

In N. Y. Court

JFK Book Plea Thursday

NEW YORK — (AP) — A New York Supreme Court justice today set a hearing for Thursday at the request of the publishers of "The Death of a President" in

Mrs. John F. Kennedy's suit to block its publication as a breach of contract and invasion of privacy.

Counsel for the ailing author, William Manchester,

asked that the hearing, as it applies to him, be put off until Jan. 16.

Justice Saul Streit granted both requests.

At Middletown, Conn., Manchester, hospitalized with pneumonia, was off the critical list today. He had received get-well telegrams from both Mrs. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dr. F. Erwin Tracy said Manchester was in good spirits but will be hospitalized about a week.

Outside the court, Edward S. Greenbaum, counsel for Harper & Row, said "no hitch has developed" in the negotiations with Mrs. Kennedy's representatives.

Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's chief counsel, was asked how close the parties were to an out of court agreement. He replied: "The solution has not been found."

The defendants had been ordered to show cause today why they should not be barred from bringing out Manchester's 300,000-word account of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Look Magazine, which plans to serialize the Kennedy-commissioned book next month, already has settled its differences with Mrs. Kennedy.