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SECOND NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY BOOK

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NEW YORK DEC. 19 (AP)-THE PUBLISHERS OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" SAID TONIGHT THEY WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE BOOK OVER MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY'S BITTER OBJECTIONS, "IN THE INTEREST OF HISTORICAL ACCURACY."

THIS BROUGHT A QUICK REPLY FROM A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY, WHO SAID:

"NO AMOUNT OF RHETORIC ABOUT 'HISTORICAL ACCURACY' OR THE PUBLIC'S 'RIGHT TO KNOW' CAN ALTER THE NATURE OF THIS CONTROVERSY-WHETHER MR. MANCHESTER AND THE PUBLISHERS BROKE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT, FROM WHICH BRE⁸ACH ENORMOUS PROFITS WILL APPARENTLY FLOW."

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THE EXCHANGE CAME AMID REPORTED MANEUVERINGS BY ATTORNEYS FOR A COMPROMISE ON PASSAGES IN THE BOOK WHICH MRS. KENNEDY REGARDS AS TOO STARKLY PERSONAL FOR PUBLICATION.

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A SPOKESMEN FOR THE PUBLISHERS, HARPER & ROW, HAD REPORTED ;ONTINUING EFFORTS TO PATCH THINGS UP."

A COURT HEARING ON A SUIT TO BLOCK PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK IS EIGHT DAYS AWAY.

THE KENNEDY SPOKESMAN SAID IN A STATEMENT:

"THE QUESTION IS NOT THE BOOK'S 'RIGHT TO LIVE'--NO ONE HAS DENIED THAT RIGHT. THE QUESTION IS THE RIGHT OF MRS. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TO LIVE WITH A MINIMUM OF PRIVACY AND DIGNITY, FREE FROM THE PUBLICATION OF INTIMATE DETAILS OF THEIR LIVES AT A TIME OF GREAT SORROW--DETAILS WHICH BEAR NO CONCEIVABLE RELATION TO HISTORY."

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TO HISTORY."

CASS CANFIELD, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HARPER
& ROW, HAD SAID IN AN EARLIER STATEMENT THAT HIS FIRM WANTED TO GO
AHEAD WITH PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK "IN THE INTEREST OF HISTORICAL
ACCURACY AND OF THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUE FACTS OF THE
AWESOME TRAGEDY."

"UNDERSTANDABLY," HE CONTINUED, "THE MEMBER OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY
WERE UNWILLING TO READ THE MANUSCRIPT THEMSELVES AND HENCE
THEY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO DO THIS FOR THEM HAD THEY READ
IT THEMSELVES THE PRESENT SITUATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED."

AS TO PROFITS FROM THE BOOK, CANFIELD SAID THE PUBLISHER'S
ADVANCE TO MANCHESTER WAS \$40,000 AND NOT THE \$675,000 "ERRONEOUSLY
REPORTED BY THE PRESS."

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11TH GRAPH "AS TO XXX THE PRESS."

CANFIELD SAID ALL HARPER & ROW PROFITS FROM THE BOOK WILL GO TO THE
KENNEDY LIBRARY "EXCEPT FOR A SMALL RETURN TO HARPER'S ON ITS
FIRST PRINTING. IN NO EVENT WILL THIS LIMIT BE EXCEEDED."

HE SAID MANCHESTER ALSO WAS MAKING "SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS" TO
THE LIBRARY FROM HIS EARNINGS ON THE BOOK.

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NEW YORK--SECOND ADD SECOND NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY BOOK (A113)
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THE REPLY FROM THE KENNEDY SPOKESMAN READ:

"ALTHOUGH NEITHER SEN. KENNEDY NOR MRS. KEN DY HAS READ

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"ALTHOUGH NEITHER SEN. KENNEDY NOR MRS. KENNEDY HAS READ THE
MANCHESTER MANUSCRIPT IN ITS ENTIRETY--AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES
HAVE DONE SO--BOTH MANCHESTER AND THE PUBLISHERS KNEW THAT MRS.
KENNEDY WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PERSONAL PASSAGES TO WHICH SHE
OBJECTED.

"INDEED, MRS. KENNEDY SPOKE DIRECTLY TO MANCHESTER ON AT LEAST
ONE OCCASION, OUTLINING HER OBJECTIONS TO THOSE PARTS OF THE
MANUSCRIPT WHICH SHE FELT UNNECESSARILY INVADED HER PRIVACY AND
THAT OF HER CHILDREN.

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"AN ALTHOUGH HE AGREED TO DELETE THEM FROM THE PUBLISHED VERSION,
NEITHER MANCHESTER NOR HARPER & ROW NOR LOOK MAGAZINE HAS DONE SO,
NOT HAVE THEY EVEN, IN THE PERIOD OF THIS DISPUTE, PERMITTED MRS.
KENNEDY OR HER REPRESENTATIVES ACCESS TO THE MANUSCRIPT.

"AND THIS DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
PERIOD BY HARPER & ROW THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD BE HONORED. SINCE
REPRESENTATIVES OF HARPER & ROW PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THE AGREEMENT
THIS LAW SUIT IS BASED ON, IT IS SUPRIRSING THAT MR. CANFIELD'S
STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION IT."

MRS. KENNEDY'S X X 7TH GRAF NIGHT LEAD A15 (COUNTY A54 INSERT).

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MRS. KENNEDY'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., DECLARED: "IT'S WHAT SHE FEELS THAT'S IMPORTANT HERE. IT'S VERY, VERY, VERY DISTRESSING TO HER. SHE IS A VERY SENSITIVE WOMAN."

BIT BY BIT, IN LEAKS BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE READ AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S 300,000-WORD MANUSCRIPT--OR AN 30,000-WORD LOOK MAGAZINE ABSTRACT--THE DISPUTED PASSAGES WERE BEING MADE PUBLIC.

ONE PASSAGE TELLS OF MRS. KENNEDY WRESTLING WITH A NURSE WHO TRIED TO BAR HER FROM A DALLAS HOSPITAL ROOM WHERE HER HUSBAND WAS TAKEN AFTER THE ASSASSINATION ON NOV. 22, 1963.

THE READER WHO REPORTED THIS QUOTED THE BOOK:

"JACKIE KEEPS SAYING SHE WANTS TO KEEP HER BLOOD-SPATTERED CLOTHES ON SO "THEY CAN SEE WHAT THEY'VE DONE."

A FORMER HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION CITED ANOTHER PORTION OF THE BOOK WHICH MRS. KENNEDY FOUND OBJECTIONABLE:

"THERE WAS A LETTER MRS. KENNEDY WROTE TO THE PRESIDENT WHILE SHE WAS IN GREECE. IT WAS HIGHLY PERSONAL. SHE DESCRIBED HER FEELINGS ABOUT ~~HER~~^{husband} TO HER HUSBAND. MANCHESTER USED SEVERAL QUOTES FROM THE LETTER AND I DO KNOW THAT MRS. KENNEDY OBJECTED TO THIS."

ANOTHER DISPUTED PASSAGE DESCRIBED IN MRS. KENNEDY'S OWN WORDS THE LAST NIGHT SHE SPENT WITH HER HUSBAND BEFORE GOING TO DALLAS.

ONE WHO READ THE MANUSCRIPT SAID "THERE WAS TOO MUCH BLOOD AND GUTS" IN ITS DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTUAL SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT.

ANOTHER DESCRIBED AS "HEARTBREAKING" AN INTIMATE ACCOUNT OF HOW THE ASSASSINATION AND THE PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL WERE EXPLAINED
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THE ASSASSINATION AND THE PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL WERE EXPLAINED TO KENNEDY'S CHILDREN, CAROLINE AND JOHN F. JR.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, NEW YORK POST AND NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN REPORTED THAT OTHER CONTROVERSIAL MATTER IN THE BOOK INCLUDED:

AN ALLEGATION OF INCOMPETENCE AND LAXITY BY SECRET SERVICE MEN, FBI AGENTS AND DALLAS POLICE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SAFETY ON THE DAY OF THE SLAYING.

FRICITION BETWEEN SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND LYNDON B. JOHNSON
OVER HOW SOON THE LATTER SHOULD DELIVER HIS FIRST MESSAGE AS
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A KENNEDY FAMILY DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER THE SLAIN PRESIDENT
SHOULD BE BURIED IN MASSACHUSETTS OR IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.
THE BOOK SAYS MRS. KENNEDY INSISTED ON ARLINGTON.

MRS. KENNEDY'S LAWYER, SIMON H. RIFKIND, SAID HE DID NOT
RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE KENNEDY FAMILY'S SUIT MIGHT BE
SETTLED SHORT OF A TRIAL.

THE HEARING ON DEC. 27 BEFORE A MANHATTAN JUDGE OF THE NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT WILL BE ON A PETITION BY MRS. KENNEDY AND SEN.
ROBERT F. KENNEDY FOR AN INJUNCTION TO BAR PUBLICATION.

THE INJUNCTION HEARING WILL BE BASED ON AFFIDAVITS FILED BY MRS.
KENNEDY AND THE SENATOR. IF MANCHESTER AND THE DEFENDANT PUBLISHERS
DECIDE TO RESIST AN INJUNCTION, THE CASE WOULD GO TO TRIAL.
MRS. KENNEDY THEN WOULD FACE THE ORDEAL OF A WITNESS STAND APPEARANCE.

MEANWHILE MANCHESTER DENIED IN A STATEMENT THAT PUBLICATION OF THE
BOOK WOULD BE A BREACH OF AN UNDERSTANDING WITH MRS. KENNEDY AND
THE SENATOR.

THE KENNEDYS INSIST THAT THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN UNDER AN AGREEMENT
GIVING MRS. KENNEDY AND THE SENATOR VETO RIGHTS OVER ITS CONTENT AND
PUBLICATION TIME. MANCHESTER SAYS THE SENATOR GAVE HIM A GO-AHEAD
IN A TELEGRAM LAST JULY. THE SENATOR DENIES THIS.

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW YORK POST, SEN. KENNEDY
SAID TODAY FROM SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, WHERE HE IS VACATIONING:

"THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE. IF MANCHESTER FELT HE COULDN'T ABIDE
BY IT, HE SHOULD HAVE SAID SO THEN, NOT NOW, NOT TWO AND A
HALF YEARS LATER.

"BUT THE ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE AND HE SAID IT WAS SATISFACTORY.

"I AGREE THAT THERE IS A LEGITIMATE ARGUMENT OVER WHETHER THE
AGREEMENT EVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO. THAT'S LEGITIMATE.
BUT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP THEN, NOT NOW.

"IF HE HAD SAID THEN THAT HE WOULD BE THE FINAL JUDGE, THAT
IT WAS HIS OWN TASTE, HIS OWN JUDGMENT THAT WOULD BE THE FINAL,
DECIDING FACTOR, WELL, THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. BUT HE DIDN'T SAY
THAT."

MANCHESTER, IN HIS STATEMENT, INSISTED THAT "IN THE SUMMER OF 1966, AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN BY THE FAMILY FOR PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK IN EARLY 1967, TO BE PRECEDED BY SERIALIZATION IN LOOK MAGAZINE."

"IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, THIS IS MY BOOK," MANCHESTER SAID.

"NEITHER MRS. KENNEDY NOR ANY MEMBER OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY NOR ANYONE ELSE IS IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY RESEARCH OR THE CONTENT OF MY WORK.

"IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY BOOK CAN WITHSTAND ANY OBJECTIVE TEST, PARTICULARLY THE TEST OF TIME. I ASK ONLY THAT IT BE GIVEN THE CHANCE."

WHEN MANCHESTER DECIDED HE WAS FREE TO PROCEED WITH PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, HIS AGENT SENT COPIES TO LIFE, LOOK, THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, MCCALL'S AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR BIDS ON SERIALIZATION RIGHTS.

LOOK WON OUT WITH A BID OF \$665,000, PLUS A GRANT OF CONSIDERABLE CONTROL BY MANCHESTER OVER HOW THE SERIALIZATION WOULD BE HANDLED.

THE KENNEDY SUIT PLACES LOOK IN A DILEMMA. THE SERIALIZATION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN ITS JAN. 24 ISSUE, WHICH NORMALLY WOULD REACH NEWSSTANDS ON JAN. 10.

THE ISSUE HAS GONE TO PRESS. LOOK HAS DECLINED TO SAY HOW MANY COPIES MIGHT HAVE TO BE WITHHELD IF THE COURT GRANTS AN INJUNCTION AGAINST PUBLICATION.

A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE READ THE MANCHESTER MANUSCRIPT SAY THAT IN ADDITION TO THE INTIMATE PERSONAL REFERENCES WHICH UPSET MRS. KENNEDY, THE BOOK IS GENERALLY UNCOMPLIMENTARY TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON. IT THUS MIGHT PROVE POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING TO SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

ONE PUBLISHING EXECUTIVE WHO SAW THE MANUSCRIPT TOLD THE NEW YORK POST IT RELATES A FEELING AMONG THE KENNEDYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION THAT "THIS WAS JOHNSON'S STATE--TEXAS. THAT IT HAPPENED IN HIS STATE.

"THEY DIDN'T THINK HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, BUT HE HAD BROUGHT THEM THERE.

"THEY REMEMBERED THAT IT WAS IN DALLAS THAT ADLAI STEVENSON HAD BEEN SPAT UPON. AND THEY, THE KENNEDYS, FELT THAT JOHNSON WAS PART OF THIS THING, THIS CONSERVATISM, AND THERE WASN'T ANYTHING HE COULD HAVE DONE THAT WOULD HAVE CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

"HE REPRESENTED EVERYTHING PRESIDENT KENNEDY WASN'T--THE CRUDITY, THE SOUTHERNER, THE PROFESSIONAL POLITICIAN."

THE EXECUTIVE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE BOOK PRESIDENT JOHNSON "BEHAVED IN A NOT SURPRISING WAY. HE WANTED TO ESTABLISH THAT HE WAS PRESIDENT.

"THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DEFERENCE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. BUT HE'S A MUCH MORE ROUGH-HEWN INDIVIDUAL, AND THE KENNEDYS ARE MORE POLISHED. THERE WAS A GREAT GULF BETWEEN THEM. THE BOOK SHOWS THIS."

THE EXECUTIVE ADDED THAT MRS. KENNEDY "WAS IN A STATE OF SHOCK, CLEARLY. SHE WAS RESENTFUL OF THE FACT THAT JOHNSON AND HIS ENTOURAGE WERE ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY."

THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, IN A STORY TELLING OF CONFUSION AMONG SECRET SERVICE MEN ON THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION, SAID:

"ONE OF THE MOST MOVING INCIDENTS, ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE MANUSCRIPT READERS, CONCERNS THE KENNEDY DAUGHTER, CAROLINE.

"THE SOURCE SAID THE BOOK DESCRIBED IT THIS WAY:

"WHEN THE ASSASSINATION BECAME KNOWN, THE CHILD WAS DRIVING WITH A NURSE AND A SECRET SERVICE MAN NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE. THE SECRET SERVICE MAN DID NOT KNOW IF THE ASSASSINATION WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

"THE NURSE WANTED TO TAKE CAROLINE TO HER OWN HOME. BUT THE SECRET SERVICE MAN SUGGESTED THEY RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

"ON THE WAY BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE, THE SECRET SERVICE MAN NOTICED A CAR WAS FOLLOWING THEM. AFTER A FEW TURNS, AS THE CAR CONTINUED TO FOLLOW, THE SECRET SERVICE MAN WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GETTING OUT AND SHOOTING THE DRIVER IF HE DID NOT SHAKE THE SECOND CAR.

"HOWEVER, THE AGENT MANAGED TO EVADE THE SECOND CAR. MANCHESTER, IN THE BOOK, IS SAID TO CONSIDER THAT THE SECOND CAR WAS DRIVEN BY A SECRET SERVICE MAN, TRYING TO PROTECT CAROLINE."

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