

PLEA FROM KENNEDY REJECTED BY STERN

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 8 (UPI)—Stern, the West German magazine, rejected today a last-minute request by Senator Robert F. Kennedy to delete certain passages from the serialization of William Manchester's book about the assassination of President Kennedy.

Henri Nanner, chief editor of Stern, said the request from the New York Democrat had come in a telegram. Mr. Nannen said Mr. Kennedy asked for the deletions to avoid "distress" to Mrs. John F. Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

Stern bought the West German rights to the serialization of the book by Look magazine for \$7,250. It will publish two versions of the serialization—the one published by Look and the original—next Tuesday.

Mr. Nannen said he disagreed with the view that the serialization would hurt the Kennedys.

He said he had sent a tele-

gram to Mr. Kennedy expressing regret that he could not go along with his wishes.

"If I were of the opinion that Manchester's portrayal could hurt the feelings of Mrs. Kennedy or her children, Stern would not publish this report," Mr. Nannen said in the telegram.

"Apart from this, I beg you to understand that German readers, who for 12 years experienced a censored press, are very sensitive to interference with the independence of an author," th telegram said.