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Onassis Marriage Contract: 170 Clauses

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LONDON, Oct. 31—According to Christian Kafarakis, former chief steward on Aristotle Onassis's yacht, Christina, the marriage contract between Mr. Onassis and his wife, the former Jacqueline Kennedy, was so complex that it required 170 clauses.

Mr. Kafarakis worked aboard the Christina for 10 years. His story of "the extraordinary marriage contract that was thrashed out between their respective lawyers and signed by the couple in New York three days before the ceremony on the isle of Skorpis" appears today in *The People*, a popular Sunday newspaper.

Mr. Kafarakis, who is also to publish a book on the subject, did not explain in the copyright article how he became privy to the contract. The marriage took place three years ago.

"I am one of the few people who have been privileged to learn the contents of this remarkable document with its 170 clauses, covering down to the smallest detail the married life of this celebrated couple," he wrote.

According to Mr. Kafarakis, the contract stipulated "separate bedrooms" for the couple and lays down the times of the year they spend together. This explains, he said, why "Jackie has her own house on the isle of Skorpis, and why, in New York, she always stays in her flat in Fifth Avenue while her husband rents permanently a suite on the top floor of the Hotel Pierre four hundred yards away."

The financial arrangements, which Mr. Kafarakis claimed to know in detail, show, he said Mr. Onassis's "greatest generosity."

He said that Mr. Onassis is committed to laying out at least \$600,000 for his wife's travel, pleasure, safety and children. This is in addition to his gifts to her and the

provision of a sumptuous manner of living.

So that his wife may be "sheltered from want," the agreement laid down, according to Mr. Kafarakis:

"If Onassis should ever part from Jackie he will have to give her a sum amounting to nearly £4.2-million [\$9.6-million] for every year of their marriage.