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NEW YORK--RELEASE THE LOOK-MANCHESTER STORY (A121-127 LAST NIGHT). THE ORIGINAL EMBARGO FOR 6PES MONDAY HAS BEEN BROKEN.

WE SHALL REPEAT IMMEDIATELY RELMAN MORIN'S STORY WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED LAST NIGHT. A NEW STORY WILL BE FILED FOR SUNDAY AMS.

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LOOK-MANCHESTER (1,900)

BY RELMAN MORIN

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NEW YORK, JAN. 7 (AP)--FIVE PROMINENT DEMOCRATS STRONGLY URGED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY TO OMIT DALLAS FROM THE ITINERARY OF HIS FATEFUL TOUR OF TEXAS IN NOVEMBER, 1963, BECAUSE THEY FEARED THE HIGHLY-CHARGED ATMOSPHERE OF ANTAGONISM TO HIM IN THE CITY.

"DALLAS IS A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE," SEN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT OF ARKANSAS WAS QUOTED TODAY AS TELLING THE PRESIDENT. "I WOULDN'T GO THERE. DON'T YOU GO."

FOUR OTHER MEN EXPRESSED GRAVE ANXIETIES ABOUT KENNEDY'S INTENTION TO VISIT DALLAS, WILLIAM MANCHESTER REPORTS IN HIS CONTROVERSIAL BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

MANCHESTER WRITES THAT KENNEDY HIMSELF REGARDED THE ENTIRE TEXAS TOUR, UNDERTAKEN FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AS "VEXATIOUS AND UNAPPETIZING..AN IMPOSITION."

LOOK MAGAZINE ^{will} ~~ISSUE~~ ^{Tuesday} THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A FOUR-PART, 60,000 WORD SERIALIZATION OF MANCHESTER'S BOOK. MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY WITHDRW HER OBJECTIONS WHEN REVISIONS WERE MADE BUT DID NOT APPROVE OR ENDORSE THE ARTICLES. A SPOKESMAN FOR LOOK QUOTED GARDNER COWLES, EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN, AS SAYING THE CHANGES ENTAILED ONLY 1,600 WORDS AND "IN NO WAY AFFECTED THE HISTORICAL ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BOOK."

REGARDING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN KENNEDY AND VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRIOR TO, AND DURING, THE TEXAS TRIP, MANCHESTER WROTE:

"POLITICALLY, HE (JOHNSON) HAD BECOME A CIPHER BECAUSE HE LACKED A POWER BASE...MRS. JOHNSON HAD NEVER SEEN THE INSIDE OF THE FAMOUS PRESIDENTIAL PLANE, AIR FORCE ONE. IF JOHNSON WANTED TO USE A PLANE, HE HAD TO APPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S AIR FORCE AIDE, BRIG. GEN. GODFREY MCHUGH, AND SOMETIMES--MORTIFYING TO A MAN OF HIS EXTREME SENSITIVITY--THE REQUEST WAS DENIED. MOREOVER, LBJ HAD NOW BECOME AWARE OF GROUNDLESS BUT PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT HE MIGHT BE DROPPED FROM (THE 1964) TICKET."

AND IN ~~SAN ANTONIO~~ ^{Houston}

MRS. KENNEDY HEARD "RAISED VOICES" IN A HOTEL ROOM TO WHICH KENNEDY HAD SUMMONED JOHNSON. "HE (JOHNSON) DID NOT DEFINE THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSION," MANCHESTER WROTE. "PRECISELY WHAT WAS SAID IS UNKNOWN...JOHNSON CONTROLLED HIS CELEBRATED TEMPER IN HIS CHIEF'S PRESENCE, BUT IN THE WORDS OF ONE MAN ON DUTY OUTSIDE, 'HE LEFT THAT SUITE LIKE A PISTOL.'" ANOTHER SAID, "HE LOOKED FURIOUS."

MRS. KENNEDY, THE BOOK SAYS, ASKED, "WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT? HE SOUNDED MAD."

HER HUSBAND REPLIED, "THAT'S JUST LYNDON...BUT HE'S IN TROUBLE."

IN WASHINGTON, THE WHITE HOUSE DECLINED COMMENT ON ANY PART OF THE INSTALLMENT.

✓ THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF MANCHESTER'S BOOK SHOWS THAT MOST OF HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADMIRERS. THEREFORE IT IS SUBJECT TO THEIR INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE UNDER GREAT EMOTIONAL STRESS. SOME SOURCES SAID THAT, BECAUSE IT DEALS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL WITH SOME OF THE EMOTIONAL EVENTS, QUOTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS, IT CANNOT BE TAKEN AS A DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF THE ASSASSINATION.

IN NEW CANAAN, CONN., WILLIAM ATTWOOD, FORMER SPEECH WRITER FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAID TODAY HE FEELS THAT MANCHESTER'S BOOK IS THE "MOST COMPLETE RECORD OF THE PERIOD SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION."

REACHED BY RADIO STATION WICC, ATTWOOD SAID:

✓ "MAYBE OTHER HISTORIES WILL BE WRITTEN ABOUT THIS PERIOD," THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF COWLES PUBLICATIONS SAID BUT I THINK THIS IS THE BEST ONE SO FAR. THERE'LL BE OTHER HISTORIES, OTHER EVIDENCES BROUGHT TO LIGHT, BUT I THINK THIS IS THE MOST COMPLETE AND OBJECTIVE RECORD THAT I KNOW OF."

MANCHESTER REPORTS THAT TEXAS DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN BYRON SKELTON WAS AMONGTHOSE WHO COUNSELLED AGAINST THE DECISION TO BRING THE PRESIDENT TO DALLAS. SKELTON WROTE THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, ATTY.-

GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THAT HE WOULD "FEEL BETTER IF THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY DID NOT INCLUDE DALLAS."

SKELTON FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT IT THAT HE FLEW TO WASHINGTON AND TALKED WITH DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JOHN BAILEY AND JERRY BRUNO OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE BOOK SAYS, ADDING THAT SKELTON'S EFFORTS CAME TO "AN ENORMOUS ZERO."

THE BOOK QUOTES HOUSE WHIP HALE BOGGS OF LOUISIANA AS SAYING, "MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE GOING INTO A HORNET'S NEST."

KENNEDY REPLIED, "WELL THAT ALWAYS CREATES INTERESTING CROWDS." HE SAID THE THOUGHT THAT A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT GO INTO ANY AMERICAN CITY WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

SEN. HUBERT HUMPHREY OF MINNESOTA AND AMBASSADOR ADLAI E. STEVENSON ALSO HARBORED MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE DALLAS STOP FOR THE PRESIDENT.

"IN DALLAS ITSELF, THERE WAS GENUINE ALARM," MANCHESTER WRITES. "BOTH NEWSPAPERS RAN EDITORIALS CALLING FOR RESTRAINT. POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY PUBLICLY PUT DALLAS ON NOTICE THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BLOCK ANY IMPROPER CONDUCT." HE DREW ON EVERY AVAILABLE RESERVE."

THE BOOK DISCLOSES THAT KENNEDY'S MOTORCADE MIGHT NEVER HAVE PASSED THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING--WHERE LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS LURKING--BUT FOR WHAT THE AUTHOR CALLS A "POLITICAL DECISION."

THOSE ARRANGING THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM IN DALLAS ONCE CONSIDERED THE WOMAN'S BUILDING AS THE SITE OF THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN FOR HIM. INSTEAD, THE TRADE MART WAS CHOSEN AND KENNEDY'S AUTOMOBILE PASSED BENEATH THE WINDOWS OF THE BOOK BUILDING.

"THE DECISION WAS A POLITICAL DECISION MADE BY POLITICIANS," MANCHESTER WROTE.

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THE WARREN COMMISSION FOUND THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, STATIONED IN A SIXTH FLOOR WINDOW OF THE BOOK BUILDING, FIRED THE SHOTS THAT KILLED KENNEDY AND WOUNDED TEXAS GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY JR., ITS REPORT SAYS OSWALD ACTED ALONE.

MANCHESTER EVIDENTLY CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. FOR HE ATTEMPTS TO PROBE FOR OSWALD'S MOTIVE. HE ATTRIBUTES IT TO THE FACT THAT OSWALD WAS THE "DIAMETRIC OPPOSITE" OF KENNEDY, CONTRASTING THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND WRITING THAT KENNEDY WAS "ALL-POWERFUL" WHILE OSWALD WAS "IMPOTENT."

"KENNEDY WAS CHEERED; OSWALD IGNORED," THE BOOK SAYS. "KENNEDY WAS BELOVED; OSWALD DESPISED. KENNEDY WAS A HERO. OSWALD WAS A VICTIM."

OF OSWALD'S POSSIBLE MOTIVE, THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT SAID:

"IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT OSWALD WAS MOVED BY AN OVERRIDING HOSTILITY TO HIS ENVIRONMENT. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. HE WAS PERPETUALLY DISCONTENTED WITH THE WORLD AROUND HIM.

"LONG BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION HE EXPRESSED HIS HATRED FOR AMERICAN SOCIETY AND ACTED IN PROTEST AGAINST IT...HE SOUGHT FOR HIMSELF A PLACE IN HISTORY--A ROLE AS 'THE GREAT MAN' WHO WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING BEEN IN ADVANCE OF HIS TIMES. HIS COMMITMENT TO MARXISM AND COMMUNISM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HIS MOTIVATION.

"OUT OF THESE AND THE MANY OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY HAVE MOULDED THE CHARACTER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD THERE EMERGED A MAN CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

WHY DID KENNEDY, AGAINST HIS WISHES, GO TO TEXAS AT ALL?

MANCHESTER GOES INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ABOUT THE FEUDING BETWEEN TEXAS LIBERALS, WHOSE "HERO" WAS SEN. RALPH YARBOROUGH AND GOV. CONNALLY A CONSERVATIVE. THE SENATOR, MANCHESTER WRITES, CONSIDERED JOHNSON A "CO-CONSPIRATOR" OF CONNALLY'S.

THE BOOK NOTES THAT THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON TICKET HAD CARRIED TEXAS "BY AN EYELASH" IN THE 1960 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. AND MANCHESTER CONCLUDED THAT IF THE YARBOROUGH-CONNALLY FEUD COULD NOT SOON BE PETCHED UP, "THE NATIONAL TICKET WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE THERE NEXT FALL." HENCE, KENNEDY'S DECISION TO GO TO TEXAS.

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MANCHESTER WOTE:

THAT THE PROSPECT WAS UNAPPETIZING AND VEXING TO KENNEDY; THAT HE FELT JOHNSON OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE HIMSELF. KENNEDY CONSIDERED THE TRIP AN IMPOSITION.

DURING THE PLANNING STAGES FOR IT, MRS. KENNEDY WAS IN GREECE RECUPERATING FROM THE LOSS OF HER THIRD CHILD. SHE WROTE HER HUSBAND 10-PAGE LETTERS, SPRINKLED WITH DASHES, TELLING HIM HOW MUCH SHE MISSED HIM AND HOW SHE WISHED HE COULD BE WITH HER, AWAY FROM THE TENSIONS OF WASHINGTON.

"THERE'S JUST ONE THING I COULDN'T STAND," SHE SAID, "--IF I EVER LOST YOU...."

BUT WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, OCT. 17, HER SPIRITS WERE HIGH. MANCHESTER SAYS SHE TOLD HER HUSBAND SHE WOULD CAMPAIGN ANYWHERE WITH HIM.

THE PRESIDENT WAS DELIGHTED. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR MARRIAGE, MANCHESTER REPORTED, HE TALKED ABOUT HER WARDROBE. HE WANTED TO KNOW, ESPECIALLY, WHAT SHE WOULD WEAR AT THE SCHEDULED LUNCHEON IN DALLAS. HE TOLD HER:

"THERE ARE GOING TO BE ALL THESE RICH REPUBLICAN WOMEN AT THAT LUNCH, WEARING MINK COATS AND DIAMOND BRACELETS. BE SIMPLE--SHOW THESE TEXANS WHAT GOOD TASTE REALLY IS."

THE BOOK SAYS MRS. KENNEDY THEREUPON CAME IN AND OUT OF HIS ROOM, SHOWING HIM DRESSES SHE LIKED.

A LAST-MINUTE CONTRETEMPS WITH RESPECT TO HER WARDROBE DEVELOPED. GEN. MCHUGH, HIS AIR FORCE AIDE, HAD ADVISED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE WEATHER IN TEXAS WOULD BE COOL DURING HIS THREE DAYS THERE, BEGINNING NOV. 20. AS THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WAS ABOUT TO HEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE WEATHER HAD TURNED HOT.

KENNEDY WAS ANGRY, MANCHESTER WRITES, AND TRIED TO HAVE HIS WIFE'S MAID PACK SOME COOL DRESSES.

BUT HIS WIFE'S DRESSES ALREADY WERE IN A HELICOPTER WHICH HAD LEFT FOR THE AIRFIELD. KENNEDY "CHEWED OUT" MCHUGH, THE BOOK SAYS.

THE DEPARTURE ALSO CAUSED KENNEDY TO MISS HIS FRENCH LESSON, THE BOOK SAYS. THE TUTOR FOR HIS DAUGHTER, CAROLINE, HAD BEEN GIVING HIM LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR TWO MONTHS. THIS, MANCHESTER SAYS, WAS A "CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET."

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KENNEDY WANTED TO LEARN FRENCH SO THAT HE COULD CONDUCT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DEGAULLE IN DEGAULLE'S OWN LANGUAGE. HE ASKED THE TUTOR, MME. JACQUELINE HIRSCH, HOW LONG SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE HIM TO BECOME PROFICIENT. A YEAR, SHE REPLIED.

"I BET I DO IT IN SIX MONTHS," KENNEDY REPLIED.

HE WAS BRIMMINGLY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK, TOO, THE BOOK REPORTS.

MANCHESTER WRITES THAT KENNEDY EXPECTED TO BE REELECTED IN A "HISTORIC LANDSLIDE" IN 1964. HIS EXPECTATIONS WERE ACCENTUATED BY HIS FEELING THAT THE "GOP WOULD YIELD TO ITS DEATH WISH AND NOMINATE BARRY GOLDWATER."

HE WAS ALREADY PONDERING THE MAKEUP OF HIS SECOND CABINET.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA WOULD BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE AND MCNAMARA ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HEAD UP THE NEW CABINET. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WISHED TO RESIGN AS ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND BE APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, MANCHESTER WRITES, KNEW KENNEDY INTENDED TO BE HIS OWN FOREIGN MINISTER.

ON THE DAY OF THE DEPARTURE FOR TEXAS, KENNEDY TOOK HIS SON, JOHN, BY HELICOPTER TO THE AIRFIELD. THE CHILD WANTED TO FLY TO TEXAS AND BEGAN TO CRY WHEN HE WAS TOLD HE COULD NOT GO. KENNEDY KISSED HIM AND THE PLANE DEPARTED.

THE POLITICAL DUELLING INVOLVING JOHNSON, CONNALLY AND YARBOROUGH BEGAN IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE TOUR STARTED IN TEXAS.

MANCHESTER ASSERTS THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS THINKING AHEAD TO THE 1964 CAMPAIGNING, WANTED TO POLL MORE VOTES THAN THE REST OF THE TICKET, AND WANTED YARBOROUGH TO LOSE. HE PLANNED TO TAKE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TOUR IN TEXAS, MANCHESTER WRITES.

THE BOOK SAYS THAT ONE OF CONNALLY'S PLANNED STRATAGEMS WAS TO HAVE TWO-TIERED HEAD-TABLES IN DALLAS AND AUSTIN. WITH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, CONNALLY PLANNED TO SIT AT THE TOP TABLE. YARBOROUGH AND OTHER OFFICIALS WOULD BE RELEGATED TO THE LOWER ONE.

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IN THE MOTORCADES, AGENTS NOTIFIED YARBOROUGH THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO RIDE WITH JOHNSON. INSTEAD, THE SENATOR TWICE CHOSE TO RIDE WITH FRIENDS IN OTHER CARS. MANCHESTER SAYS THE 40 CORRESPONDENTS COVERING THE TOUR "SAW HIM AVOIDING THE VICE PRESIDENT" AND "DECIDED TO CALL IT A SNUB."

THE BOOK REPORTS THAT MRS. KENNEDY SAID THAT SHE DISLIKED CONNALLY. THE PRESIDENT ASKED WHY AND SHE REPLIED:

"I CAN'T STAND HIM ALL DAY. HE'S JUST ONE OF THOSE MEN--OH, I DON'T KNOW. I JUST CAN'T BEAR HIS SITTING THERE SAYING ALL THESE GREAT THINGS ABOUT HIMSELF. AND HE SEEMS TO BE NEEDLING YOU ALL DAY."

KENNEDY REMINDED HER THAT HE HAD COME TO TEXAS TO TRY TO HEAL POLITICAL WOUNDS AND SAID, "I'M TRYING TO START BY GETTING TWO PEOPLE IN THE SAME CAR." SO HE ASKED HER TO PUT ASIDE HER HOSTILITY TO THE GOVERNOR. MANCHESTER REPORTS THAT SHE DID SO.

BIG AND FRIENDLY CROWDS GREETED THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WHEREVER IT APPEARED AND THE TOUR APPROACHED ITS TRAGIC CLIMAX IN AN AURA OF GOOD FEELING.

THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE MANCHESTER BOOK CLOSES WITH BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS IN THE LIFE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, HIS TEMPORARY ESTRANGEMENT FROM HIS RUSSIAN WIFE, MARINA, AND THE FATEFUL HOUR WHEN HE CARRIED A LONG, CYLINDRICAL, BROWN PAPER PACKAGE TO DALLAS. HE SAID IT CONTAINED CURTAIN RODS.

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