

New Kennedy Book Ruckus



O'DONNELL



O'BRIEN



POWERS

O'Brien Balks at Publication

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WASHINGTON—
Another book on the late
President Kennedy is
coming out this year,
creating the usual
amount of bad blood all
round.

The contract for a
book on Kennedy's polit-
ical career was signed
three years ago by three
members of the "Irish
Mafia" — Lawrence
O'Brien, Kenneth O'Don-
nell and David Powers.
Now O'Brien, after spill-
ing 60 hours of reminis-
cences into a tape re-
corder, has flatly refused
to give his consent for
publication.

The other two are
livid. For O'Brien is the
outstanding example of
the Kennedy man who
has accommodated to
the ethos of Lyndon
Johnson, and kept his
hand on the hem of pow-
er.

He accommodated so
well that in 1964 he pri-
vately supported Hubert
Humphrey for Vice-
President against Rob-
ert Kennedy. So well,
that O'Brien, now Post-
master-General, may be
given control of the
Democratic National
Committee.

In other words, en-
trusted with the sacred
task of obtaining LBJ's
re-election to the White
House next year.

Today, O'Donnell and
Powers are in a mood of
publish and be damned.
They intend to jettison
O'Brien's contribution
and bring the book out
in the autumn.