

Jackie's Note To Nikita

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On her last day in the White House, Jacqueline Kennedy wrote a letter in longhand to then-Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev expressing, as a mother of two children, her hopes for peace, it was reported yesterday.

The incident was excerpted by Newsweek magazine from the book "The Death of a President," written by William Manchester. The book will be published by Harper & Row in January.

The book had been compiled with the help of the Kennedy family and, according to Newsweek, Manchester received a letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem-N.Y.), guaranteeing no family interference in its contents.

"There are 200 page one stories in it," Newsweek

quoted one source as saying about some subject matter.

Among the disclosures are that after swearing in President Johnson aboard Air Force One in Dallas, Judge Sarah Hughes handed the Kennedy family Bible upon which the oath was given to a man she assumed to be a Secret Service agent.

He was not, the book reported, and no one knows who he was. The bible has never been found.

Newsweek quoted a Look executive as saying:

"The kind of material in it (Manchester's book) doesn't usually find its way into print. This is the best of the Kennedy books. It's extraordinarily strong. The President (Johnson) is going to have to read it and I don't think he's going to like it."

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