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MONTH DELAY ASKED ON ALLILUYEVA BOOK

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. the historian, has urged Harper & Row to postpone publication of Svetlana Alliluyeva's memoirs until after Nov. 7, the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, as a gesture towards American-Soviet friendship.

Mr. Schlesinger, who was an assistant on foreign affairs to President Kennedy, made the request in a letter to Cass Canfield, chairman of the executive committee of the publishing house, it was learned yesterday.

He said that talks with So-viet officials during a recent visit to Moscow had convinced him that the Soviet leadership views the present publication date, Oct. 16, as part of an American plan to interfere with the anniversary celebra-

tions.

Officials of Harper & Row privately acknowledged the letter but Mr. Canfield declined to comment.

Evan W. Thomas 2d, executive vice president of Harper & Row, said that there was no plan at present to delay the publication date, barring any unexpected difficulties with the translation. Excerpts from the 300-page manuscript of Stalin's daughter are scheduled to be serialized by The New York Times over a two-week period beginning Oct. 8 and in the Life magazine issue of Oct. 10.