

'JFK' stirs up B.O. interest o'seas

Warner Bros.' controversial assassination docudrama "JFK" continues to do sensational biz in overseas markets, with a gross of \$13,222,318 to date, after only two weekends in international release.

Richard Fox, prexy of WB's international theatrical division, said the strong overseas response is "both a tribute to fine filmmaking and a reminder of how important the events of 1963 were to the entire world."

Box office returns in both the United Kingdom and Switzerland showed upswings in the second weekend even though no new screens were added. The U.K. has

kicked in \$3,603,802 in 10 days, while Switzerland has contributed \$753,586 in the same period. Another strong market has been Germany, with \$3,241,470 in 11 days.

France, Sweden, Norway and Finland reported especially strong openings over the past few days, among 11 new markets for the pic, which originally bowed in six international territories.

"JFK" did a torrid \$2,028,459 in five days in France on 149 screens, for an average of \$13,614. Director Oliver Stone was presented with France's Order of Arts and Letters during his recent Euro pub tour.

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