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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, FEB. 6 (AP)-FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE IT BEGAN SERIALIZING WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" FIVE WEEKS AGO THE CURRENT STERN MAGAZINE VERSION RAN WORD FOR WORD WITH THAT OF LOOK.

COMPARISONS IN PREVIOUS WEEKS HAVE SHOWN THAT STERN USED CERTAIN MATERIAL WHICH LOOK AGREED TO DELETE. STERN IS PUBLISHING THE STORY IN SHORTER VERSIONS THAN LOOK. THE CURRENT STERN ARTICLE RUNS TO ABOUT 8,500 WORDS AS AGAINST 15,500 IN LOOK.

STERN PRECEDED THIS WEEK'S FEATURE WITH TWO PAGES OF READERS' LETTERS ON THE PUBLICATION DISPUTE. THE WRITERS SUPPORTED STERN'S DECISION TO PRINT THE UNABRIDGED VERSION BY A THREE TO ONE MAJORITY.

ONE LETTER WAS ABOVE THE SIGNATURE OF MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, MOTHER OF THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. IT ASKED THE MAGAZINE FOR AN UNABRIDGED EDITION OF THE SERIALIZATION TO INCLUDE IN A LIBRARY FOR OSWALD'S CHILDREN.

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