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NEW YORK, DEC. 27 (AP)-MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY AND PUBLISHERS

HARPER & ROW ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THE FORMER FIRST LADY HAS DECIDED NOT TO PRESS HER MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION TO PREVENT PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

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THE STATEMENT SAID HARPER & ROW STILL INTENDED TO PUBLISH THE BOOK, BUT HAVE AGREED NOT TO DO SO UNTIL APRIL 1 EVEN THOUGH NO COURT ORDER IS OBTAINED FORBIDDING PRIOR PUBLICATION.

IT ADDED THAT IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN ADVANCE, BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO REQUEST A TRIAL OF THE ISSUE IN MID-JANUARY.

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THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS LEARNED THAT HARPER & ROW HAD DEMANDED--AND GOT--A COURT HEARING ON THE CASE THURSDAY.

MRS. KENNEDY'S SEPERATE ACTION AGAINST THE BOOK'S AUTHOR, WILLIAM MANCHESTER, WAS PUT OFF UNTIL JAN. 16 BECAUSE HE IS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

THE JOINT STATEMENT SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES "HAVE BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT."

"THE UNFORTUNATE ILLNESS OF THE AUTHOR," THE STATEMENT WENT ON, "HAS MADE IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS OVER A LONGER PERIOD THAN WAS ANTICIPATED."

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NEW YORK--4TH ADD 3RD NL KENNEDY BOOK (A84) XXX ANTICIPATED."

IT SAID "BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH MR. MANCHESTER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THEMSELVES, FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

"DESPITE THE AUTHOR'S ILLNESS, SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SO THAT MRS. KENNEDY HAS DECIDED NOT TO PRESS HER MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION."

A SPOKESMAN FOR SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., SAID THE POINT OF THE AGREEMENT WAS TO AVOID THE COURT HEARING THURSDAY.

HE SAID IT SHOWED "GIVE AND TAKE ON BOTH SIDES."

A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE KENNEDY'S SAID "I THINK THEY'RE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT."

MRS. KENNEDY WAS VACATIONING ON THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND OF ANTIGUA AND WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER COMMENT.

MANCHESTER WAS REPORTED MUCH IMPROVED IN A MIDDLETOWN, CONN., HOSPITAL AFTER HIS DOCTOR SAID THE "EMOTIONAL STRESS" OF THE BOOK CONTROVERSY, COUPLED WITH OVERWORK, MAY HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS.

RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA, MANCHESTER RECEIVED "GET WELL" TELEGRAMS AT THE HOSPITAL FROM BOTH MRS. KENNEDY AND THE LATE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y.

"PLEASE KNOW HOW DISTRESSED I AM TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE SICK," MRS. KENNEDY'S WIRE IS REPORTED TO HAVE READ, "AND HOW MUCH I HOPE YOU WILL BE BETTER SOON."

MANCHESTER AND THE PUBLISHERS WERE TO HAVE SHOWN CAUSE IN MANHATTAN SUPREME COURT TODAY WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE ENJOINED FROM PUBLISHING THE BOOK AS AN INVASION OF HER PRIVACY.

NEGOTIATIONS TO REVISE THE BOOK, MAKING AN OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE, WERE INTERRUPTED YESTERDAY BY MANCHESTER'S ILLNESS.

HOWEVER, EDWARD S. GREENBAUM, ATTORNEY FOR HARPER & ROW, SAID TODAY THAT "NO HITCH HAS DEVELOPED" IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

FORMER JUDGE SIMON H. RIFKIND, ATTORNEY FOR MRS. KENNEDY, SAID BEFORE THE COURT HEARING THAT HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A POSTPONEMENT FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

"COUNSEL FOR MR. MANCHESTER NEEDS THE VIEWS OF HIS CLIENT, AND THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE NOW," RIFKIND ADDED.

LATER RIFKIND EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER THE HARPER & ROW MOVE TO AIR THE CASE THIS WEEK.

"I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND IT, BUT I WON'T COMMENT," RIFKIND SAID.

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JUSTICE SAUL STREIT GRANTED THE THREE-WEEK ADJOURNMENT OF THE SUIT AGAINST MANCHESTER WITH THE PROVISION THAT "EVERYTHING REMAINS IN STATUS QUO."

THE JUDGE SAID THIS MEANT "THAT MR. MANCHESTER DOES NOTHING FURTHER WITH REGARD TO TAPES, THE LETTERS AND THE MANUSCRIPT OF THE BOOK."

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STREIT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HIS "POWERS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE" WITH REGARD TO ANY PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY."

RIFKIND SAID LATER THAT COWLES PUBLICATIONS, INC., PUBLISHERS OF LOOK MAGAZINE, WHICH HAS SETTLED WITH MRS. KENNEDY BY TRIMMING A SERIALIZATION SCHEDULED TO APPEAR STARTING JAN. 10, WOULD TRY TO HALT ANY PUBLICATION OF THE DISPUTED PASSAGES ABROAD.

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