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PHOTO CONTRADICTS BOOK: Photograph published by The Boston Globe shows Kenneth P. O'Donnell at the right, with Mrs. John F. Kennedy next to President Johnson as he took the oath in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. In his book, "The Death of a President," William Manchester said Mr. O'Donnell was not present at ceremony but in corridor outside room.

Photo Rebuts Manchester on Johnson Ceremony

BOSTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Boston Globe reproduced today a photograph showing Kenneth P. O'Donnell, then a White House assistant, standing beside Mrs. John F. Kennedy when President Johnson took the oath of office in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

In his book, "The Death of A President," William Manchester reported that Mr. O'Donnell had not attended the ceremony.

The photograph, which The Globe said had never been published, shows Mr. O'Donnell standing behind and slightly to the left of Mrs. Kennedy.

Asked, when he testified before the Warren commission, whether he had been present at the ceremony, Mr. O'Donnell had replied, "I was."

O'Donnell Shown Beside Mrs. Kennedy at Swearing In— He Says He Was There

Mr. Manchester pictured Mr. O'Donnell as pacing a corridor, "his hands clapped against his ears as though to block the oath." In connection with publication of The Globe photograph, Mr. O'Donnell said:

"I was standing next to Jackie through the whole ceremony. I walked with her from the bedroom to where the ceremony took place and I stayed with her the whole time."

He said that when everything was ready for the swearing-in, Mr. Johnson asked, "Where's Jackie?" Mr. O'Donnell said he

had not wanted Mrs. Kennedy to attend the ceremony.

"I objected to her being there for the swearing-in. I said she had been through enough," he recalled, adding, "the President said 'she's willing to do it.'"

"I went to the bedroom and told her that in my judgment she shouldn't. I told her it would be too much for her. Jackie said, 'I think I ought to.'"

"We then left and I took her up to where the swearing-in was to take place. That's how I was there."

The Globe said its hitherto-unpublished photograph of the ceremony had been taken by Capt. Cecil Stoughton, the official White House photographer, who also took the widely known picture published shortly after the event.