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WASHINGTON, FEB. 13 (AP)-REP. JOE POOL, D-TEX., PROTESTED TODAY TO THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA), AGAINST ANY DISTRIBUTION ABROAD BY THE USIA OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

TAKING ESPECIAL EXCEPTION TO REFERENCES IN THE BOOK TO DALLAS, WHERE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY OCCURRED, POOL SAID IN A LETTER TO USIA DIRECTOR LEONARD MARKS:

"THE BOOK REFLECTS THE DISTORTED POINT OF VIEW OF AN AUTHOR WHO HAS BEEN PROVEN INACCURATE AND IRRESPONSIBLE AS AN HISTORIAN. MANCHESTER'S BOOK IN A DAOTARDLY ATTEMPT TO DAMN AN ENTIRE CITY FOR THE ACTION OF A SINGLE MAN, WHO WAS NOT EVEN A CITIZEN OF DALLAS."

MARKS SAID RECENTLY NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON WHETHER TO DISTRIBUTE THE BOOK ABROAD.

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