

THE TIMES SERIES DUE IN PAPERBACK

Articles and Pentagon Texts
to Be in Bantam Book

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A complete collection of The New York Times series on the Pentagon study of the Vietnam war, including texts of documents, will be published in paperback by Bantam Books next week.

Bantam made the announcement yesterday afternoon, minutes after the Supreme Court ruled against the Government in its effort to prevent The New

York Times from continuing publication of the series.

The Bantam book, to be called "The Pentagon Papers," will contain all the articles published by The New York Times on the basis of the 7,000-page Defense Department study. The articles were written by Neil Sheehan, Hedrick Smith, E. W. Kenworthy and Fox Butterfield, of the newspaper's staff. Three parts of the series appeared before the Government obtained a court order restraining publication.

The book will also contain a 64-page photo essay tracing the United States involvement in Vietnam and a new article by Mr. Sheehan commenting on his findings and their repercussions.

Several hard-cover publishers, among them Atheneum,

Lippincott and Houghton Mifflin of Boston, are bidding for publication rights, according to Esther Margolis, a vice president of Bantam Books. She said the book had been sold for publication in France and that German, British and Scandinavian publishers had also bid.

"The Pentagon Papers" will be Bantam's 38th "Extra," a series of paperbacks on public affairs begun in 1964 with publication of the text of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Other Bantam "Extras" were the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, the report of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, "We Reach the Moon" and "Earth Day — the Beginning."