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Published text & translations:

NoF 20th November 1963 - see http://www.lacanianworks.net/?p=730
Des Noms-du-Père, Éditions du Seuil, 2005 Translated by Bruce Fink (2013) & Mario Beira (February 2022)

Proposal 9th October 1967 - see http://www.lacanianworks.net/?p=135

So both texts are altered between the first publication and the second. Proposal 9th October 1967 has lost content, whereas NoF 20th November 1963 has both lost some phrases but gained considerable amounts of text. There is no verification by Jacques Lacan of NoF 20th November 1963, as it was not published in his lifetime. However Proposal 9th October 1967 was published within a year of Jacques Lacan giving the text.

Conclusion The text of Proposal 9th October 1967 published in 1968, is probably good enough to be relied on. The text of NoF 20th November 1963 is more difficult. The 1985 text is probably better and it is difficult to be firm about which version to use unless it can be checked against a tape-recording, given Jacques Lacan’s refusal to publish during his lifetime. Certainly the later version of each text seems to have been edited.
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