrs. Kennedy's feelings.

He also said that, because the book might be regarded

as the official Kennedy family version of the assassination, it could create insurmountable tension between the Johnson and Kennedy political alliances.

Mrs. Kennedy is said to regret having made a confidant of Manchester. He, in turn, was described by a friend as "bewildered and caught in the middle of an unpleasant situation."

Harper & Row had scheduled publication of "death of a President" in March, but announced over the weekend that it was delaying it until April.

Cass Canfield, chairman of the board of Harper & Row, said he was "deeply distressed over the fact that Mrs. Kennedy is upset because I have great respect and admiration for her."