

PLEA FROM KENNEDY REJECTED BY STERN

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 8 (UPI)—Stern, the West German magazine, rejected today a last-minute request by Senator Robert F. Kennedy to delete certain passages from the serialization of William Manchester's book about the assassination of President Kennedy.

Henri Nannen chief editor of Stern, said the request from the New York Democrat had come in a telegram. Mr. Nannen said Mr. Kennedy asked for the deletions to avoid "distress" to Mrs. John F. Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

Stern bought the West German rights to the serialization of the book by Look magazine for \$7,250. It will publish two versions of the serialization—the one published by Look and the original—next Tuesday.

Mr. Nannen said he disagreed

with the view that the serialization would hurt the Kennedys.

He said he had sent a telegram to Mr. Kennedy expressing regret that he could not go along with his wishes.

Mrs. Kennedy Back Home; Declines Comment on Book

Mrs. John F. Kennedy returned to the United States last night with the same privacy that surrounded her two-week vacation with her children on the Caribbean Island of Antigua.

The plane bearing Mrs. Kennedy, her children and one of their friends arrived at La Guardia Airport. They were whisked away in a four-car convoy by the Secret Service.

Outside her apartment building, Mrs. Kennedy shielded her eyes from waiting reporters, photographers and television crews.

Asked about the William Manchester book, "The Death of a President," she replied, "No comment."