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Defense Set For JFK Book Trial

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Barring settlement, Harper & Row and William Manchester will go to trial Jan. 18, arguing that Mrs. John F. Kennedy actually approved publication of "The Death of a President."

Their defense was made known in court papers filed late yesterday in answer to Mrs. Kennedy's suit to block publication of the book.

Although lawyers are continuing negotiations over portions of the text Mrs. Kennedy finds objectionable, State Supreme Court Justice Saul S. Streit scheduled trial for Jan. 18.

"In the event the negotiations are not completed the parties will go to trial," Streit said.