

Failed JFK Politically

Jackie Bothered By 'Guilt Complex'

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NEW YORK — Jacqueline Kennedy has a "very strong guilt complex" because she feels she failed her husband politically, a New York Post article has reported.

"Her mind is not on all the things she did for her husband, but is on the things she didn't do, particularly in the early days," the article states.

The story, based on an interview with British writer Robin Douglas-Home, says Mrs. Kennedy became "positively unbalanced" when she began reading President Johnson had become a more effective president than John Kennedy.

"This self-induced guilt complex is firmly there, and she believes quite incorrectly that she let him down in life," the Post quotes Douglas-Home as saying.

"It becomes an absolute fixation that she would never fail him in his death. That is how the idea of the Manchester book began and finally ended in that unedifying quarrel."

The Post says Mrs. Kennedy has told friends Douglas-Home will never again be welcome in her home.

Douglas-Home has been a close confidant of Mrs. Kennedy since they met in 1961.

"I became her own personal emotional blotting paper," he said, "able to soak up and absorb the problems,



ROBIN DOUGLAS-HOME
Confidant talks

the frustrations the paradoxes of her life."

He wrote his analysis of Mrs. Kennedy's recent actions for a sophisticated London women's magazine *Queen*.

Mrs. Kennedy, the Post reports, "generally thought kindly of Lyndon Johnson"

until his popularity polls began to rise. "Then she turned bitterly anti-Johnson," the story said.

"She became positively unbalanced, particularly when Johnson was getting Kennedy legislation through Congress and everyone was saying the same legislation would have been thrown back if JFK had remained alive."

Mrs. Kennedy "found this intolerable, and that's when her emotional balance went," the Post quotes Douglas-Home as saying. "This is not the sort of thing you say lightly."

Douglas-Home said he felt Mrs. Kennedy has a "communications problem" with her Washington friends, the other Kennedys, even her husband.

"There was little understanding between the other Kennedy women and Jackie," Douglas-Home said. "They underestimated her, particularly they never saw that there was a steel mind and an unbreakable will beneath that sweet surface. They know it now. But that still doesn't make them like her."

Mrs. Kennedy used to "bitterly (complain) that she was called on to give any part of her private life to the public."

Now, however, she has dedicated herself to helping Robert Kennedy to reach the White House.

"She could have retired

from the scene," Douglas-Home said. "She could have created a whole new life for herself. Instead, she decided to devote herself to the leg- end because she felt guilty."

PUSHING BOBBY

"She feels she can help her dead husband by pushing Bobby into a position that he can set out to finish the things that Jack would have done."

Douglas-Home said he talked to Mrs. Kennedy at the Kennedy summer home in Virginia a week before the assassination. "It was apparent . . . She'd never been happier and had reached a complete understanding that there was an acceptable public life in which she could be fulfilled," the article said.

"She had grown up. She was enjoying life, was a nicer person, and a great many of her problems had been solved. But it was too late . . . She was within seven days of widowhood."

Douglas-Home said he decided to write the Kennedy story because he felt he "could throw some light on the mind of Jacqueline Kennedy and so explain her extraordinary actions over the Manchester book."