

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy, yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women. He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence - and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

"Our public life is diminished by his loss.

"Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family.

"I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

The text of the proclamation is as follows:

"To the people of the United States:

"A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world. This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity.

"Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, do call upon all Americans to observe Sunday next, the ninth day of June, as a day of national mourning in his memory throughout the United States. In our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived shall endure.

"I direct that through Sunday the flag of the United States shall be flown at halfstaff on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions.

"I also direct that the flag shall be flown at halfstaff for the same length of time at all United States Embassies, Legations, Consular Offices and other facilities abroad including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixtyeight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

We will now rise for one minute of silent prayer for Robert Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY COMMEMORATO DAL SINDACO AVV. BAUSI

AL CONSIGLIO COMUNALE - 11 giugno 1968

Signori consiglieri,

nel volgere, breve, di poche settimane risuonano in questa sala ancora una volta parole di compianto e di recriminazione per un delitto politico. Anzi non vogliamo usare una terminologia che per la oggettivazione possa quasi ingannevolmente conferire allo atto una sorta di nobiltà.ideale; fatto è che un uomo ha ucciso un altro uomo, fatto è che la violenza, ancora una volta, ha bagnato di sangue il sentiero di coloro che, nel mondo, camminano verso la libertà e verso la pace.

Robert Kennedy ne è stata la vittima e sentimenti di affetto, di sgomento, di ribellione si sono alternati e confusi nel nostro cuore, nell'anima stessa della città quando la notizia dell'attentato giunse, attraverso la radio, la mattina del 5 giugno.

L'affetto per i legami cordiali di amicizia che univano ed uniscono a Firenze la famiglia Kennedy; a Firenze che non ha dimenticato e non dimenticherà la amichevole sollecitudine con la quale proprio i Kennedy intervennero a porgerle una mano fraterna nei giorni più oscuri della tragedia del novembre 1966.

A Firenze che ha sempre sentito, quasi per affinità elettriva, il fascino - e l'inquietudine anche - delle "nuove frontiere"; l'ansia che è stata di John e di Robert Kennedy, di un modo diverso e nuovo che il mondo esige da tutti, e dagli uomini politici in particolare, per affrontare una realtà storica di dimensioni inattese, forse risolutive per la sorte stessa dell'umanità.

Ed insieme all'affetto, un senso di sgomento e di rivolta. Sgomento e rivolta per questo incalzare di violenza che avvertiamo agitare troppi popoli, troppe parti del mondo.

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Una violenza brutale che quasi a dimostrare che come Dio esiste, anche il male esiste, sta infierendo proprio nei confronti di coloro che, con maggiore tenacia, hanno, a viso aperto, espresso al mondo, con la loro politica, "quel bisogno di pace e di cose giuste che tutti gli uomini portano nel cuore". Quasi a punteggiare - con i segni del martirio - la strada che non può non condurre - purchè si abbia il coraggio e la forza di rinnovarci nello spirito - ad approdare veramente ed alla pace ed alle cose giuste.

Robert Kennedy, come il fratello John, è stato tra gli uomini che hanno riproposto - e vanno riproponendo - al mondo un umanesimo nuovo - Gaudium et spes - in cui l'uomo si definisce anzitutto per la sua responsabilità verso i suoi fratelli e verso la storia. La sua politica ha rifiutato di essere una piccola, angusta partita di scacchi fatta di astutissime mosse dove il giuoco della manovra tattica è spesso squallidamente fine a se stesso. Egli, dopo il fratello John, ha rovesciato come una ventata impetuosa la scacchiera ed i pezzi preferendo affrontare, senza falsi pietismi che spesso sono solo espressioni di viltà o considerazioni di tornaconto personale, la realtà degli anni in cui viviamo. Per questo egli ha saputo trascinare con sè molti giovani della America inquieta; per aver proposto, non nell'abituale linguaggio di gergo politico - dove importante sembra divenuto solo il modo di non far capire con esattezza ciò che si intende dire, nello studio insonne di trovar formule che possano esprimere tutto ed il suo contrario - per avere proposto, dicevo, in termini chiari i problemi veri dell'uomo, la miseria, la discriminazione, la pace. Senza timore di muovere e sconvolgere forze immense che proprio dalla persistenza di tali problemi attingono spesso il motivo del proprio potere; quelle forze che continuano a giuocare agli scacchi, chiusi nelle loro stanze ove non arriva, forse, che l'eco affievolita delle grida di speranza di una moltitudine immensa.

Per questo Robert Kennedy seppe dare, particolarmente ai giovani, una speranza nuova: da due dei suoi discorsi ci sembra di

aver tratto quel che può essere il suo testamento ideale; non solo, ma la indicazione anche per noi, per i nostri problemi, per una valutazione diversa dei fermenti che, irrisolti, si muovono anche nei nostri cuori: "Un secolo fa - egli ha scritto - Lincoln osservò che i dogmi di un tranquillo passato erano inadeguati al tempestoso presente. Visto che la situazione è nuova - disse - dobbiamo pensare ad agire in maniera nuova. Dobbiamo affrancarci." Ancora una volta, la situazione in cui ci troviamo è nuova; niente v'è di più urgente della necessità di affrancarci dai dogmi del tranquillo passato. Non dobbiamo credere di poter congelare gli Stati Uniti - o il mondo - nella forma di oggi o della generazione precedente....Non basta permettere il dissenso - dobbiamo esigerlo. Perchè ci sono molte cose dalle quali dissentire. Dissentiamo dal fatto che milioni di persone siano condannate alla miseria mentre la nazione continua ad arricchirsi. Dissentiamo dalle situazioni e dagli odi che negano una vita piena ai nostri connazionali per il colore della loro pelle. Dissentiamo dalla mostruosa assurdità di un mondo in cui le nazioni sono pronte a distruggersi ed in cui gli uomini devono uccidere altri uomini. Dissentiamo dalla vista di una maggioranza dell'umanità che vive in miseria, travagliata dalle malattie, minacciata dalla fame e condannata a morire prematuramente dopo una vita di assidua fatica. Dissentiamo dalle città che ~~etendono~~ la sensibilità e trasformano gli atti quotidiani in una lotta penosa. Dissentiamo dalla deliberata e sventata distruzione delle bellezze naturali. Dissentiamo da tutte quelle strutture - tecnologiche e sociali - che spogliano l'individuo della dignità e del conforto di sapere che i suoi doveri sono gli stessi del resto della comunità e del paese". (Berkeley Campus - California - 22 ottobre 1966).

Noi non siamo in grado, né intendiamo aprire un processo su chi ha ucciso e su perchè ha ucciso. Soffermarci su illazioni non documentate, né documentabili e come tali deformabili facilmente in funzione di schematismi soggettivi, sarebbe ignorare una realtà grande e terribile; che riempie l'animo di sgomento, ma al tempo stesso di speranza.

Coloro che muoiono e che con la loro morte provocano una ondata di rinnovata fede negli angoli più lontani del mondo, sono coloro che formano la storia della umanità. Sono coloro che riproppongono agli uomini una conquista che non si esaurisce, che si rinnova ogni giorno: la conquista della pace, opera di giustizia e quella della libertà - opera anch'essa di giustizia.

Kennedy fu tra questi; egli non mise mai la lucerna sotto il moggio. Ebbe il coraggio morale, quel coraggio morale come egli stesso scrisse - che è ben più raro dell'audacia in battaglia o di una grande intelligenza; ma che è essenziale per ogni conquista umana.

Noi abbiamo pregato per lui, abbiamo sofferto con i suoi familiari ed il nostro pensiero è corso spesso, in questi giorni, di là dell'aspetto politico, ad una famiglia nella quale tanti piccoli figli sono rimasti, vittime anch'essi della violenza, orfani del loro padre.

Ma il dolore, lo sgomento hanno trovato la loro luce nell'esperanza. Le forze del male, della violenza, possono, temporaneamente, soggiogare la verità; l'oppressione può soffocare la libertà. Ma, sempre, in definitiva gli apparenti vincitori saranno gli sconfitti.

"La verità - dice un canto - è sempre sul patibolo, l'ingiustizia sempre sul trono. Eppure è quel patibolo che domina il futuro e, dietro il buio ignoto, sta Dio nell'ombra a guardia di ciò che è suo".

E Sua è la verità, Sua la giustizia, Sua la libertà.

Per questo, nel dolore, si è aperto in noi lo squarcio luminoso della speranza: la speranza in un mondo veramente migliore in un mondo senza violenza, di pace, per tutti, di egualianza, per tutti, di libertà, per tutti. Questa è la nostra fiducia.



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Subject: Message of Sympathy from the
Jamaican Prime Minister

Prime Minister Hugh L. Shearer's message was sent after the attack on Senator Kennedy and before the Senator's death. The Prime Minister subsequently came to Washington on an earlier scheduled visit and while here attended the burial services at Arlington.

The Department recommends that the message to Prime Minister Shearer mention his attendance at the services here as well as his telegram of sympathy. A proposed reply is enclosed.

Samuel Waller
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed reply.
2. Message from Prime Minister of Jamaica

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"The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy and your presence at the burial services."

"The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson"

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B. Johnson
15/6/1968

"All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Government and people of Jamaica send you their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery. Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf."

Message Received from The Honorable, Hugh L. Shearer,
Prime Minister of Jamaica

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down from New York to Washington last summer especially to see him, and reaffirmed to President Houphouet his own continuing interest in Africa.

Enclosed for the Department's information is the Fraternité-Matin account of the service.

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RÉUNIS SAMEDI AUTOUR DU CHEF DE L'ÉTAT

Tous les Ivoiriens ont prié pour Robert Kennedy

ASSASSINAT du sénateur américain, comme nous l'avons écrit dans ces colonnes, a provoqué en Côte d'Ivoire, comme dans la plupart des Etats africains amis de l'Amérique, une émotion si vive qu'on en parle encore ici avec amertume et désolation. On peut dire, sans exagération, que quinze jours après l'odieux événement l'Ivoirien le ressent encore comme s'il datait d'aujourd'hui. Cette réaction s'explique par le fait que « nous ne comprenons toujours pas pourquoi le sénateur, homme juste, courageux et généreux, a été assassiné, mais aussi parce que nous voudrions que l'Américain, au lieu de n'y voir, un peu trop légèrement que « la main du communisme international », cherche à comprendre le mal de sa société pour en déterminer les remèdes possibles.

Impuissants à comprendre cet état de choses, il ne nous reste que l'abattement et la prière. C'est pourquoi, pays de foi et de croyance, toute la Côte d'Ivoire réunie autour de son Chef samedi à Treichville, s'est agenouillée devant Dieu et a prié pour Kennedy et pour l'Amérique. Il n'y avait là, dans la cathédrale -Notre-Dame, ni chrétiens, ni musulmans, ni protestants, ni même incroyants: seule la Côte d'Ivoire, maudite, pleurant et priant Dieu pour Robert Kennedy, ce catholique mort après avoir reçu le dernier sacrement de sa religion.

Il serait impossible de citer les personnalités qui étaient samedi dans la Cathédrale, car répondant, comme chaque fois, à l'appel du Président, tout le monde était là: le Président Houphouët-Boigny se tenait seul près de l'Astrel; tandis que les Présidents Yacé, Coulibaly, Boni, Denis et leurs épouses formaient le premier rang des fidèles suivis des

membres du gouvernement et du Corps Diplomatique. En fait pas un seul service public ivoirien n'était absent à cet office religieux où, comme un seul homme, les Ivoiriens ont élevé vers le Seigneur leur modeste voix pour qu'il donne à l'âme du séculaire disparu le repos éternel et daigne jeter un regard sur la société américaine pour en réduire le mal qui n'a peut-être pas encore dit son dernier mot.

A ce propos, les paroles de Monseigneur Yago

prononcées au cours de l'office méritent qu'on s'y arrête. Dans son sermon l'archevêque d'Abidjan, après avoir évoqué la vive émotion et l'affection générale provoquées dans le monde entier par la disparition aussi inattendue que brutale du sénateur Robert Kennedy a exprimé l'espoir que de cet événement dououreux se dégage une leçon, celle qui concerne l'éducation morale des citoyens de demain. Mgr Yago a dit : « La raison profonde



A l'église Notre-Dame de Treichville, tous les Ivoiriens avaient tenu à prier pour le repos de l'âme de Robert Kennedy. A la tête des fidèles, se trouvaient Mme Houphouët-Boigny, les présidents Yacé et Coulibaly et leurs épouses (ci-dessus).

les traces du Saint-Père le Pape qui a prié pour le monde entier afin que ce sang généreux soit le dernier à être versé et serve à obtenir du ciel une plus grande compréhension et une fraternité consciente entre les hommes ».

Mgr Yago devait saisir l'occasion pour activer l'attention des dirigeants et élites, des parents et des étudiants sur la leçon que nos pays doivent tirer de cet événement douloureux. « Cette leçon, a-t-il dit, concerne l'éducation morale des citoyens de demain ». Et l'Archevêque de poursuivre: « Ce n'est pas sans inquiétude que l'on voit se développer la commercialisation de nombreux films, illustrés, et même jeux d'enfants qui étaient la violence et la proposent en modèle. Tous les éducateurs savent combien les jeunes sont sensibles aux images et aux exemples de ces pseudo-héros dont la vie est remplie de meurtres et de licences morales. La vision de telles images crée des mentalités et engendre des sentiments d'où naissent la violence et les crimes comme celui que nous déplorons aujourd'hui et qui bouleverse le monde entier ».



Le Président Houphouët-Boigny se signant avec l'eau benite.

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Attention Mrs. Muller
Keep this study together.
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The expressions of your sympathy and those of the Members of the Council of the Organization of American States are deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Rusk

Dean Rusk

His Excellency
Emilio N. Oribi,
Chairman of the Council of the
Organization of American States,
Pan American Union,
Washington, D.C.

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June 19, 1968

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S *SUR*FROM: USOAS - Sol M. Linowitz *SL*SUBJECT: Letter for the Secretary's Signature:
Reply to Condolence Message from Chairman
of the Organization of American States
Council - ACTION MEMORANDUMDISCUSSION:

Ambassador Emilio N. Oribé of Uruguay, Chairman
of the Council of the Organization of American States,
sent you a telegram (Tab B) expressing condolences
on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A letter has been prepared in reply to Ambassador Oribé's message, following the language being used for messages to foreign officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Ambassador
Oribé (Tab A).

Concurrences:

ARA/LA - Miss Eltz

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Ambassador Oribé

Tab B - Telegram from Ambassador Oribé

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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OAS AND MYSELF
I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU OUR DEEP SORROW AND
SINCEREST CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. AN INEXCUSABLE ACT
HAS INTERRUPTED TRAGICALLY THE CAREER OF ONE OF
THE MOST PROMISING YOUNG STATESMEN OF THE
AMERICAS AND DEPRIVED THE PEOPLES OF THE LATIN
AMERICAN REPUBLICS OF ONE OF THEIR GREATEST
AND REALLY TRUSTED FRIENDS. PLEASE EXPRESS
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO
THE FAMILY OF SENATOR KENNEDY THESE SENTIMENTS
SHARED BY ALL THE AMBASSADORS MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL.

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EMILIO N. ORIBE
AMBASSADOR OF URUGUAY
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

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FROM : Amembassy OUAGADOUGOU

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

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French Ambassador DeLaye has expressed his profound sympathies on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy and his confidence in the U.S. social-political structure.

He simultaneously deplores the outpouring of U.S. and other comment on the collapse of American civilization and its political system. The assassination, he believes, was a political act by a member of an aggrieved group like many others before. It should not be seen as symptomatic of basic U.S. faults. There are real enough American problems, but that is another matter.

This combined vote of confidence and critique of American reaction is shared by other members of the French community.



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Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your note dated June 6, 1968, conveying your
condolences and those of the members of your mission.
Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow,
occasioned by the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy, is deeply appreciated.

I have arranged to transmit your condolences
to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of
my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Robert M. Sargent, Robert F.

His Excellency

Juan Felipe Yriart,

Ambassador of Uruguay.

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EMBAJADA DEL URUGUAY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MEMORANDUM

June 6, 1968

Excellency:

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I have the honor to address Your Excellency to convey to you and to the Government of the United States of America my deep sympathy for the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The members of my Mission associate themselves in this sentiment.

We feel as our own the sadness of the people of the United States before this great tragedy, and with them we repudiate this act of violence which deprives your country of a courageous and wise man.

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I beg Your Excellency to transmit our condolences to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy and the members of her family.

/ Accept

His Excellency
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of
my highest consideration.

John Salisbury

RS/R

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JUNE 21, 1968

Dr. Tomas Casio y Casio
Consul General of Peru
227 North Ardmore
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Casio:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation for your kind words of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your concern, and that of your colleagues in the Los Angeles Consular Corps, is very much appreciated at this tragic moment.

Sincerely,

Angier Riddle Duke
Chief of Protocol

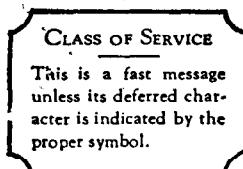
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Cultural Affairs Office
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300 NORTH LOS ANGELES ST LOSA (TB)=

:AS ACTING DEAN OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS, IN
THE NAME OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, I WISH TO
EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SENTIMENTS OF REGRET FOR THE TRAGIC
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Reply as appropriate.

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Alan Parker 5130

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ACTION SLIPARA - Mr. TWI (To Remain With Correspondence)

TO

Condolence fm Anthony E. Starcevic to Samuel

SUBJECT: Sen. Kennedy.

6/14/68

DATE King S/CPR re: death

ACTION

*Prompt handling is essential. Return basic correspondence w/jh reply. If delayed call telephone extension below.

XX For appropriate action.

For direct reply. Comeback copy required _____.

Prepare reply. A response for signature by the _____.
Clear with _____.

Prepare a _____ to _____.

Refer to White House request of _____.

Due in S/S by _____.

For your information.

REMARKS

Reply as appropriate.~~S/CPR - Mr. King (w/att)~~
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~~H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)~~Alan Parker 5130

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E.P.-P: Mr.

Shumate,

Suggest letter
on Secy's
behalf signed
by Chief of
Protocol.

(Check CPR to
see if Duke
is in town to
sign)

Regina

Cultural Affairs Office
300 No. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

June 10, 1968

Mr. Samuel L. King, Deputy Chief of Protocol
Office of the Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Sam:

Being somewhat unschooled in these matters, I have transmitted the message of condolence on the occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy to you in the belief that the Office of Protocol will know how to send the message forward.

It was good seeing you at Disneyland recently. I hope that I might find time to come and say hello to you on my way to Barcelona in late July.

Very best regards to Betty.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony E. Starcevic
Director

Attachment:

Message from Consul
General of Peru

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June 21, 1968

The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of Note No. P-7 dated June 6, 1968 from the Embassy of Japan transmitting the text of a message from the Prime Minister of Japan to the President of the United States expressing sympathy and condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's reply to the Prime Minister's letter which the Embassy of the United States at Tokyo was asked to transmit.

Enclosure:

- ✓ President Johnson's reply to Prime Minister Sato's letter of June 6, 1968.

Department of State

Washington, (D.C.) JUNE 21, 1968

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J. H. Ness S/S-S - Mrs. Sherman
JUN 18 1968 PM S-CPR - Mr. Alice *9a*
JUN 21 1968 AM EA - Mr. Blackburn

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Approved by Bowdler
re Alice Gaubet 6/21

June 20, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message from President to Minister of
Health of Ecuador

The Minister of Health of Ecuador has sent to the President the enclosed telegram expressing the grief of the people of Ecuador over the death of Senator Kennedy. Since the approved acknowledgment, signed by the President, has been sent in response to the condolence message from President Arosemena, the Department recommends that the Embassy in Quito be instructed to make an appropriate reply, on behalf of the President, to the Minister of Health.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message from Minister of
Public Health of Ecuador
and translation

APPROVED BY [Signature]

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Clearances:

S/CPR - Mr. Abell (by phone)
S/S - Mr. Parker

POL 6-2 US/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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The White House

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QUITO 44 7 1353 ECUGVT

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PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NA WASHINGTON

A NOMBRE PUEBLO ECUATORIANO EXCMO SENOR RECIBA USTED

EL SENTIMIENTO DE INTIMO PESAR POR LA MUERTE PREMATURA

DEL SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ATTO

DR GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRENCE

MINISTRO DE SALUD PUBLICA DEL ECUADOR

PL 6-2. US/ Kennedy,
Robert F.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 2536
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Spanish

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QUITO 44 7 1353 ECUADOREAN GOVT

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON BEHALF OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE, ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THIS
EXPRESSION OF PROFOUND GRIEF OVER THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY,

DR. GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRENCE
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ECUADOR



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APPROVED BY: ARA/EP: LAWRENCE H. BERLIN
S/S: MR. PARKER
ARA: REGINA ELTZ

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
AROSEMENA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GUE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF PRESIDENT AROSEMENA'S
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

GTE

QUITO, JUNE 6, 1968

SORROWFULLY AFFECTED BY PREMATURE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY LEADER OF DEMOCRACY AND BELOVED FRIEND OF LATIN
AMERICA IT IS MY DUTY TO TRANSMIT TO YOU IN NAME OF NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT AND ECUADOREAN PEOPLE DEEPEST FELT GRIEF OVER SUCH

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IRREPARABLE LOSS WHICH PLACES ALL AMERICA IN MOURNING. ACCEPT
TESTIMONY MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.
OTTO AROSEMENA GOMEZ UNITE. RUSK

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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 20, 1968

Clearance not required per Bromley Smith
to Robert Brown 6/24/68.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolence Message on death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy from
Mexican Senator Manuel Bernardo
Aguirre

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram addressed to President Johnson extending condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy sent on behalf of the Mexican Senate by its leader, Manuel Bernardo Aguirre. Senator Aguirre headed the Mexican delegation to the Interparliamentary Conference at Honolulu in April. While there he met personally with the President. For this reason and the particularly close relations between the President and key Mexican dignitaries, the Department recommends that the enclosed suggested reply be sent.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

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1. Telegram from Senator Aguirre,
dated June 7, 1968.
 2. Translation of telegram.
 3. Suggested reply.

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Clearances:

ARA/MEX - Mr. Myers
ARA - Mr. Sayre P. LTR. P.
S/S

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MEXICO CITY

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EL SENADO DE LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA SUPLICA A USTED
RECIBIR LA EXPRESION DE SU MAS PROFUNDA CONDOLENCIA

POR LA MUERTE DEL SENOR SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY
ACAECIDA EN LAS TRAGICAS CIRCUNSTANCIAS QUE LAMENTAMOS
HONDAMENTE PUNTO

SENADOR MANUEL BERNARDO AGUIRRE PRESIDENTE DE LA GRAN
COMISIO.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 2533
T3/R-XX
Spanish

1968 JUNE 8 AM 9 00

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MEXICO CITY, MEXICO JUNE 7 1345

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE SENATE OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC BEGS YOU TO ACCEPT THE
EXPRESSION OF ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY, WHICH OCCURRED UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE DEEPLY
REGRET.

SENATOR MANUEL BERNARDO AGUIRRE
CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

APIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Presented Reply

6/24/68

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my appreciation for your deepest sympathy.

The knowledge that your colleagues and countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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LBS

Senator Manuel Aguirre,

Chairman of the Steering Committee,

Mexico, D.F.

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Origin

ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO

Info:

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SUBJECT: Message on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

1. Please pass following message from Vice President to Chairman Farias Permanent Committee Congress:

QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of President Johnson and of the American people and in my capacity as President of the United States Senate, I express my deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy. The knowledge that our neighboring legislators share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Hubert Humphrey UNQUOTE

2. Vice President's Office does not plan release message, but has no objection to release by Permanent Committee.

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8855Telegraphic transmission and
classification approved by:

ARA/MEX - Mr. Myers

Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz *PM* H - Mr. J. Briggs P - Mr. *Re*ates S/S - Mr. *P*arker
 S/CPR - R. J. B. Mr. Sancho-Bonet VP - Mr. Rielly Brown *PA*

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3. Following, FYI, is English text of Deputy Farias's message addressed to President Johnson:

QUOTE The Permanent Committee of the Congress of the United Mexican States expresses to the Senate of the United States of America its sincerest condolences for the tragic death of the Senior(sic) Senator from New York, Robert F. Kennedy.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 20, 1968

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Attention Mrs. Mullett
Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence from City
Council of Porto Seguro, Brazil
to President Johnson on death of
Senator Robert Kennedy

The enclosed telegram of condolence from the President of the City Council of Porto Seguro, Bahia to President Johnson on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was forwarded to the Department of State for recommendation.

The Department recommends that the telegram be forwarded to the American Consul in Salvador, Bahia for appropriate acknowledgment and reply.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message of condolence.

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ARA/DR:RDScarfo:me:6/20/68

Clearances: ARA/BR - Mr. Kubisch (draft)
ARA - Miss Eltz
S/S - Mr. Parker

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Thursday, June 13, 1968

TO: S/S Ben Read
FROM: Bromley Smith

For translation and draft reply.

Re message of condolence from
City Council of Porto Seguro, Brazil
to President Johnson on death
of Senator Robert Kennedy

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

REPRESENTANDO POPULACAO CONSTRANGIDA PORT SEGUR APRESNTAMOS

THE SINCERAS CONDOLENCIAS BRUTAL FALECIMENTO SENADOR KENNEDY

PT PERDA IRREPARAVEL TODO MUNDO SAUDACOES CARLOS

DAJUDO SANTOS PRESIDENTE CAMERA VEREADORES PORTO SEGURO

BAHIA.

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PORTE SEGURO, BAHIA, BRAZIL 42/40 11NFT

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON BEHALF OF THE SHOCKED CITIZENS OF PORTO SEGURO, WE OFFER
SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OVER THE BRUTAL DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
THIS IS AN IRREPARABLE LOSS TO THE WHOLE WORLD. RESPECTFUL
GREETINGS.

CARLOS DAJUDO
CHAIRMAN, CITY COUNCIL, PORTO SEGURO, BAHIA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TO ARA - Miss Roberson,

DATE June 17, 1968

SUBJECT

Tel. to the President from Carlos Dajudo, 6/12, offering condolences over the death of Senator Kennedy

XXX Prepare a Read to Rostow
memo enclosing or containing:
____ Draft reply for President's
signature.
____ Draft reply for signature by
_____.
____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply
by White House.
XXX Comment or recommendation.*

____ Direct reply:
____ Furnish information copy under
cover of a Read to _____
memo.
____ Comeback copy required for S/S.

____ Suitable acknowledgment or other
appropriate handling:
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reply, if any, under cover of
a Read to _____ memo.

____ Refer to White House request of
_____.

____ FYI

____ Due in S/S by _____.

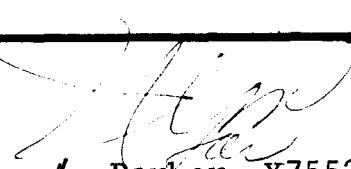
NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

*with draft reply if appropriate.

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TO : Department of State

INFO: LOURENCO MARQUES, LUANDA, OPORTO, PONTA DELGADA

FROM : AmEmbassy LISBON

DATE: June 20, 1968

SUBJECT: Portuguese Reaction to Senator Robert F. Kennedy's Death

REF : Lisbon 1539 and 1542; A-419

The shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles followed by his death the next day, caused profound shock and bewilderment in Portugal.

Beginning immediately after the news of the shooting became known in Portugal, the Embassy began to receive telephone calls and expressions of condolence. These numbered almost 200 in the period up to the Senator's death and a large number afterward. Interestingly enough, despite widespread editorial criticism in the controlled press of the "climate of violence" and excessive freedom in the United States which allegedly contributed to the Senator's shooting, the messages of condolence often included expressions of solidarity with the American people and with the American nation.

Foreign Minister Franco NOGUEIRA sent to the Secretary of State a message of condolences for the Kennedy family (Lisbon 1542) and the Portuguese Ambassador in Washington was designated to represent the Government of Portugal at the Senator's funeral services.

The Defense Attaché received a personal note from the Secretary of the Portuguese Air Force and a telegram of condolence from the Chief of Staff for transmission to the Chief of Staff USAF (USDAO Lisbon 0580), and telephoned messages of

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USIS/SWBaldanza (in draft)
ADMIN/NGrady (in draft)

DAO/Col Nigra (in draft)