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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., JAN. 9 (AP)-TEXAS LIBERAL DEMOCRAT MAURY MAVERICK JR., SAYS AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER WAS WRONG ABOUT HIS STATEMENTS AT A POLITICAL SQUABBLE INVOLVING PRESIDENT KENNEDY AT SAN ANTONIO, NOV. 21, 1963.

BUT MAVERICK, A FORMER STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMAN, SAID MANCHESTER WAS RIGHT IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF LOOK MAGAZINE CARRYING HIS BOOK "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" IN OUTLINING A HASSLE INVOLVING KENNEDY, THEN-VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, SEN. RALPH YARBOROUGH, D-TEX., AND TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY.

MAVERICK SAID IN A WEEKEND INTERVIEW THAT MANCHESTER WAS WRONG IN REPORTING HE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH YARBOROUGH.

"ALTHOUGH I WAS THE STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMAN," MAVERICK SAID, "I WAS NOT INVITED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT, AND NOT PERMITTED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CONNALLY PEOPLE. I WAS NEVER AT THE AIRPORT AND NEVER HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH SEN. YARBOROUGH WHILE HE WAS IN SAN ANTONIO."

AS TOLD BY THE LOOK SERIALIZATION, YARBOROUGH WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY A GROUP OF SAN ANTONIO LIBERALS WHO WARNED HIM OF "THE AUSTIN PLOT," APPARENTLY AN INTRA-PARTY WRANGLE OVER WHERE YARBOROUGH WAS TO SIT AT A DINNER SCHEDULED NOV. 22 IN AUSTIN.

MANCHESTER WROTE THAT THE SAN ANTONIO LIBERALS SUGGESTED YARBOROUGH LEAVE THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY IN DALLAS THE NEXT DAY AND SAID THE SENATOR "NODDED VIGOROUSLY."

THE ARTICLE QUOTED MAVERICK AS SAYING YARBOROUGH SHOULDN'T GET "IN THE SAME CAR WITH JOHNSON. EVERY LIBERAL HERE AND IN HOUSTON KNOWS WHAT CONNALLY AND JOHNSON ARE TRYING TO DO TO YOU, AND THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE IF YOU KNUCKLE UNDER TO IT."

YARBOROUGH AND CONNALLY ARE LONGTIME POLITICAL FOES. YARBOROUGH'S POLITICAL FEUD WITH JOHNSON HAS NOT BEEN IN EVIDENCE SINCE JOHNSON BECAME PRESIDENT.

MANCHESTER SAID SECRET SERVICE AGENT RUFUS YOUNGBLOOD APPROACHED YARBOROUGH THAT DAY AND TOLD HIM HE WAS TO RIDE IN JOHNSON'S CAR, BUT SAID YARBOROUGH "SPUN ON HIS HEEL," APPROACHED SAN ANTONIO'S DEMOCRATIC REP. HENRY GONZALEZ AND ASKED, "CAN I HITCH A RIDE WITH YOU?"

MAVERICK SAID YARBOROUGH PROBABLY WAS SERIOUSLY UPSET OVER THE POLITICAL MANEUVERING AND HAD A RIGHT TO BE.

"THE REAL STORY," MAVERICK SAID, "IS THAT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ADVANCE MAN, PROBABLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOV. CONNALLY,

WAS DEALING EXCLUSIVELY WITH CONNALLY PEOPLE AND MAKING A STUDIED
EFFORT TO EMBARRASS RALPH YARBOROUGH AND HIS LIEUTENANTS THROUGHOUT
THE STATE OF TEXAS."

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