Publisher Sets Deadline on Kennedy Book

New York

Harper & Row, publisher of "The Death of a President," said yesterday that if it cannot reach an amicable agreement with Jacqueline Kennedy on the book by mid-January, a trial of the issues will be held them.

The company issued a statement stating that a report in the New York Times that "for all practical purposes the temporary injunction (against publication of the book) sought by Mrs. Kennedy is now in force" was incorrect.

The publishing company said its attorneys expected to hear from Mrs. Kennedy's counsel regarding continuation of negotiatons on a text of the William Manchester book.

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