

Error in The Book Corrected

NEW YORK — (AP) — Production of William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President," was halted for several days last week to correct an error, says Evan Thomas, vice president of Harper & Row.

The correction, Thomas said, resulted from Manchester's account of the actions of Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton Jr., military aide to President Kennedy. Clifton now is retired.

Manchester had written that Clifton, after the assassination in Dallas, first called the White House and asked that Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. Kenneth O'Donnell be informed their husbands were safe, rather than immediately handling the military situation involved.

Manchester had written:

"The general's order of priorities was staggering. Only after wives had been reassured could he deal with the possibility of a plot against the United States."

Thomas said Clifton informed him the story was incorrect—that Clifton had made an earlier phone call to the White House that dealt with military and security aspects of the assassination.

"When I learned that he (Clifton) had done his job, I believed him. So we changed it," Thomas said.

Thomas said the change meant removing several pages, reprinting them and replacing them.

He said 100,000 copies had to be corrected. The cost was estimated at \$5000 to \$25,000.