

MANCHA

21 DEC 1966

EB92

NEW YORK DEC. 21 (AP)-HERE IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY GARDNER COWLES, EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN OF LOOK MAGAZINE, ON SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE WITH MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY OVER SERIALIZATION OF A BOOK ON THE ASSASSINATION OF HER HUSBAND:

"FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN MRS. KENNEDY, HER ADVISORS AND 'LOOK' EDITORS, SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF THE 'LOOK' SERIALIZATION WERE MUTUALLY AGREED ON. THESE CHANGES, INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 1,600 OUT OF 80,000 AUTHORIZED WORDS, IN NO WAY AFFECTED THE HISTORICAL ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF MR. MANCHESTER'S MANUSCRIPT.

"THEY CONCERN ONLY THE PASSAGES TO WHICH MRS. KENNEDY OBJECTED ON PERSONAL GROUNDS.

"WE ARE SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSION. MR. MANCHESTER'S BOOK IS A REPORT OF GREAT VALUE AND MEANING FOR ALL AMERICANS. I AM GLAD THIS DISPUTE IS BEHIND US AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CENSORSHIP OF HISTORY.

"AS THE RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH MRS. KENNEDY AND HER REPRESENTATIVES, MR. MANCHESTER'S SUPERB JOB OF REPORTING REMAINS INTACT. WE WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NEITHER MRS. KENNEDY NOR SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY NOR ANY MEMBER OF HER FAMILY HAS IN ANY WAY APPROVED OR ENDORSED MATERIAL APPEARING IN 'LOOK'S' SERIALIZATION FOR WHICH THE PUBLISHERS OF 'LOOK' ASSUME COMPLETE AND SOLE RESPONSIBILITY.

"I HOPE THAT THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND HARPER & ROW WILL BE SPEEDILY RESOLVED BECAUSE CASS CANFIELD, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLISHING COMPANY, HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE SERIALIZATION.

"THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ MR. MANCHESTER'S MANUSCRIPT."

KK1045PCS