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HAMBURG, GERMANY, FEB. 13 (AP)—STERN MAGAZINE'S LATEST INSTALLMENT OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" DEFINES MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY'S FEELINGS TOWARD THE NEWLY SWORN PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON MORE EXPLICITLY THAN THE EQUIVALENT PASSAGE IN THE LOOK MAGAZINE SERIALIZATION OF THE BOOK.

STERN HAS SAID THE ONLY CHANGES IT IS MAKING IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION ARE THE PERSONAL ONES REQUESTED BY MRS. KENNEDY. CHIEF EDITOR HENRVI NANNEN SAID HE TURNED DOWN REQUESTS FOR CHANGES STERN EDITORS FELT WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

STERN'S SIXTH INSTALLMENT OF THE BOOK CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE, TRANSLATED FROM GERMAN, ABOUT THE TRIP FROM DALLAS TO WASHINGTON.

"THEIR RAPPORT HAD BEEN EXCELLENT, BUT SHE KNEW HOW CLEVER HE WAS ABOUT USING PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES. NOW SHE WANTED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT HE DIDN'T ALSO HITCH HER TO HIS WAGON. A GREAT DEAL DEPENDED ON WHAT THE PRESS WAS TOLD WHEN THEY LANDED. SHE SENT FOR KILDUFF (MALCOLM KILDUFF, ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY) AND SAID: 'MAC, YOU MAKE SURE--GO AND TELL THE PRESIDENT--DON'T LET LYNDON JOHNSON SAY THAT I SAT WITH HIM AND LADY BIRD AND THAT THEY COMFORTED ME DURING THE WHOLE TRIP. TELL THEM--YOU TELL THEM THAT I CAME BACK AND SAT WITH JACK.'"

THE PASSAGE IN LOOK READ:

"THEIR RAPPORT HAD BEEN EXCELLENT, BUT A GREAT DEAL DEPENDED UPON WHAT THE PRESS WAS TOLD WHEN THEY LANDED. SHE SENT FOR KILDUFF AND SAID, 'YOU MAKE SURE, MACAAYOU GO AND TELL THEM THAT I WAS NOT UP FRONT, BUT THAT I CAME BACK HERE AND SAT WITH JACK.'"

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THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER TEXTUAL VARIATION FROM LOOK IN THE CURRENT STERN INSTALLMENT. THIS CAME A PASSAGE DESCRIBING PREPARATIONS FOR JOHNSON'S TAKING THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH. THE LOOK VERSION REPORTED THAT AFTER MRS. KENNEDY HAD NOTICED FRESH

CLOTHES LAID OUT FOR HER, "SHE WAS LEFT WITH THE FEELING THAT THEY WANTED HER TO LOOK IMACULATE IN THE INAUGURAL PICTURE."

THE STERN VERSION ADDS THE PHRASE--"IN ORDER TO ERASE FROM THE NATION'S MEMORY THE SCENE ON ELM STREET."

EXCEPT FOR THESE TWO PASSAGES, THE STERN TRANSLATION CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE LOOK TEXT.

STERN EDITOR NANNEN REFERRED TO THE PASSAGE ON MRSMKENNEDY'S CONCERN ABOUT WHAT TO TELL THE PRESS IN A LETTER PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL.

NANNEN SAID SSN. ROBERT F, KENNEDY ORIGINALLY WANTED 7,000 WORDS CUT FROM THE MAGAZINE SERVALIZATION AND MOST OF THE CUTS WERE OF A POLITICAL NATURE, WITH MRS. KENNEDY'S INTEREST IN PRIVACY A MINOR ASPECT. ONLY AFTER LOOK REFU ED TO MAKE THE CUTS DID THE KENNEDYS GO TO COURT AND EMPHASEE TM WIDOWGAS RIGHT TO QVXQQKQKQVU

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HE CITED THE PASSAGE PUBLISHED BY STERN AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THEY WANTED CUT FOR REASONS OF MRS. KENNEDY'S PRICACY AND ADDED:

"I BELIEVE WE NEED WORRY JUST AS LITTE ABOUT THE PRIVACY OF THIS ADMIRABLY ASSURED WOMAN AS ABOUT BOBBY'S CAREER. FURTHERMORE STERN SUBMITTED THE (WILLIAM) MANCHESTER MANUSCRIPT TO HISTORIAN GOLO MANN, KENNEDY FRIEND KURT BIRRENBACH, A MEMBER OF THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT, AND JOURNALIST WERNER HOEFER. THEY FOUND NO TRACE OF 'INVASION OF PRIVACY'."

THE NANNEN LETTER TOOK EXCEPTION TO A SPIEGEL ARTICLE OF LAST WEEK QUOTING SEN. KENNEDY AS DENYING THAT HE HAD EVER ASKED TO HAVE POLITICUL PASSAGES CUT FROM THA MANCHESTER REPORT.

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