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WITH TED KENNEDY

BOSTON, DEC. 20 (AP)-HERE IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE REMARKS BY U.S. SEN. TED KENNEDY, D-MASS., ON BOSTON TV STATION WHDA-TV RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF A BOOK CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY:

INTERVIEWER LEO EGAN ASKED KENNEDY IF HE WISHED TO COMMENT ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK.

KENNEDY REPLIED: "I THINK BACK SOME THREE YEARS AGO THAT MRS. KENNEDY HAD DETAILED CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MANCHESTER. SHE WANTED TO HAVE THE EVENTS SURROUNDING 1963 TO BE RECORDED FOR HISTORY. SHE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO REVEAL TO SOMEONE THAT SHE DID HAVE A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN AND WHO WAS AN EXCELLENT WRITER HER INNERMOST THOUGHTS SO THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE BACKGROUND, PERSPECTIVE TO WRITE THE HISTORY OF THIS PERIOD OF TIME. BUT IT WAS ALSO HER VERY EARNEST HOPE AND WISH THAT HER VERY PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS WHICH AREN'T REALLY NECESSARY TO HISTORICAL ACCURACY IN THIS EVENT, THAT SHE WOULD HAVE A SAY IN WHAT WAS TO BE USED IN THIS SENSE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT SHE'S MOST SENSITIVE TO AND I THINK SHE IS TRYING TO PROTECT AND THAT IS THE VERY DETAILED RIGHT OF PRIVACY IN THIS RESPECT. I THINK MR. MANCHESTER UNDERSTOOD THAT AT THAT TIME AND I THINK THE EVENTS NOW ARE UNFORTUNATELY BEFORE THE COURT TO BE RESOLVED AS TO WHAT THE MEANING OF THAT AGREEMENT WAS."



EGAN MENTIONED A TAPE RECORDING SESSION WHICH WAS IN LATE 1963 AND ASKED: "WAS SHE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF HER EMOTIONS OR STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK?"

KENNEDY REPLIED: "I THINK IT'S DIFFICULT REALLY TO SPECULATE. I THINK EVERYONE OF US THINKS BACK OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME REALIZE THE EXTREME EMOTIONAL TRAUMA THAT SHE WAS UNDER AND I THINK WE TRY AND RESPECT THAT THERE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF INTEREST SURROUNDING THE EVENTS AND THAT IT WAS REALLY TO TRY TO RELATE COMPLETELY AND AUTHORITATIVELY, HONESTLY AND CANDIDLY THE EVENTS OF THAT PERIOD OF TIME THAT THIS WAS UNDERTAKEN. AND I THINK THE ONLY THING SHE HAS THE MOST SERIOUS RESERVATIONS NOW IS ABOUT THE MOST INTIMATE KINDS OF PERSONAL DETAILS WHICH SHE REALLY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY TO REVEAL THOSE FOR HISTORICAL ACCURACY."

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"OBVIOUSLY THE EVENTS HAVE TO BE OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC EVENTS PUBLIC POLICY AND SHOULD BE THE INTEREST AND CONCERN OF ALL OF US AS AMERICANS AND THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THAT'S REALLY THE CRUX OF IT AND I THINK THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATELY REGRETTABLE THAT IT'S BEFORE THE COURTS BUT HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE RESOLVED SPEEDILY."

EGAN SAID: "DO YOU OPPOSE PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL IN THE BOOK OR MAGAZINE?"

KENNEDY SAID: "LET ME SAY THIS. I'M HOPEFUL THAT SOMEDAY THE BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED. THERE'S NEVER REALLY BEEN ANY QUESTION ON MY PART OR I BELIEVE ON MRS. KENNEDY'S OR SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY'S PART. IT'S REALLY A QUESTION, I BELIEVE, OF THESE VERY PERSONAL KINDS OF FEELINGS, EMOTIONS."

EGAN INTERRUPTS TO SAY "THEY ARE NOT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE HISTORICAL REPORT ON THAT DAY?"

KENNEDY SAID: "THAT IS THE POSITION OF MRS. KENNEDY."

EGAN ASKS IF IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A COMPROMISE CAN BE REACHED.

KENNEDY SAID: "LET'S HOPE SO."

EGAN ASKS IF HE SEES ANY MERIT IN THE RASH OF BOOKS QUESTIONING THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT:

KENNEDY SAID: "LET ME JUST SAY THAT I NEVER READ THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT NOR DO I INTEND TO DO SO. I'M SATISFIED, HOWEVER, THAT IT DOES PRESENT ACCURATELY THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING 1963. NOR HAS IT BEEN QUESTIONED. I AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY THE REPORT. I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON ANY OF THE OTHER BOOKS."

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