

POOL OF TEARS

Oh God! how sad she is! Mother Kennedy,
No Mother will ever bear the grief so bloody.
Oh Lord! we pray Thee, make her bold,
To mourn the loss of sons worth gold.

Sons who strived for sure Democracy, by pure ballots,
Proud mother she is; though they fell to bullets.
Oh Criminals! why you grew in your mothers' wombs?
Violence makes her sons less; and three their tombs.

Her heart loaded with grief thinks no revenge,
Like a Mother-hen who lost three under her wings.
Sons stood for freedom, like Lincoln forever remind;
Bereaved; never mind! under the grave Freedom will ring.

Heroes they are; her young ones so dear,
Pistols felled them one by one, how to bear?
Oh Father Jesus! - you carried the cross for sinners,
So Rose; May Mother forgive? Heartless brutes are killers.

Singapore.
12.6.1968.

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Singapore

June 17, 1968

Miss Shariffah Raguan Alsagoff
213 MacPherson Road
Singapore 13

Dear Miss Alsagoff:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I am forwarding your letter to Washington where it may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbreath
Ambassador

Miss Shariffah Raguan Alsagoff,
213, MacPherson Road,
Singapore 13.

Dear Madam,

It was with great sorrow that I received of your great loss. The news of Senator Robert Kennedy's death came as a shock to not only me but my friends as well. You have my sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow. Senator Kennedy's death must be a terrible grief to your children too, please assure them also of my sincere sympathy. Words I know are rather poor comforters but it is not simply words when I say that I do feel with you in your great sorrow.

Yours Faithfully,
Shariffah Alsagoff

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Masagung & Mr. Thio Kim Hee
c/o Malaysia Publishing House Limited
71/77 Stamford Road
Singapore 6

Dear Sirs:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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10th June, 1968.

Honourable Ambassador,
United States of America,
American Embassy,
30 Hill Street,
Singapore.

Dear Sir,

May we be permitted to express our very deep sympathy over the loss of a good man in the tragic death of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. It is our prayer that his deeds and his hopes shall always be remembered in the hearts of all mankind. Please convey our sincere condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and family.

Thio Kim Hoei,
General Manager.

Yours very truly,

Masagung,
Chairman
& Managing Director.
President, P.T. Gunung
Agung, Sari Agung &
Grafi Agung, Djakarta.

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Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. A.C. de Silva
143-N Pesiuran Kaliling
Block No. 57, Macpherson Estate
Singapore 13

Dear Mr. de Silva:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

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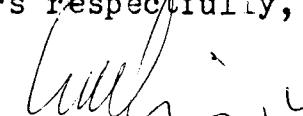
7th June, 1968.

His Excellency,
The United States Ambassador,
Singapore.

Your Excellency,

We humbly request Your Excellency to kindly convey our deep sympathy and extreme sorrow to the Kennedy family over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our condolences go out especially to Mrs. Kennedy and her children. We are simple working class people who are greatly shocked by the tragedy that has befallen the people of the United States of America. We therefore wish to express to Your Excellency - as representative of the Government and people of the United States - our profound regrets over the loss of a great American. I can assure Your Excellency that there are many people in Singapore who share the feelings of my family. People I have spoken to have expressed nothing but sorrow over the death of a man who might well have brought peace not only to this part of the world but also within America itself. It is my family's earnest hope that the Senator's death, following so closely upon that of the Rev. Martin Luther King, will draw the peoples of your great country more closely together so that Americans of all races may be able to live in peace and harmony.

Yours respectfully,


A.C. de Silva
(for and on behalf of the de Silva family)
143-H Pesiaran Keliling,
Block No. 57, Macpherson Estate,
Singapore, 13.

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. Tony Chan Chong Nhai
37 Surin Avenue
Singapore 19

Dear Mr. Chan:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

TONY CHAN CHONG KHAI,
37, SURIN AVENUE,
SINGAPORE 19,

7th June 1968

Dear Mrs Ethel Kennedy,

The news of the attempt made on your Late Robert Francis Kennedy came to me as a shock.

I was very grieved on hearing he had died twenty four hours after being shot.

It's a pity that he has gone to be with the Lord before gaining the Presidency.

I join you and your family and the world in mourning his death.

It's a great loss to you and the world.

I've prayed for him and observed a minute silence as a respect for your husband - the Late Robert Francis Kennedy.

An Admirer of the Kennedys
Tony Chan Chong Kai

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. E.T.S. Nair
British India General Insurance Co. Ltd.
P.B. 644
Singapore 1

Dear Mr. Nair:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

From,
E. T. S. NAIR

British India Gen. Ins. Co Ltd
P. B. 644
Singapore 1.

Singapore.

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To
The American Embassy
30 Hill Street,
Singapore 6.

Sirs,

I am grieved over the loss of fine
great, international leader Senator Robert
F. Kennedy. I am an admirer of the
Kennedy family. Please convey my
sympathies to the Kennedy family,
the late Senator's wife and to the
great American nation.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully

E. S. Nair

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUN 7 1968

SINGAPORE

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Renee Patrick Fernando
20 Kadah Flats
Scooper Road
Singapore 3

Dear Mr. Fernando:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Rene Patrick Fernando,
20, Kedah Flats,
Spooner Road,
Singapore - 3.
10.6.68.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry for troubling a very busy and important man like you, by writing this little letter.

I am a boy of fourteen years of age. My main reasons of writing this letter is, firstly, to send my condolence to the family of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, through you because I have no any other ways of doing so. It was a very shocking and indeed a very untimely end for a very great man like him — a loss that cannot be weighted. My prayers will always go with his family.

My final request is that, I shall be very much obliged and grateful, if you will only enter my name in the condolence book for the late Senator Robert Kennedy. My reason for being unable to do it personally is that, I wasted much of my time yesterday by going to the one near Coleman Street, thinking that the book was there.

I am proud to say that, I am ^{one} of the greatest supporters of Mister Robert Kennedy. But at present, I am one of the saddest in the world, on hearing

of his tragic death.

If you need any more particulars from me, you are always welcome to write. I hope you will not disappoint me, by turning down my letter.

I think I better end my letter here, thanking you so ending my letter here, I once again thank you.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely.

Rene Patrick Fernando
" "

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. P. K. Thomas
16, Sundridge Park Road
Singapore 13

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

P. K. Thomas,
16, Sundridge Park Road,
Singapore-13.

I, P. K. Thomas and family adore and worship Senator Robert Kennedy as second to Mohamed Gandhi. He is for the poor people. He died for the mankind's salvation. His death was not in vain.

P.K.Thomas
.....
P. K. Thomas.

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Goh Kong Lim
158-D Redhill Close
Singapore 3

Dear Mr. Goh:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for your memorial verse.

I am forwarding your letter and poem to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

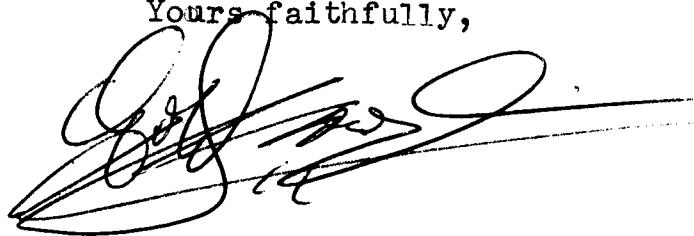
Goh Kong Lim,
158-D, Redhill Close,
Singapore 3.
10th June 1968.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Kindly forward this attached verse in dedication
to the late Senator Robert Kennedy to the bereaved family,
and do accept my apology for the inconvenience caused.

Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goh Kong Lim".

8th June 1968.

Robert Kennedy

A brother gone
A few years ago
And now death takes him
Such chance lost to serve the people

The nation mourn
The world in sorrow
For so much he could do
In bettering peace for all

A good man gone
No chance redeem
For he could lead mankind
Where love and trust are known

For hope we own
A new leader comes
And peace on earth shall be
But his name be in history.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name on top and the last name below it.

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Michael Chia
39-A Mandalay Road
Singapore 11

Dear Mr. Chia:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Michael Chia
39-A, Mandalay Rd
S'pore 11
10.6.68.

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Embassy
30, Hill St.
S'pore 6.

JUN 11 1968

SINGAPORE

Dear Sir,

I read with great regard about the killing of Sen. Robert Kennedy. I am sure, if he was not killed, he may become a President one day. It was very hard to believe that he was assassinated by a gunman, just like his brother. I admire and respect the Kennedy families. I share this sorrow with the world. Please excuse the family of my sincere sympathy.

PS. Please forgive me if there are any grammar mistakes. I am a student and my English is not very good.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully,
Michael

(Michael Chia)

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Shaharudin Ahmad
4, Block P
Jalan Yunos
Police Barrack
Singapore 14

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for your memorial story.

I am forwarding your letter and the story to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Shahruddin Ahmad.
4, Block P,
Jalan Tunas,
Police Barrack.
Singapore 14.
June 18th, 1968.

To.

American High Commissioner,
Singapore.

Sir,

Herewith I attached some tales
of sorrow, memorial the murdered of late,
Democratic's bride, Robert Kennedy, anyway I
take a long way to think this fact,
Because I realised my consequences.
"Do not attend any classroom, But I do,
in my heart, and such lesson's in ambitions"
Though this fact were uncomprehensive,
But, what this national duel, may satisfy
my congratulation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Shah

"Kamar Biru"

Dinas, masih belum mau melaporkan matanya, Tapi tepat 12^o malam, dan selalu hari dan malam lain, Tapi . . . , hanya chukop cedih, disamping mengalih pandangan, hiasan lengkap, sechasa yang paling indah, saat kala warna biru muda diungkap yang masih menutup jahit, diwawa angin di bawah gunung, seolah dingung itu masih belum pernah di-tempolri se-umur hidup, dan "oh chukop indah, kan sungguh pandai membina bahan ini, untuk malam pertama, dan makann orang -nya juga, manus"

"Tapi oh ya, alih jinga hanya telatah yang menumpang di kamar indah ini"

Dinas masih mundur mandir, kala ia ingin, menanti Murni, dan menyambut tangannya, yang teguh tahan, "juga sempat ini, chagaran binaan tangannya, untuk Kibabragiaan sendiri dari umat yang sanggup berdamping."

Rasa masa itu terlalu lama, hanya saat itu terlalu chuwang jahit di bawa dingungan kampung, dan resah kawan yang menghantui, di majlis meriah ini, chuma di tirangi ngilapan ronai beras, mengilap rambut yang di sisir rapi, masih di raba baju kebangsiaan yang masih basah petoh, rasa sijuk mewesap anggota, kala bauan mewesap indah.

"Saminjale dari pertama dulu, dan pertemuan kini"

Terkajut Dinas, di belai jelingan kecil, jahit tersorok di kelip bintang, bertambah catu chahaya, dan usolek yang di dandam rapi, Dinas masih bingung, serta gugup menatap wajah Murni,

"Murni, indah namanya, untuk hari dan hari esok dan Murni"

Kata itu masih terkulon jadi di-anak tekak. chuma di-utangi

"Murni, kan indah membuat keindahan, - - -
Suasana itu tenis hening, chuma seperti tutulah, dengungan rumah tengah masih heboh, dengan se-ribu pertanyaan, semoga pitcham itu akan tetap, aman, dan kebahagiaan, untuk dunia, dan selama dunia itu di-aku sebagai ramai malah, yang ni merhati, dan membingkai kebahagiaan, di-men-terikan sebagai hari ini, membanting dunia esok hari."

Lemah longlai Murni, menunduk-kam, gemulai, dan Dinas menyambut tangam Murni, membela di-nyan hemat.

"Murni, aku ta sangka, di atas, kenyangans kam, . . . perchaya, kenyangans nai ini, ada lah kenyangans orang lain, yang mempunyai emosi yang sajatu, kan dengan Murni. Orang di sana, masih di-tarzi gindong, masih gembira, seperti kita menyambut malam - - -"

Chuma Murni masih melakukkan unkanya di pihak Dinas dengan hemat, dan ter-agak-membelai rambut urai, di-indahkan ngianan bini.

"Kam berjanji Murni, sejak hari ini, dan kelam akan berketalan, di-samping memahami wajah bicle ini, dan wajah aku, kam, dan keindahan di-pinggir, akan berketalan menjadi tambor selarasnya."

Mereka hening, cerasa anggok-kam kecil, Murni, masih tersangkut di-anak mata Dinas, mereka membingkai jauh, tingkap, di-samping dengan perlahan menentang satu dengan lain, hening, chuma tangam di-sulut ulan, malam itu menyuloh samping memerhati kesibuk-kam di-hari, kala langsir di-bela dengan maks.

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Terus di-puput bayu, membela di arah, rombut Murni, dan desiran hening, ta' terkata mereka malam ini, chunca hati Dinas

"Ah . . . , malam biasa di-reka, sa-ribu tahun, dan di-susul esok, tapi . . . aku, Murni, mengharap malam ini, seperti malam esok, ah perchaya kau masih tau keungolan hati-ku, dan waswas, untuk menemui poh hidup, selama malam ini, di-puput bayu brijang"

Mereka bertukar pandangan, kala-sa-titis ayer jernih, masih mengecola malam indah, satitis dari lingema dan mensabahi keindahan, Dinas masih terenganga ta' kehbar kata hati-nya,

"Japi . . . , Murni, kau tau hati-ku, atau malam ini akan namanya bunyi ratah sa-ribu tahun silam, masih di-anggap kuno hari dan malam ini, di-lambong bayu, ah . . . Murni, indah-lah, mah . . . , aku anggap bunyian itu, walan usang, namun penghibur bahagia dan ta' sayungia indah diri kali, esok hari"

Dinas merobek sa-kelai tulal bijor, masih tunkis ikatan manis, kala-wangi itu, menusuk insan, di-usap perlahan, hingga sedikit hilang, di-telan pelok-kam Dinas,

"Kalan tidak juga Murni . . . , katakan kenapa, . . . Mengapa Murni".

Lama, Murni masih tunduk, menutup di-pinggir tasek guraman di-ctuba dengan temang kala di-resap sa-titis, keindahan.

"Bukan . . . Dinas, sechora tamboh malam ini, aku akui gendang kelmalin, namun tradisi hati-ku, mengenang satu . . . , yang mewujudkan lagu kebahagiaan, yang sanggup mendengar antara kam dan aku juga mahlo"

"Dan telah terkubur Dinas, kan paham, setiap rangkaian yang bertunas, telah patah, kerana mā'absia dan gaman ta'i nahn mengakui, dan mereka masih memerlukan hawa nafsu gendang-demokratik sendiri, aku sangat berharap Dinas kan paham, malam indah ini, arrah mereka bersama kita, yang bental menimbang kebahagiaan kita dan anak-anak aku perihaya Dinas, mereka tidak berdua, mereka tetap tidak berdua, malam telah terkubur, di-chelahr gunung sana , kan perhati, Dinas, gunung yang sememangnya di-silaputi embun dingin dan mereka memerlukan kita, semoga akan sedar dunia dan keastian, tamaddun, tapi, aku ti'mengesal, walau hati perempuan, namun, hati ku juga mempunyai perasaan yang sangat mendalam, menyedarkan satu faktor untuk mu Dinas. ~~Kar~~ ta'mengesal mereka kembali merantai akan kepelangan, walau dirasai dan sakit-sakitnya, Mari Dinas, akom ku pimpin tangannya kita, dan chiri hati-ku, yang akan mengenal mundur untuk satu istiqad, dan bachtul mengakui keterwirangam, sadikit tenaga, kan berjanji Dinas. Berjanji"

Dinas masih terperanjat, lama dia mati mungkin perlakuan,

"Dek, Besar Nasrat ada-lah rangkaian hati setiap insan, chuma pencheroka dan gaman menjadi teradisi hidup, tapi aku Murni, aku tetap mengakui gendang mereka, yang telah faham akom bimbingan mereka, ta'kira di-nama mereka muncul, dan patah di-padang tanah, ke satu bijan Murni, sa-akom chinta ku pada mu, dan dunia"

Tiba suasana itu terbingkai, masih kendates di hati mereka. Lantaran satu perihal suara sih mewujud bilih mereka, Mereka tiba-tiba menganggap berpandangan, minjol singgiran ringan . . .

"Wah . . . , ta' ingat kawan lama, Murni Dinas"

Dan Dinas teragak mimbang singgiran mereka di-chuba. chuma tangon Murni di-perehati melia,

"Eh . . . , kawan, chwan, sayang. Dahila, kan datang, kenapa . . . ; sudah berlalu zaman, barn nexti datang. Tapi . . . , kebahagiaan ikau akui esok juga, sapeuti sudi kan orang meneknabi keharmonian bersama . . . Masi . . . , lihat puas, Eh . . . , pilihann sendiri . . . , apa orang kata . . . , musim seputih . awas, puas . . . , tapi kan berjanji sama kebahagiaan kau ayoh . . . kita ka-bawahi, mungkin kawan puas,"

Murni dan Dinas berpimpin tersus, keruangan tengah, di-temani suribu tegor sapa, yang nyata keriangan

"Ya Pa' chik, tan sama tan sudah. ah, allah . . . , duh nake chik dan Pa' chik bagaimana tapi, ah sama, duh se-karang satuh perjangan, chuma belas sampai, tapi, saya akui malam ini sudah siang hari."

Ketemu mereka tersus berlalu, chuma mereka melihat kawan telah memantik di-bawahi pokok ketapang. di-tengangi nion indah. dan Kadir lantas memerlukan bangku dengan normal, duduk di-chela-k yang, hanya Dinas nembelah,

"Wah . . . , Kadir, bukan main tem-berang, tapi musim ini awas-silat, kita sudah mulai tan . . . ya-lah tanpa torang . . . "

"Bukam Dinas. cerita Gramong di-carikalah,
kasi nengisi ruang inasa kosong,"

"Kenapa pula"

"Ah, apa lagi, snara lama, allah, nanti
kan raham, bijanya mereda dan akan berjaya
kan, pikawa biasa, seperti suami istri, ah,
pikawa biasa Murni, jangan bimbang, selagi jawi
mata dan telah bertant, namun hari ini ta'ung
ken talut nenghadapi - - -"

"Hai - - . ta'chari lain Kadir, tapi masa
pintu di-isi dengan perihal kebatagiaian se-
nuga menakani - - . tapi, aken ta' sudi men-
dengar choutoh mereda untuk diri-ken, kerana
perjurangan sama. tapi keadaan ada-lah
berlauan, namun percutan mereda, tapi
aku sudi merayabat bangun mereda, kecuali
satu pembinaian, ayah Murni, Dalila,
Sayang minum."

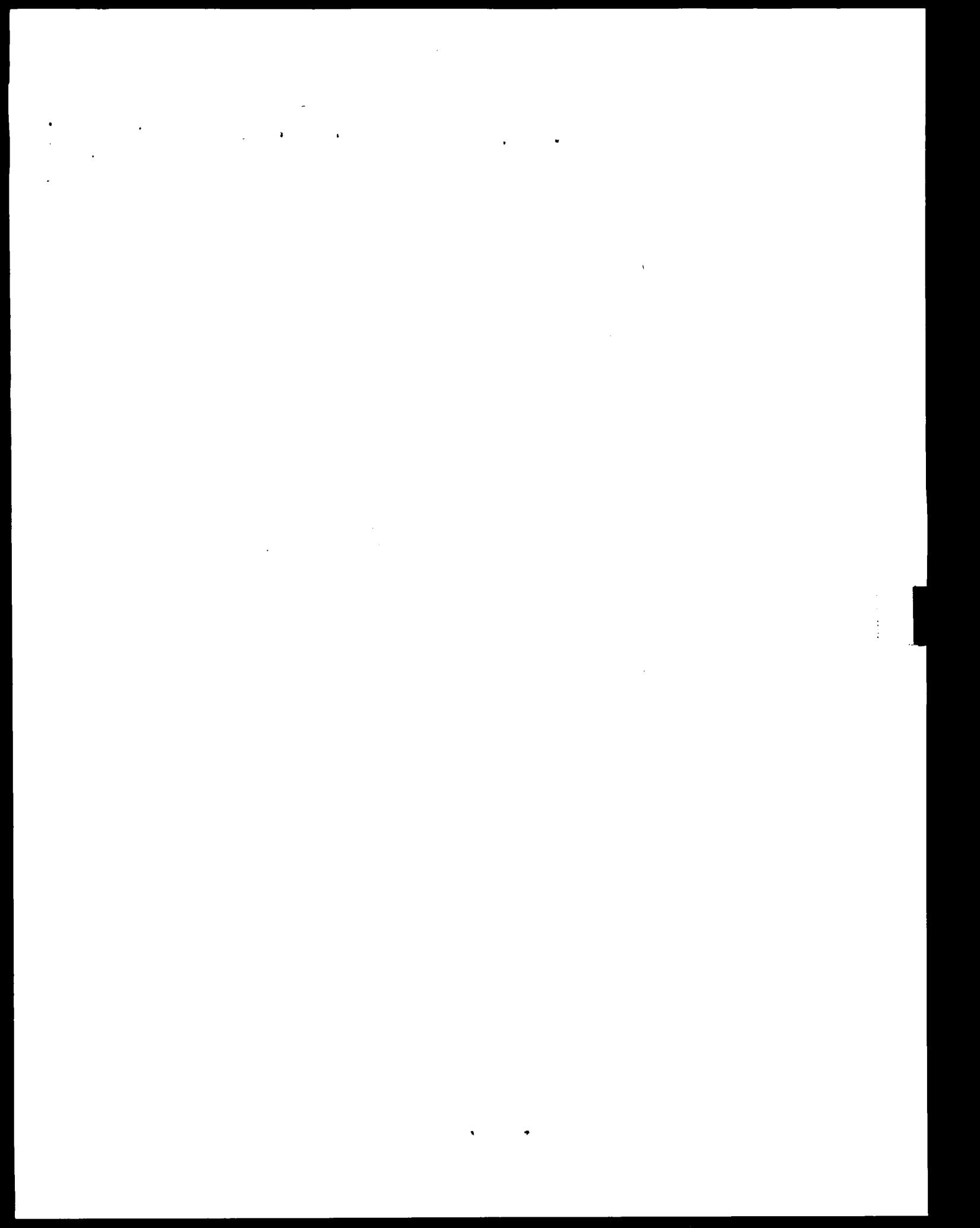
Gilas mereda bersanding, senyum di-seteh
jawi hilang, hanya tetap kecil Sayang jugak
berulang.

"Aku harap Murni dan Dinas, seperti nala
ini, dan kawan, nampak chita, jinga di-
pinta berkekalan"

Malam itu telah beraktir, chuma sisar
masih lelah, Dinas masih nengisluhi, seperti cha-
nya malam leluarain, satu tiupan kecil uji
menbusi telinga-nya dan mendayu satu snara
halus. "Dinas - - -"

Rhangalan itu jawi, di-hari pertama, dan
jelang Murni, di-chekah pokok bunga juga
timbul di-pingsir pintu dan hilang,

"Kam panggil aken Murni, - - - kisapa, sudah
siang, - - - sudah siang"



Letters with no return address

I don't know what to say, but damn the tears and damn my people. How could they be so blind, don't they know they are sinking, can't they see that a most unusual man is trying so hard to keep us from rotting. My brother's eyes are red and the tears are still falling. Bobby is so intense, he wanted to do so much for us and that bastard no-body kill him. I would gladly die in his place but the past is a by-gone thing. Ambassador, what has become of the country we love so much, why do our people want guns to play with and guns to kill with. We kill the best in our society, Bobby, King and John and leave the rotten. America has no place for the good. Our people are only concern about themselves, they never care about others around them. I pray that Americans will change for the good and made progress what it really should be. Bobby was cheated, he was about to feel power and do a lot of good for our poor black brothers and for America. America is a bloody world and all our people can ever say and do is 'Oh God'. God bless Bobby. Things will never be quite the same again.

Today I cry for America and I hope Mr. Ambassador that my people will hear me.

Young American

"America has lost a worthy son,
the world a hopeful leader;
The assassination of the Senator
is both tragic and appalling."

Our sympathies are with his family
and country.

- David
Singapore
June 1968

11th June 1968

To:

The United States Ambassador,
Mr. Francis Galbraith,
17, Swettenham Road
Singapore

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I am very sad to hear of Senator Kennedy's death and just have to write to you, The U.S ambassador here, because I don't know who else to share my grief with. I had wanted to sign the condolence book but could not be able to locate Swettenham Road; if only the book was at the Hill Street Embassy. →
Mr. Ambassador, if you should see Mrs. Ethel Kennedy please let her know that as the world mourns the loss of a fine leader there is at least one little schoolgirl in Singapore who admires her bravery and shares the grief of the U.S nation and particularly the Kennedy family. Please ask them not to be so sad.

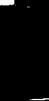
tell her →

Thank You.

I remain Sir,

Yours gratefully,

BOBBY- ADMIRER.



Letters requesting copies of the
condolence book

Singapore

June 18, 1968

Mr. Leong Chiew Lum
c/o Senama Estate
Bahan, Negri Sembilan
Malaysia

Dear Mr. Leong:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

You will understand that it is not possible to give away copies of this book, but Ambassador Galbraith has asked me to express to you his sincere thanks for your interest and sympathy at this time of sorrow for us all.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

LEONG CHIEW LUM
90 Senama Estate
Bahan.

9th - June - 1968

The United Ambassador
17. Swettenham Road
Singapore.

Sir,

I would be ever very glad if you could send me a condolence book of Senator Robert Kennedy. I am one of the admirer of the Senator. I am extremely sad to hear of his assassination. I send my condolences to this great man.

I remain
Yours truly,
Ping Lin

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Thomas Chng
267-#, Block 63
Pesiarian Keliling
Singapore 13

Dear Mr. Chng:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

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Sincerely,

Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

CON:RWBaker:mt

THOMAS CHNG,
267-G, BLOCK 63,
PESIARAN KELILING
SINGAPORE 13.

Embassy Residence,
17, Swettenham Road,
Singapore.

Dear Sir,

I wish you will obliged to supply me the condolence book for Senator Robert Kennedy.

However, if it is possible I hope you will send it to me to the above address.

Hoping, you will send it to me as soon as possible.
Thank You.

Yours Faithfully,


Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Philip Ng
15-C Jalan Aman
Singapore 12

Dear Mr. Ng:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

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Sincerely,

Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

CON:RWBaker:mt

Philip Ng,
15-c, Jalan Aman,
Singapore 12.

Dear Sir,

I am a big fan is interested in Politics and from the news paper that you had published about the like of the history of world like to know a few. I am very sorry for being unable to go to the place where I can get the book because the place which you had published in the newspaper was unknown to me. I sincerely hope that you will send me a few copies. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely
Philip Ng

Singapore

June 17, 1968

Mr. Sulikafly Ibukhin
Police Station
Taluk Datuk Banting
Selangor
W. Malaysia

Dear Mr. Ibukhin:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

You will understand that it is not possible to give many copies of this book, but Ambassador Chailrait has asked me to express to you his sincere thanks for your interest and sympathy at this time of sorrow felt by all.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Shultz
Third Secretary of Embassy

B.M.
R.M.

ZULKAFLY IBRAHIM.
POLICE STATION
PK. DATOK BANJING.
SELANGOR.
W. MALAYSIA.

DEAR AMBASSADOR,

MR. FRANCIS GALBRAITH.

EMBASSY RESIDENCE, 17 SWEETENHAM RD.
SINGAPORE.

DEAR SIR.

I AM VERY SURPRISE
IF YOU DON'T MIND TO SEND ME A
FREE CONDOLENCE BOOK ABOUT SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY.

THANK YOU.

Yours truly.


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Robert F.

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TO : Department of State, Washington D.C.

INFO : Amembassy BRUSSELS (2)

FROM : Amconsul ANTWERP

DATE: July 5, 1968

SUBJECT: Expressions of Condolence on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Within the first few days following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy this Consulate General received formal written expressions of sympathy from 73 residents of the Antwerp area. This group included nine of the top officials in the area plus seventeen members of the Consular Corps of Antwerp. See attached list. Each of these expressions of sympathy was responded to by an individually typed letter, signed by the Consul General.

Inasmuch as most of the writers who sent the Consulate General letters or telegrams of condolence expressed the hope that their sympathy would be transmitted to Senator Kennedy's family, it is requested that the Department let the Kennedy family know of the many expressions of sympathy received by this Consulate at the time of the Senator's death.

Charles W. Thomas
Charles W. Thomas
American Consul General

Enclosure:

1. List

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List of Residents in the Antwerp Area Who sent
Expressions of Sympathy on the Death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy

Officials:

General E. Van Herdenbrugghe
Commanding the 2nd Military District
Belgielei 117, Antwerp

Mr. Andries Kinsbergen
Governor of the Province of Antwerp
Koningin Elisabethlaan 26, Antwerp

Mr. Robert Picavet
Provinciale Griffier
Koningin Elisabethlaan 26, Antwerp

Mr. Leo Delwaide
Alderman of the Port of Antwerp
Stadhuis, Antwerp

Mr. René de Vocht
Member of the Antwerp Provincial Government
140 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

The President and Board of Governors
of the American Belgian Association
17 Venusstraat, Antwerp

Mr. Paul Dufour
President, French Chamber of Commerce
152 Van Schoonbekestraat, Antwerp

Mr. Edmond Vincentelli
President, Rotary Club of Antwerp
177-179 Lange Lozanstraat, Antwerp

The Commander and Officers of the
Antwerp Military Hospital
Marialei 53/5, Antwerp

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Consular Corps of Antwerp:

Count Ruggero Gaetani
Dean of the Consular Corps of Antwerp
Consul General of Italy
51 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Mr. Antoine Herbosch
Secretary of the Consular Corps of Antwerp
Consul General of Monaco
26 Van Ryswycklaan, Antwerp

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| Chile | Consul J. van Doosselaere |
| | 25 Van Bréestraat, Antwerp |
| Costa Rica | Consul General René De Haes |
| | 31 Graaf van Egmontstraat, Antwerp |
| Denmark | Consul General Erik F. Fischer |
| | Stoopstraat 1, Antwerp |
| France | Consul General Pierre Barbusse |
| | 24 Bosmanslei, Antwerp |
| Germany | Consul General Karl Born |
| | 38 Huidenvettersstraat, Antwerp |
| Great Britain | Acting Consul General E.W. Wise |
| | 105 Frankrijklei, Antwerp |
| Greece | Consul A. Antonellos |
| | 70 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp |
| Liberia | Consul Georges Herfurth |
| | 17 Cassiersstraat, Antwerp |
| Luxembourg Ga Duchy | Consul Laurent Noesen |
| | 31 Rigastraat, Antwerp |
| Netherlands | Consul General J. Ceulen |
| | 4 Van Meterenkaai, Antwerp |
| Paraguay | Consul General M. Pagano |
| | 245 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp |
| Portugal | Consul General J. de Campos Alves |
| | 14 Van Eycklei, Antwerp |
| Turkey | Consul General Orhan Güney |
| | 16 Sorbenlaan, Antwerp |
| Uruguay | Consul J. Pacheco |
| | 2 Jezusstraat, Antwerp |
| Venezuela | Consul General J. Domingo Kotondaro |
| | 111 Frankrijklei, Antwerp |

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Bridgeman
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Residents Antwerp Area:

Mr. L. Antonissen
Jan van Heelulaan 32, Antwerp L.O.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg
58 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Major General (Ret.) Julien Bouhon
4 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mr. Andy Bultinck
Van Maerlantstraat, Antwerp

Mr. A. Crab
66 Langestraat, Brasschaat-Antwerp

Mlle Gnislaine de Meester de Betzenbroeck
36 Jan Van Ryswycklaan, Antwerp

Mr. Fr. De Visser-Nuyttens
22 Perenstraat, Antwerp

Mr. Paul de Weerdt
86 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Dr. Fr. Duquenne
42 Paleisstraat, Antwerp

Mrs. Charpentier
30 Kasteelpleinstraat, Antwerp

Mr. P.N. Ferstenberg
14 Acacialaan, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Feus
142 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mrs. Marguerite Fux
84 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Mr. Paul Goossens
Manager, Soc. Gén. de Banque
Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Herrfurth & Co S.A.
17-19 Cambiersstraat, Antwerp

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- Mrs. M. Izzienpo
95 Boomgaardstraat, Antwerp
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joos
65 St. Lievenspoortstraat, Gent
- Mr. W. Kappel
45 Belgielei, Antwerp
- Mr. Jean-Pierre G. Krug
13 rue H. Marck, Berchem-Antwerp
- Mrs. Yvonne Lenaerts-Cateoor
1 Rubenslei, Antwerp
- Mr. R.J. Lhonneux
General Manager, N.V. Polysar Belgium
Antwerp
- Dr. Paul Leclief
34 Verwersrui, Antwerp
- Mrs. J. Loriers-Van Gorp
9 Apostelstraat, Antwerp
- Mrs. Grace Loucke
46 Stationstraat, Eerdegem
- Mrs. G. Luyckx-Cornil
17 Van Bréestraat, Antwerp
- Mr. W. Marès
31 de Fourneusstraat, Berchem-Antwerp
- Mr. H.P. Marien
8 Vijverstein, Bonneden
- Mr. Israel Mell
129 Provinciestraat, Antwerp
- Mrs. Germaine Patroons
18 Moorkensplein, Borgerhout-Antwerp
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Polak
31 Prins Albertlei, Berchem-Antwerp
- Mr. Lazarus-Verhoeven
60 Meerleienhoflaan, Hoboken-Antwerp
- Mrs. A.M. Poela
Alfred D'Ustraat 59, Zwijndrecht

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Mr. James G. Tompkins
Lykes Lines Agency Inc.
Tavernierskaai 4, Antwerp

Dr. F. Van Eekhout
5 Amerikalei, Antwerp

Mrs. J. Van Gils-Nieuwenhuysen
25 Eigen Heerdstraat, Merksem-Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Heester
Kroonplein 38, Merksem-Antwerp

Mrs. Van de Noort
39 Ramstraat, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. A. Van de Velde
De Berlaimontstraat, Deurne N. Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van de Velde
Koningin Elisabethlaan 14, Antwerp

Miss A. Van den Berghe
31 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mrs. Claire van der Wicken
3 Isabellalei, Antwerp

Mr. Fernand Verbaeck,
S.N.A.O., 137 Isabellalei, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Verhoeven
Nourits Sabbelaan 54/10/8, Antwerp

Mrs. Marguerite Vogels-Reiners
7 Hertens & Torfssraat, Antwerp

Mr. Jack von Rothkirch
Rotimex, 29 Bosmanslei, Antwerp

Mrs. Iutgard Cavens
88 Wittestraat, Antwerp

Mr. Jean Vervoort
6 Brusselsesteenweg, Westmalle

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