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KENNEDY BOOK

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NEW YORK, DEC. 20 (AP)-SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY SAYS HE HOPES FOR A COMPROMISE IN THE DISPUTE OVER PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER, THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"I HOPE THAT SOME DAY THE BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED," THE MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRAT SAID IN AN INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT OVER BOSTON TELEVISION STATION WHDH ON THE PROGRAM "CHANNEL 5 REPORTS."

ASKED BY THE INTERVIEWER WHETHER, DESPITE THE LEGAL FIGHT, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE, KENNEDY REPLIED: "LET'S (CQ) HOPE SO." DURING THE HALF-HOUR PROGRAM, HE ALSO DISCUSSED SEVERAL OTHER TOPICS, INCLUDING THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT, NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS AND PROPOSALS FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN VIETNAM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR LOOK MAGAZINE, ONE OF THE TWO PUBLISHERS NAMED LAST FRIDAY IN A SUIT FILED BY MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY TO BLOCK PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, SAID TODAY "INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO OPPOSING SIDES ARE STILL CONTINUING IN EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE CASE OUT OF COURT. A HEARING ON MRS. KENNEDY'S SUIT HAS BEEN SET FOR DEC. 27.

CASS CANFIELD, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HARPER & ROW, THE OTHER PUBLISHER NAMED IN MRS. KENNEDY'S SUIT, MEANWHILE ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY DEFENDING HIS FIRM'S DECISION TO PUBLISH THE BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," BY AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER. CANFIELD SAID:

"IN THE INTEREST OF HISTORICAL ACCURACY AND OF THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUE FACTS OF THE AWESOME TRAGEDY--THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHICH LED THE KENNEDY FAMILY TO REQUEST MR. MANCHESTER TO WRITE HIS BOOK AND US TO PUBLISH IT--WE JOIN WITH HIM IN DEFENDING THE BOOK'S RIGHT TO LIVE."

IN REPLY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING:

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"NO AMOUNT OF RHETORIC ABOUT 'HISTORICAL ACCURACY' OR THE PUBLIC'S 'RIGHT TO KNOW' CAN ALTER THE NATURE OF THIS CONTROVERSY--WHETHER MR. MANCHESTER AND THE PUBLISHERS BROKE THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT, FROM WHICH BREACH ENORMOUS PROFITS WILL APPARENTLY FLOW."

CANFIELD SAID THAT "UNDERSTANDABLY, THE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WERE UNWILLING TO READ THE MANUSCRIPT THEMSELVES AND HENCE THEY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO DO THIS FOR THEM. HAD THEY READ IT THEMSELVES, THE PRESENT SITUATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED."

THE KENNEDY FAMILY SPOKESMAN SAID: "ALTHOUGH NEITHER SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY NOR MRS. KENNEDY HAS READ THE MANCHESTER MANUSCRIPT IN ITS ENTIRETY--AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES HAVING DONE SO--BOTH MANCHESTER AND THE PUBLISHERS KNEW THAT MRS. KENNEDY WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PERSONAL PASSAGES TO WHICH SHE OBJECTED."

"INDEED," THE KENNEDY FAMILY SPOKESMAN CONTINUED IN HIS STATEMENT, "MRS. KENNEDY SPOKE DIRECTLY TO MANCHESTER ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, OUTLINING HER OBJECTIONS TO THOSE PARTS OF THE MANUSCRIPT WHICH SHE FELT UNNECESSARILY INVADED HER PRIVACY AND THAT OF HER CHILDREN."

"AND ALTHOUGH HE (MANCHESTER) AGREED TO DELETE THEM FROM THE PUBLISHED VERSION, NEITHER MANCHESTER NOR HARPER & ROW NOR LOOK MAGAZINE HAS DONE SO, OR HAVE THEY EVEN, IN E PER
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NOR LOOK MAGAZINE HAS DONE SO, OR HAVE THEY EVEN, IN THE PERIOD OF THIS DISPUTE, PERMITTED MRS. KENNEDY OR HER REPRESENTATIVES ACCESS TO THE MANUSCRIPT."

SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY SAID FROM SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, WHERE HE IS ON A WINTER SKIING VACATION, THAT HE THOUGHT ONLY FOUR PAGES OF THE MANCHESTER BOOK WERE OBJECTIONABLE. HE SAID HE AGREED MATERIAL TURNED OVER TO MANCHESTER ON THE LATE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE KEPT FOR POSTERITY--BUT NOT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC RIGHT NOW.

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ROBERT KENNEDY ALSO ECHOED THE CHARGES MADE IN THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK.

HE SAID THE TWO PUBLISHERS HAD FORCED HIM AND THE LATE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW INTO THE SUIT BECAUSE THEY HAD REFUSED TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY TO SEE THE MANUSCRIPT UNTIL MRS. KENNEDY FILED HER SUIT LAST FRIDAY.

"THEY DID NOT THINK THAT WE COULD AFFORD TO SUE," ROBERT KENNEDY SAID. "THEY DID NOT THINK IT, TO THE POINT OF NOT LETTING ANYBODY SEE THE MANUSCRIPT THAT THEY NOW PLAN TO PUBLISH."

ROBERT KENNEDY SAID THAT THE FAMILY DID NOT WANT TO FILE A SUIT AND ATTEMPTED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO AVOID IT. HE CHARGED

THAT THE PUBLISHERS REFUSED TO ALLOW THE KENNEDYS TO SEE THE MANUSCRIPT "AFTER THEY SUPPOSEDLY MADE CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS," AND THIS FORCED THEM TO THE POINT OF TAKING LEGAL ACTION.

EDWARD KENNEDY SAID THAT "THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION ON MY PART OR MRS. KENNEDY'S OR SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY'S PART" THAT THE BOOK WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

HE SAID 10 HOURS OF TAPED INTERVIEWS THAT MRS. KENNEDY GAVE TO MANCHESTER IN LATE 1963 REVEALED "THE MOST INTIMATE KINDS OF PERSONAL DETAILS."

MRS. KENNEDY, HE SAID, ALLOWED THE TAPINGS FOR "BACKGROUND AND PERSPECTIVE." HE SAID IT WAS HER "VERY EARNEST HOPE" THAT SHE WOULD HAVE A SAY IN WHAT WOULD BE USED.

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"I THINK MR. MANCHESTER UNDERSTOOD THIS AT THE TIME," EDWARD KENNEDY SAID. BUT, HE ADDED, "OBVIOUSLY THE EVENTS ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY AND INTEREST."

IN A FINAL NOTE, EDWARD KENNEDY SAID THE "VERY DETAILED RIGHT OF PRIVACY IS WHAT I THINK IS THE WHOLE CRUX OF THE MATTER."

IN HER SUIT, MRS. KENNEDY CHARGED BREACH OF CONTRACT, INVASION OF PRIVACY AND INFRINGEMENT OF HER COPYRIGHT BY UNAUTHORIZED USE OF HER NAME IN ADVERTISEMENTS AND PROMOTION. SHE SAID IN HER SUIT: "I AM SHOCKED THAT MR. MANCHESTER WOULD EXPLOIT THE EMOTIONAL STATE IN WHICH I RECOUNTED MY RECOLLECTIONS TO HIM EARLY IN 1964."

IN ADDITION TO COWLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PUBLISHERS OF LOOK, AND HARPER & ROW, MRS. KENNEDY ALSO NAMED MANCHESTER AS A DEFENDANT IN HER SUIT.

MANCHESTER ISSUED A STATEMENT SUNDAY INSISTING THAT "IN THE SUMMER OF 1966, AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN BY THE FAMILY FOR PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK IN EARLY 1967, TO BE PRECEDED BY SERIALIZATION IN LOOK MAGAZINE."

LOOK HAS REPEATEDLY SAID IT IS STILL GOING AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS TO PUBLISH A FOUR-PART, 80,000-WORD SERIALIZATION OF THE BOOK BEGINNING WITH THE ISSUE THAT IS DUE ON NEWSSTANDS JAN. 10.

HARPER & ROW PLANS TO BRING OUT THE 300,000-WORD HARD-COVER BOOK IN APRIL.

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IN HIS STATEMENT, CANFIELD SAID "HARPER & ROW WAS NOT MOTIVATED BY PROFIT WHEN IT UNDERTOOK THE PUBLICATION OF THIS BOOK."

"ON THE CONTRARY," CANFIELD SAID, "ALL HARPER PROFITS WILL GO TO THE KENNEDY LIBRARY, EXCEPT FOR A SMALL RETURN TO HARPER'S ON ITS FIRST PRINTING. IN NO EVENT WILL THIS LIMIT BE EXCEEDED."

"MR. MANCHESTER IS ALSO MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY FROM HIS EARNINGS ON THE BOOK," CANFIELD CONTINUED. "INCIDENTALLY, HARPER & ROW'S ADVANCE TO HIM WAS \$40,000 AND NOT THE \$675,000 ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED BY THE PRESS."

MANCHESTER, HOWEVER, RECEIVED \$365,000 FROM LOOK MAGAZINE UPON EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LOOK LAST AUG. 11, IT WAS DISCLOSED IN COURT PAPERS FILED BY MRS. KENNEDY'S ATTORNEY'S LAST WEEK. UNDER THE PAYMENT CLAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT, HE WAS TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$300,000 IN FIVE APPROXIMATE EQUAL INSTALLMENTS, BEGINNING JAN. 10, 1967, AND THEN EACH JAN. 10 THROUGH 1971.

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT "THE QUESTION IS NOT THE BOOK'S 'RIGHT TO LIVE'--NO ONE HAS DENIED THAT RIGHT--THE QUESTION IS THE RIGHT OF MRS. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TO LIVE WITH A MINIMUM OF PRIVACY AND DIGNITY FREE FROM THE PUBLICATION OF INTIMATE DETAILS OF THEIR LIVES AT A TIME OF GREAT SORROW--DETAILS WHICH BEAR NO CONCEIVABLE RELATION TO HISTORY."

IN HER SUIT, MRS. KENNEDY GAVE NO CLUE AS TO WHAT PERSONAL THINGS SHE SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO, BUT THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY THAT ONE PORTION OF THE MANUSCRIPT SHE WANTS OMITTED DEALS WITH HOW SHE SHOULD TELL HER DAUGHTER, CAROLINE, OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER.

THE TIMES, QUOTING A SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT, SAID "THE ONE DECISION THAT SHE HESITATED TO MAKE HERSELF WAS HOW TO BEST TELL CAROLINE OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER."

ACCORDING TO THE VERSION, MRS. KENNEDY ASKED HER MOTHER, MRS. HUGH D. AUCHINCLOSS, WHETHER SHE FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR CAROLINE'S NURSE TO TELL THE GIRL OF THE TRAGEDY OR WHETHER SHE SHOULD TELL CAROLINE HERSELF.

THE TIMES ACCOUNT CONTINUED:

"MRS. AUCHINCLOSS IN THIS CASE, THE SOURCE REPORTED, TOOK MATTERS INTO HER OWN HANDS AND ASKED THE NURSE TO TELL CAROLINE OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH."

"I COULD NOT HELP MYSELF," THE SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "I WEPT WHEN I READ HOW THE NURSE TOLD THE LITTLE GIRL OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER. IT WAS AS HEARTBREAKING AS ANYTHING IN THIS BOOK FILLED WITH HEARTBREAK."

THE MANUSCRIPT WHICH ALSO REPORTEDLY DEPICTS AN UNFAVORABLE PICTURE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WAS SAID TO DESCRIBE IN GREAT DETAIL HOW MRS. KENNEDY INSISTED ON STAYING WITH THE COFFIN OF HER HUSBAND AT EVERY STAGE OF THE JOURNEY FROM DALLAS TO WASHINGTON.

"IT (THE MANUSCRIPT) INDICATES THAT IT WAS THIS INSISTENCE THAT HAD CAUSED SOME FRICTION ON THE AIRPLANE THAT TOOK THE DEAD PRESIDENT AND THE NEW PRESIDENT, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, BACK TO WASHINGTON," THE TIMES REPORTED.

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ACCORDING TO THE TIMES ACCOUNT, THE SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT REPORTED:

"MRS. KENNEDY WANTED TO STAY IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE WITH THE COFFIN. BUT MR. JOHNSON REQUESTED THAT SHE APPEAR IN THE PICTURE THAT WAS TAKEN AS HE TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE ABOARD THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE.

"FINALLY, MRS. KENNEDY CAME FORWARD TO APPEAR IN THE PICTURE. BUT AT THIS CRUCIAL POINT, THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER'S CAMERA FAILED AND THERE WAS A TEDIOUS DELAY IN THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE THE PICTURE COULD FINALLY BE TAKEN."

THE TIMES SAID THAT WHEN THE AIRPLANE, AIR FORCE ONE, ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON, THERE IS CONFUSION AS TO WHAT OCCURRED AT THE AIRPORT.

"A FORK LIFT TRUCK," THE TIMES ACCOUNT CONTINUED, "WAS ROLLED UP TO THE AIRPLANE TO TAKE OFF THE COFFIN. A MILITARY HONOR GUARD ACCOMPANYING THE TRUCK WAS WAVED AWAY BY PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY AIDES ABOARD THE PLANE.

"BUT THE FORK LIFT TRUCK DID NOT ELEVATE INTO A HIGH ENOUGH POSITION TO REACH THE DOOR, AND ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY WAS THE COFFIN PLACED ABOARD.

"MRS. KENNEDY, ALONG WITH OTHER CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF THE LATE PRESIDENT, JUMPED DOWN ONTO THE TRUCK. BUT, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT, PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS KEPT FROM JOINING THE PARTY BY THE BROAD SHOULDERS OF KENNETH O'DONNELL, AN AIDE AND CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE LATE PRESIDENT, WHO STOOD IN THE DOORWAY OF AIR FORCE ONE."

THE TIMES SAID THAT ANOTHER SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT "DISPUTES THAT MR. MANCHESTER MADE A POINT OF THIS SHOULDERING ASIDE OF THE NEW PRESIDENT."

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"THAT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION," THE SECOND SOURCE IS QUOTED AS SAYING.

THE FIRST SOURCE IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT MRS. KENNEDY TOOK PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE OF FRANCE ASIDE AFTER THE FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND TOLD HIM OF THE IDEALS AND HOPES FOR FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT HER HUSBAND HAD HELD.

"EVEN IN THIS HOUR OF EXTREME PERSONAL DISTRESS, THE MANUSCRIPT IS SAID TO REPORT, MRS. KENNEDY CHIDED THE FRENCH PRESIDENT FOR THE OBSTACLES SHE SAID HE HAD PUT IN THE PATH OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

MRS. KENNEDY ALSO IS DESCRIBED IN THE MANUSCRIPT AS PLACING A PERSONAL LETTER, AN EMOTIONAL DOCUMENT, INTO THE COFFIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY BEFORE THE FUNERAL.

"SHE IS DESCRIBED AS VERY EAGER THAT THIS LETTER BE EXCISED FROM THE BOOK AND FROM THE SERIALIZATION IN LOOK MAGAZINE BEFORE THEY ARE PRINTED," THE TIMES SAID.

"IT IS NOT AN OVER-EMOTIONAL LETTER," THE SOURCE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT IS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT IS A VERY GOOD LETTER, THE KIND OF A LETTER THAT A WOMAN VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH HER HUSBAND MIGHT WRITE."

"THE MANCHESTER MANUSCRIPT," THE TIMES SAID, "ALSO MAKES CONSIDERABLE USE OF A NUMBER OF LETTERS THAT SHE HAD WRITTEN TO HER HUSBAND, SOME IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, CAROLINE, WHO WAS FIVE YEARS OLD AT THE TIME. MRS. KENNEDY WANTS THESE LETTERS OMITTED.

"SHE IS SAID TO BE PARTICULARLY UPSET BECAUSE MR. MANCHESTER INCLUDED IN THE BOOK A LETTER THAT SHE HAD SENT TO HER HUSBAND FROM GREECE ONE MONTH BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION."

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KENNEDYS SAID LAST NIGHT THAT AFTER THE LITIGATION BEGAN, THE KENNEDY FAMILY'S REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALLOWED TO SEE THE EXCERPTS OF THE BOOK THAT LOOK PLANS TO PUBLISH.

SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY SAID THAT SEEING THE REVISED MANUSCRIPT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY THE FIRST STEP TOWARD AVOIDING A SUIT. HE SAID HE WOULD THEN EXPECT THE PUBLISHERS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO MAKE THE REVISIONS THAT MRS. KENNEDY REQUESTED.

HE INSISTED THAT UNTIL THE SUIT WAS FILED, FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES SAW ONLY AN EARLIER DRAFT OF THE MANUSCRIPT.

REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE KENNEDY FAMILY ALSO RESENTED WHAT THEY CONSIDERED AN INACCURATE AND UNFAVORABLE PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ACTIONS IN THE HOURS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

THE NEW YORK POST, QUOTING A PUBLISHING INDUSTRY SOURCE, REPORTED TODAY THAT MRS. KENNEDY IS REVEALED BY MANCHESTER TO HAVE THOUGHT "THAT'S ABSURD" WHEN TOLD HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN SHOT BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, A COMMUNIST.

ACCORDING TO THE POST'S SOURCE, THE BOOK LATER HAS HER SAYING "HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF BEING KILLED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. IT HAD TO BE SOME SILLY LITTLE COMMUNIST."

MRS. KENNEDY ALSO TOLD HER MOTHER, JANET AUCHINCLOSS, "IT EVEN ROBS HIS DEATH OF ANY MEANING," THE POST SAID. THE NEWSPAPER ADDED:

"LATER IN THE BOOK, MANCHESTER TELLS OF HOW JACKIE WAS INFORMED THAT JACK RUBY KILLED OSWALD," THE SOURCE SAID. "MANCHESTER SAYS MRS. KENNEDY CALLED RUBY'S DEED 'AWFUL'."

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