

Bobby and Jackie Rift Rumored

New York

Conflicting reports circulated yesterday about whether Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy stand together in her lawsuit to stop publication of the controversial book about the assassination of her husband.

"There is no conceivable conflict," an aide to the senator said. "He doesn't oppose the suit."

However, a source closely involved in the battle said, "Our lawyers are getting strong indications that Senator Kennedy wants to get out and doesn't think it (the suit) was a good idea, to begin with."

Former Federal Judge Simon Rifkind, who will represent Mrs. Kennedy in the court action, said, "I have talked with Senator Kennedy from time to time. I have the impression that he supports Mrs. Kennedy."

Rifkind said he hopes to file the complaint in the State Supreme Court at least by tomorrow and possibly today.

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The Kennedy Book--Cerf Gives Details

New Haven, Conn.

Bennett Cerf, book publisher and television personality, was quoted yesterday as saying he read an unedited manuscript of a controversial book on the death of President Kennedy and that it described some "unbelievable things that happened after the assassination."

The Yale Daily News, the student newspaper, said Cerf told a banquet audience at Yale's Pierson College Wednesday night that the manuscript of William Manchester's "Death of a President" described an incident involving the presidential plane at Love Airfield in Texas after the assassination.

The student newspaper quoted Cerf, chairman of the board of Random House, as saying the manuscript related that Jacqueline Kennedy and the late President's aides remained at the hospital in Dallas while then Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and his entourage went to the airfield.

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Two airplanes, the presidential and vice presidential planes were parked there. The newspaper quoted Cerf as saying:

"The airplanes were identical in construction and furnishing . . . the Johnson party reached the airfield first and, knowing President Kennedy was dead, boarded the presidential jet. When the Kennedys returned to the airfield with the coffin and discovered that the presidential plane was already occupied, they were shocked and infuriated."

Cerf, reached in New York yesterday confirmed that he had made the remarks, but said, "I was under the impression I was talking off the records."

He said he considers the book "wonderful" and believes it will influence history. Cerf declined to elaborate further.

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"This is not our book," he said, "and I'm interested in it only as an American citizen and as a publisher who is concerned with books."

The student newspaper said Cerf described another incident in the manuscript of the book — that President Johnson claims he telephoned Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy from Texas shortly after the assassination, asking for advice on whether or not he should be sworn in as chief executive in Dallas or in Washington.

Cerf was quoted as saying that Kennedy now denies he received such a call.

A Kennedy aide said yesterday, "He doesn't deny that he received that call. The incident is described at length in the book and the senator does not deny receiving the telephone call."

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