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**THROUGH AN ODD** circumstance, I am in a position to refute at least part of the mythology that has sprung up over the alleged satyriasis suffered or enjoyed, as the case may be, by the late John F. Kennedy.

You may recall that the revelation of JFK's relationship with that shrieking violet, Judith Campbell Exner, inspired a spate of stories that ranged from bed to worse — the very worst being a so-called interview with Author Richard Condon, published in the sensationalist London paper, News of the World. Condon, "who said he has spent 15 years researching the late President's sex life," was further quoted (or misquoted) as crediting Kennedy with 470 "scores" before he became a Congressman, and 1602 by the time he came President.

"He even made love to three women on the morning of his inauguration," Condon is alleged to have said, which would have made John F. Kennedy the first President to enjoy four Inaugural balls.

The odd circumstance by which I am able to set the record straight is that Condon, author of such best-sellers as "The Manchurian Candidate" and "The Oldest Confession," is an old friend. He writes in anguish from his home in Ireland that the quotes attributed to him by what he calls "Noose of the World" actually were lifted from his recent work of FICTION, "Winter Kills" based loosely on the Kennedy assassination.

In short, the London paper "ran a long quote from page 52 of the American edition of the NOVEL" as a piece of "actual factual fact ... just as though I had sat bedside with a blackboard each time a new entry popped into the Master's bed. Can you turn the great searchlights of the free press upon this misunderstanding?" Searchlights on. And boos and catcalls to the American wire service which spread this fiction to the four corners of the square world.

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