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NEW YORK, DEC. 29 (AP)—MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY WROTE PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV BEFORE SHE LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT HE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ALTHOUGH ADVERSARIES, WERE ALLIED IN A DETERMINATION THAT THE WORLD WOULD NOT BE BLOWN UP.

MRS. KENNEDY SAID SHE WAS CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WOULD CONTINUE HER HUSBAND'S POLICY WHICH SHE TERMED ONE OF CONTROL AND RESTRAINT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THE LETTER WILL BE IN THE LOOK MAGAZINE SERIALIZATION OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT." THE SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED ABOUT THE LETTER AFTER A PERSON WHO HAD READ THE MANUSCRIPT RELATED DETAILS OF IT TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MANCHESTER ALSO SAYS IN THE SERIALIZATION, ACCORDING TO A PERSON WHO HAS READ IT:

--HE AGREES WITH THE THEORY OF THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION, THAT GOV. JOHN CONALLY OF TEXAS, WHO WAS RIDING WITH KENNEDY IN THE DALLAS MOTORCADE NOV. 22, 1963, WAS HIT BY THE SAME BULLET THAT WENT THROUGH KENNEDY'S BODY. CONALLY HAS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT HE AND KENNEDY WERE HIT BY DIFFERENT BULLETS.

--NEWSMAN CHARLES BARTLETT TOLD DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT S. MCNAMARA HE HAD HEARD FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT HE WAS TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE SECOND TERM. BARTLETT SAID TODAY HE DID NOT CARE TO COMMENT.

(ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER, JR., A FORMER ADVISER TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WROTE RECENTLY THAT KENNEDY HAD DECIDED IN 1963 TO REPLACE DEAN RUSK AS SECRETARY OF STATE AFTER THE 1964 ELECTION).

--MANCHESTER SAYS THAT ONCE RUSK HAD LEFT, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL, WOULD ASK TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

--KENNEDY WAS TAKING FRENCH LESSONS, DETERMINED THAT WHEN HE MET PRESIDENT CHARLES DEGAULLE HE WOULD NOT ONLY SPEAK TO HIM IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE BUT NEGOTIATE IN IT.

--PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S BIBLE, USED BY FEDERAL JUDGE SARAH HUGHES WHEN SHE ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO LYNDON B. JOHNSON, THE NEW PRESIDENT, IS MISSING. A MAN WHOM JUDGE HUGHES DID NOT KNOW, BUT

WHOM SHE THOUGHT A SECURITY OFFICIAL, ASKED FOR IT AND DISAPPEARED.

--SOME OFFICIALS, WONDERING WHERE THEY COULD FIND THE TEXT OF THE OATH FOR THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY, FORGOT THAT IT IS IN THE CONSTITUTION.

--SCHLESINGER ASKED DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JOHN BAILEY IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO DENY THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1968 TO JOHNSON. BAILEY SAID THE RESULT WOULD BE TO LOSE THE ELECTION.

MEANWHILE, A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY SAID THAT MRS. KENNEDY HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN WHICH SHE EXPRESSED "APPRECIATION FOR THE CONSIDERATE BEHAVIOR HE SHOWED HER."

"IN SOME RESPECTS THE BOOK PAINTS AN UNFAVORABLE PICTURE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON," THE SOURCE SAID. "BUT THIS DID NOT COME FROM MRS. KENNEDY, OR ROBERT KENNEDY. IT CAME FROM SOME OTHER SOURCES AND FROM THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHOR, WHICH HE IS ENTITLED TO MAKE."

THE SOURCE SAID THAT "MRS. KENNEDY HAS ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND THOUGHTFULNESS PRESIDENT JOHNSON SHOWED HER. I THINK SHE STILL WRITES HIM NOW AND THEN, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW OFTEN."

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IN THE MANUSCRIPT, JOHNSON REPORTEDLY IS SHOWN AS BOORISH AND THOUGHTLESS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE AT THE DALLAS AIRPORT AND ON THE RETURN FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON.

BUT THE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE FAMILY SAID MRS. KENNEDY NEVER FELT IT WAS WRONG FOR JOHNSON TO RIDE ON AIR FORCE ONE, THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE CARRYING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S BODY. THE SOURCE SAID SHE FELT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO LEAVE JOHNSON BEHIND.

MRS. KENNEDY HAD FILED A SUIT IN MANHATTAN SUPREME COURT DEC. 16 SEEKING TO BLOCK THE FOUR-PART, 60,000-WORD SERIALIZATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT BY LOOK AND THE PUBLICATION NEXT APRIL OF THE 300,000-WORD BOOK BY HARPER & ROW ON GROUNDS IT INVADED HER PRIVACY.

BUT LOOK AND MRS. KENNEDY REACHED AN OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT LAST WEEK AFTER THE MAGAZINE AGREED TO MODIFY PASSAGES THAT SHE CONSIDERED

TOO PERSONAL AND OF NO HISTORICAL VALUE. THE FIRST PART OF THENLOOK SERIES BEGINS IN THE ISSUE THAT HITS NEWSSTANDS JAN. 10.

ATTORNEYS FOR HARPER & ROW, MANCHESTER AND MRS. KENNEDY MET PRIVATELY YESTERDAY WITH MANHATTAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAUL S. STREIT IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SETTLE THEIR DISPUTE OVER THE BOOK OUT OF COURT.

"SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE," A KENNEDY FAMILY SPOKESMAN SAID AFTER THE MEETING.

ANOTHER MEETING WAS SET FOR TODAY BETWEEN ATTORNEYS FOR THE TWO SIDES.

STREIT SAID HE WOULD MEET AGAIN WITH THE LAWYERS ON JAN. 5 IF NO SETTLEMENT IS REACHED BY THEN AND SET A DATE FOR A TRIAL ON A REQUEST FOR A PERMANENT INJUNCTION THAT WOULD PREVENT HARPER & ROW FROM PUBLISHING THE BOOK.

MRS. KENNEDY AND HARPER & ROW ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT TUESDAY SAYING BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED TO FORGO ANY LEGAL ACTION UNTIL MID-JANUARY SO THEY COULD CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

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IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, SCHLESINGER CRITICIZED MANCHESTER YESTERDAY FOR INCLUDING IN HIS MANUSCRIPT PERSONAL MATERIAL HE GAINED FROM 10 HOURS OF TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. KENNEDY.

SCHLESINGER SAID HE HAD APPROVED THE INTERVIEWS, BUT THAT HE (SCHLESINGER) HAD ASSURED MRS. KENNEDY SHE WAS "MAKING A DEPOSITION FOR THE HISTORIAN OF THE 21ST CENTURY."

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, SCHLESINGER SAID:

"IF THE HARPER & ROW CONTENTION WERE UPHELD, IF THE PROPOSITION WERE ESTABLISHED THAT A PERSON CONFIDING HIS ORAL HISTORICAL RECOLLECTIONS TO THE ELECTRONIC TAPE LOSES TO THE INTERVIEWER ALL FUTURE RIGHTS OVER THE INTERVIEW, THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM WHICH PROMISES SO MUCH TO THE HISTORIAN OF THE FUTURE WOULD BE DEAD."

SCHLESINGER TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER THE MEETING HE HAD HAD SIMILAR INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. KENNEDY BEFORE WRITING HIS OWN BOOK, "A THOUSAND DAYS."

HE SAID IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM "THAT THE TAPES AND TRANSCRIPTS RESULTING FROM MY INTERVIEWS WERE MINE TO BE USED AT MY DISCRETION."

MANCHESTER HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. HE IS IN A HOSPITAL IN MIDDLETOWN, CONN., WITH A MILD CASE OF PNEUMONIA. HE WAS REPORTED RESTING COMFORTABLY AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL THE REST OF THE WEEK .

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