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NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY FILM (330)

WASHINGTON, NOV. 17 (AP)-SEN. GEORGE S. MCGOVERN, D-S.D., SAID TODAY HE MAY ASK CONGRESS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERY AMERICAN TO SEE A NEW MEMORIAL FILM ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

ENTITLED "YEARS OF LIGHTNING, DAY OF DRUMS," THE FILM WAS PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY WITH FUNDS EARMARKED SOLELY FOR ACTIVITIES ABROAD.

IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SHOWN TO DOMESTIC AUDIENCES WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUCH DISTRIBUTION.

MCGOVERN, DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM UNDER KENNEDY, TOLD A REPORTER HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE ADVISABILITY OF SPONSORING SUCH A RESOLUTION.

A DEEPLY MOVED AUDIENCE OF NEW FRONTIERSMEN VIEWED THE FILM HERE LAST NIGHT AND IT WAS SHOWN SIMULTANEOUSLY TO INVITED GUESTS IN ROME, BEIRUT AND MEXICO CITY.

THE 90-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY, COVERING KENNEDY FROM THE DAY HE WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE DAY OF DRUMS--THE DAY HE WAS BURIED--WAS SCHEDULED FOR ADDITIONAL SHOWINGS TODAY IN LAGOS AND IBADAN, NIGERIA.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRINTS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN 114 NATIONS AND WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO ABOUT 30 OTHER LANGUAGES. ADDITIONAL SHOWINGS NOW LINED UP:

NOV. 20--DUBLIN.

NOV. 22--THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY'S DEATH, IN BONN, GERMANY; ACAPULCO, MEXICO; JAMAICA; BUENOS AIRES; ROSARIO AND CORDOBA, ARGENTINA; ANKARA, ISTANBUL AND IZMIR, TURKEY; COLOMBO, CEYLON; THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS; BAGHDAD, IRAQ; CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA; LUSAKA, ZAMBIA; SALISBURY, RHODESIA; AND COTONU, DAHOMEY.

NOV. 23--MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

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"IT IS A FILM EVERY AMERICAN OUGHT TO SEE," MCGOVERN SAID. "IT IS A TREMENDOUS PRODUCTION. IT ALMOST TORE ONE'S HEART OUT COMPLETELY."

SEN. FRANK CARLSON, R-KAN., AND A MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SAID HE HAD "NO PERSONAL OBJECTION TO . . . SHOWING OF THIS PARTICULAR FILM. . ."

THE SENATE IN 1962 PASSED A RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY SEN. ALBERT CORE, D-TENN., EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A USIA FILM

RECORDING A VISIT TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN BY MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION  
THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL MEDIA TO DOMESTIC AUDIENCES.

GORE IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. AN AIDE IN HIS OFFICE RECALLED THAT THE  
1962 RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE BUT THE HOUSE DID NOT  
ACT. THE FILM WAS RELEASED HOWEVER, AND SOME REPUBLICAN HOUSE  
MEMBERS CRITICIZED THE DOMESTIC SHOWING AT THE TIME.

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