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SECOND LEAD KENNEDY BOOK

NEW YORK, DEC. 15 (AP)-MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY SAID TODAY SHE WILL MOVE IN THE COURTS TO STOP PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT." SHE SAID THE BOOK WAS "PREMATURE, TASTELESS AND DISTORTED."

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED FROM HER OFFICE HERE, THE FORMER FIRST LADY SAID:

"ITS INACCURATE AND UNFAIR REFERENCES TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS, IN CONTRAST WITH ITS GENEROUS REFERENCES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, ARE PERHAPS BEYOND MY PREVENTION; BUT TO EXPOSE TO ALL THE WORLD AT THIS TIME ALL THE PRIVATE GRIEF, PERSONAL THOUGHTS AND PAINFUL ACTIONS WHICH MY CHILDREN AND I ENDURED IN THOSE TERRIBLE DAYS DOES NOT SEEM TO ME TO BE ESSENTIAL TO ANY CURRENT HISTORICAL RECORD."

THE BOOK, WRITTEN BY WILLIAM MACHESTER, DEALS WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EVENTS OF THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED.

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EARLIER TODAY, ATTORNEYS FOR MRS. KENNEDY SAID THAT A FORMAL COMPLAINT WOULD BE FILED HERE WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS TO HALT ANY PUBLICATION OF, OR EXCERPTING FROM, THE BOOK.

"LOOK MAGAZINE, HARPER & ROW, AND MR. WILLIAM MANCHESTER HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT ONLY LEGAL ACTION CAN ALTER THEIR INSISTENCE UPON PUBLISHING AT THIS TIME..." SHE SAID.

HARPER & ROW PLAN PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK IN APRIL, AND LOOK MAGAZINE PLANS TO PUBLISH THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK IN ITS JAN. 10 ISSUE.

MRS. KENNEDY SAID SHE WOULD SEEK TO "POSTPONE PUBLICATION UNTIL THE MINIMUM LIMITS OF MY FAMILY'S PRIVACY CAN BE PROTECTED."

FORMER FEDERAL JUDGE SIMON RIFKIND, REPRESENTING MRS. KENNEDY, SAID THE SUIT WAS STARTED YESTERDAY BY SERVICES OF SUMMONSES ON HARPER & ROW AND COWLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PUBLISHERS OF LOOK.

RIFKIND SAID HE WOULD SEEK "A VARIETY OF RELIEF AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS INCLUDING A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION TO RESTRAIN PUBLICATION OF THE MAGAZINE ARTICLES AND THE BOOK."

MANCHESTER SAID HE WAS "NOT INFORMED ON WHAT IS HAPPENING" BUT WAS "PUZZLED BY THE DISTURBANCE."

WILLIAM ATTWOOD, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF LOOK, ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE SUMMONS YESTERDAY BUT SAID THE MAGAZINE WAS GOING AHEAD WITH ITS PLAN TO SERIALIZE THE BOOK.

"THE PRESSES ARE ALREADY ROLLING," HE SAID. "WE'RE PUBLISHING. I DON'T SEE ANY WAY IT CAN BE STOPPED."

HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE SUMMONS PENDING THE RETURN HERE OF LOOK'S LAWYER, JOHN HARDING, WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON.

ATTWOOD NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUMMONS MERELY INDICATES THAT MRS. KENNEDY INTENDS TO TAKE COURT ACTION BUT DOES NOT SPECIFY WHAT COURSE SHE WILL FOLLOW AND CARRIES NO LEGAL ATTACHMENT.

MRS. PAMELA TIMMINS, SECRETARY TO MRS. KENNEDY, SAID LAST NIGHT SHE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE THE ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN.

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MRS. KENNEDY CHOSE MANCHESTER TO RECORD THE EVENTS OF THE ASSASSINATION "IN THE INTEREST OF ACCURACY" BUT LATER WAS REPORTED DISTURBED BY HIS USE OF SOME OF HER PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS IN THE BOOK.

SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE UNHAPPY WITH PORTIONS OF THE MANUSCRIPT, BUT REPORTEDLY HAS TOLD HARPER & ROW HE WOULD NOT SEEK TO PREVENT ITS PUBLICATION.

A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY SAID OBJECTIONS TO THE BOOK CENTERED ON A SECTION WHICH IMPLIED THAT THE KENNEDYS DID NOT CARE FOR PRESIDENT JOHNSON. THE SOURCE SAID IT WAS FEARED THIS COULD CREATE INSURMOUNTABLE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO POLITICAL CLANS.

HARPER & ROW HAD SCHEDULED PUBLICATION OF "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" FOR MARCH, BUT ANNOUNCED LAST WEEKEND THE DATE HAD BEEN ADVANCED TO APRIL BECAUSE OF REVISIONS BY THE AUTHOR.

SERIALIZATION IN LOOK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN THE JAN. 10 ISSUE AND THE BOOK HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD FOR FURTHER SERIALIZATION IN WESTERN EUROPE.

LOOK REPORTEDLY PAID ABOUT \$650,000 FOR THE SERIALIZATION RIGHTS AND THEN SOLD ITS OWNERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN RIGHTS FOR NEARLY \$300,000.

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