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(ADVANCE FOR 6 P.M. EST, MONDAY MARCH 7)

(ADVANCE)...NEW YORK, MARCH 7 (AP)-SINCE THE ASSASSINATION, MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY HAS LAVISHED MUCH OF HER TIME AND HER EMOTIONS ON PLANNING FOR THE KENNEDY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

WHILE FRIENDS APPLAUD HER COMPELLING INTEREST IN THE PROJECT, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, QUESTIONS THE WISDOM OF SUCH PREOCCUPATION.

"TOO MUCH DWELLING ON THE PAST," KENNEDY SAID IN A LOOK MAGAZINE ARTICLE TODAY.

HOWEVER, WILLIAM WALTON, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S UNOFFICIAL ADVISER ON THE ARTS AND FRIEND, SAID MRS. KENNEDY'S INTEREST IN THE LIBRARY IS "MARVELOUS FOR HER."

"THROUGH THE LIBRARY ALONE, SHE'S BEEN EXPOSED TO PEOPLE SHE WOULD NEVER MEET ORDINARILY--MUSEUM DIRECTORS, LIBRARIANS, AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERTS," HE SAID.

MEETINGS ABOUT THE LIBRARY LAST TWO OR THREE HOURS.

AT THEM, WALTON SAID, "SHE'S LIKE A LADY AT A TENNIS MATCH. SHE LISTENS, JOTS DOWN NOTES, AND THEN AFTERWARD, I GET A BLIZZARD OF MEMORANDUMS FROM HER."

DAVID POWERS, A MEMBER OF KENNEDY'S WHITE HOUSE STAFF, ALSO FEELS THAT WORKING WITH THE LIBRARY, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1970, IS GOOD FOR THE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW.

"A LIGHT COMES INTO HER EYES WHEN SHE JUST TALKS ABOUT IT."

(END ADVANCE FOR 6 P.M. EST MONDAY, MARCH 7. SENT MARCH 6.)

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