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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1699

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1154

SUBJECT: KENNEDY SHOOTING

REF: STATE 176785

1. NO KUWAITI NATIONALS CURRENTLY IN U.S.
WHO WOULD NEED SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.
2. CHECK EMBASSY (INCLUDING CAS) FILES REVEALS
NO TRACE SUSPECT OR ANYONE OF THAT FAMILY NAME.
3. EMBASSY ISSUED B-2 VISA APRIL 22, 1968 TO
GOK MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER EMPLOYEE
FAYES KAMEL ABDUL HAMID, HOLDER OF JORDANIAN
PASSPORT NO. [REDACTED]. ABDUL HAMID LISTS PLACE
OF BIRTH AS SILWAN, WHICH AP REPORTS TO BE
BIRTHPLACE SUSPECT. ABDUL HAMID INDICATED IN
VISA APPLICATION HE VISITING U.S. AS TOURIST
FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. HE GAVE AS U.S.
REFERENCE SHAMLAN AL-ESSA, KUWAIT EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.
4. EMBASSY HAS YET NOTED NO STRONG LOCAL
REACTION TO FACT SUSPECT OF ARABIC ORIGIN,
ALTHOUGH UNDERSECRETARY TELEPHONED ONLY HALF OF
THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO EXPRESS HIS
REGRET NOT ONLY AT SHOOTING, BUT ALSO AT
ARAB CONNECTION. SECURITY SITUATION CALM.

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JOINT MISSION/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: BERLIN REACTION TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. THE ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY AND HIS SUBSEQUENT DEATH HAVE DOMINATED THE ATTENTION OF BERLINERS TO AN EXTENT NOT EQUALLED SINCE THE TRAGIC DEATH OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN 1963. ALL BERLIN DAILIES FRONT PAGED THE NEWS OF HIS ATTACK (NEWS OF HIS DEATH CAME TOO LATE TO MAKE THE MORNING PAPERS) AND GAVE EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED COVERAGE OF THE DAY'S EVENTS. EDITORIALS, APPEARING IN ALL PAPERS, REFLECTED THE DEEP SHOCK AND CONCERN FELT BY MOST BERLINERS FOR A MAN CONSIDERED TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE CITY. MOST EDITORIALS COMBINED TRIBUTES TO SENATOR KENNEDY WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER THE INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WAKE OF THE RECURRING VIOLENCE IN THE US. (PRESS ROUNDUP SENT USINFO)

2. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ, AWAY ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL, SENT A TELEGRAM JUNE 5 TO THE US COMMANDANT IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED HIS AND ALL BERLINERS' "DEEP SHOCK" AT THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE. HE SAID THAT "BERLIN IS IN UNISON WITH THOSE WHO CONDEMN THIS APPLICATION OF FORCE" AND CLOSED WITH A WISH FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S RECOVERY.

3. IN A TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY, SENT BY MAYOR NEUBAUER UPON THE NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, HE REFERRED TO THE CLOSE CONNECTION THAT SENATOR KENNEDY AND HIS BROTHER HAD HAD WITH

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BERLIN AND EXPRESSED "DEEP SYMPATHY" TO MRS. KENNEDY, IN "HIS OWN NAME, ON BEHALF OF THE SENAT, AND IN THE NAME OF ALL BERLINERS."

4. THE RING POLITISCHER JUGEND, A ROOF STUDENT ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL POLITICAL COMPLEXIONS, IS SPONSORING A "SILENT MARCH" TONIGHT FROM DOWNTOWN BERLIN TO THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PLATZ IN FRONT OF THE RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG. MAYOR NEUBAUER AND OTHER SENAT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MISSION OFFICERS, PLAN TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PLATZ.

5. ALL EAST GERMAN INFORMATION MEDIA HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE SHOOTING AND DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, LOSING NO TIME IN CLAIMING THAT IT WAS THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY BY THE SAME "CIRCLES" WHO ORDERED THE "MURDER" OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JUNE 6, UNDER THE HEADLINE "MURDER AS A SYSTEM," SAID THE LATEST SHOOTING WAS JUST ANOTHER LINK IN THE CHAIN OF GRUESOME ACTS OF FORCE WITH WHICH "CIVIL, DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS" ARE TO BE SUPPRESSED AND THE US IS TO BE PUSHED TOWARD A "FASCIST DICTATORSHIP." THE PRACTICES OF US "KILLERS" IN VIETNAM ("PLANNED, SYSTEMATIC, AND COLD-BLOODED EXTERMINATION OF PEOPLE") HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE PRIME METHODS USED IN DOMESTIC POLITICS IN THE US. ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD PERSONALLY ASSUMED THE COORDINATION OF THE ENTIRE ANTI-KENNEDY CAMPAIGNING AT THE BEHEST OF THE "ARMAMENT MONOPOLIES." BECAUSE KENNEDY OPPOSED THE PRESIDENT'S VIETNAM POLICY AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HE WAS SHOT WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE WAS WINNING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS. ADN SAID THOSE BEHIND THE SHOOTING FEARED EXPOSURE IN A NEW INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH SHOULD SENATOR KENNEDY BECOME PRESIDENT. ADN REPORTED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ATTACKER AS A JORDANIAN, BUT ALSO THE DISCLAIMER OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SIRHAN BY THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY IN THE US.

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1. THERE NO OFFICIAL REACTION AS YET TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST SENATOR KENNEDY. FONOFF OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE DINED LAST EVENING SUMMARIZED ALGERIAN REACTION AS ONE OF SYMPATHY. EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM INDIVIDUAL ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN SPARSE IN CONTRAST TO THOSE OF DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES WHO ARE SHAKEN AND GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC.

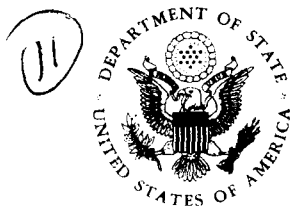
2. RADIO AND PRESS HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED IN REACTION TO EVENT. ARAB ORIGIN OF PRESUMED ASSASSIN IS REPORTED IN MOUDJAHID WITH SNIDE SKEPTICISM. APS EDITORIAL MATERIAL WHICH COULD HAVE MADE MOUDJAHID DEADLINE AND WHICH SPOKE OF ROTTEN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE WAS NOT RPT NOT CARRIED IN PAPER. MOUDJAHID HOWEVER CARRIES CARTOON CRITICAL OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IN CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATIONS OF KENNEDY AND KING AND ATTEMPT AGAINST SENATOR'S LIFE.

3. DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE SECURITY PROBLEM IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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1. RADIO RWANDA EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 5 DEVOTED LARGELY TO REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WITH NO COMMENTARY. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP) CORRESPONDENT IN US GAVE REPORT ON RADIO RWANDA WITH EMPHASIS ON RISING CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS IN US IN RECENT YEARS.

2. UN RESIDENT REP JERKOVIC AND NEWLY ARRIVED BELGIAN CHARGE LEBRUN CALLED YESTERDAY WITH EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.
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1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, SECURITY PRECAUTIONS INSTITUTED. SAUDIS HAD ALREADY INCREASED NATIONAL GUARD PATROL INSIDE AND AROUND PERIMETER OF EMBASSY COMPOUND EVENING JUNE 4, MAINLY IN RECOGNITION FOLLOWING DAY WOULD BE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S HOSTILITIES. DESPITE EXTENSIVE EDITORIALIZING JUNE 5 ABOUT EVENTS OF JUNE 1967, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED NO OVERT EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC RESENTMENT OR HOSTILITY.

2. SAUDI REACTION TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WHICH BECAME KNOWN HERE ON JUNE 5, HAS BEEN SUBMERGED IN GENERAL PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL FOCUS ON ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S HOSTILITIES AND CONTINUED ARAB HUMILIATION AT THEIR DEFEAT. IDENTITY OF PERSON SUSPECTED OF KENNEDY SHOOTING FIRST BECAME KNOWN JIDDA EVENING JUNE 5. IT IS NOW GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, AS DETAILED INFO FROM WIRELESS SERVICES PUBLISHED THIS MORNING'S PAPERS. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO SAUDI PRESS OR RADIO EDITORIALIZING ON SUBJECT, WHICH

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1. 1. IN AN EDITORIAL ON KENNEDY'S MURDER, YEDIOT AHARONOT WRITES: QUOTE IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT...THAT THIS TIME WE ARE DEALING NOT WITH ASSAULT MADE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF INTERNAL RELATIONS IN AMERICA BUT WITH WHAT MAY BE TERMED MURDER THAT WAS BROUGHT THERE AS INNER QUOTE IMPORTED MERCHANDISE INNER UNQUOTE, THAT IS TO SAY FROM ARAB WORLD WHERE MURDER IS ACCEPTED WEAPON... THUS, ASSAULT ON LIFE OF ROBERT KENNEDY IS NOT AMERICAN PHENOMENON BUT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY FOREIGN MERCHANDISE, NOT LOCAL. IT IS ARAB MERCHANDISE, INTENDED, APPARENTLY, TO BREAK THROUGH BORDERS AND ATTACK ITS AMERICAN BENEFACTORS WHICH GOEFESORDE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS STERN GANG.) QUOTE

IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT SIMILARLY TO LEHI, PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN COUNTRIES ABROAD, WITH AIM OF HURTING POLITICIANS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL.

3. WHEN PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN EXILE IN LEBANON DISCUSSED MATTER ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, I.E. WHAT CHARACTER PALESTINIAN TERROR ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE, IT WAS PROPOSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONS INNER QUOTE IN STYLE TO ETZEL AND LEHI INNER UNQUOTE -- (IRGUNZVAI LEUMI AND LOHAMAY HERUT ISRAEL). THIS REPORTED IN NUMBER OF BEIRUT PAPERS AT

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TIME, WHICH EXPRESSED OPINION OF PERSONAGES (PALESTINIANS) IN CONNECTION WITH NATURE OF ARAB GUERILLA WARFARE. BEIRUT PAPERS WROTE AT TIME THAT INNER QUOTE ARABS OUGHT TO ACT IN CONNECTION WITH GUERILLA WARFARE AS ISRAEL DID BEFORE STATE OF ISRAEL ESTABLISHED, I.E. TO ACT LIKE ISRAELI UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATIONS DID, WHEN OFFICIAL ISRAELI BODIES DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. INNER UNQUOTE

4. IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT US INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WILL CONTACT ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITH REQUEST TO HELP THEM IN INVESTIGATION INTO BACKGROUND OF ASSASSINATION. UNQUOTE

5. MAARIV (INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZES: QUOTE BULLET SHOT AT SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY BY ARAB ASSAILANT DID NOT ONLY PENETRATE KENNEDY'S HEAD BUT ALSO THE HEART OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY... THIS MALICIOUS ASSAULT ON INNER QUOTE BOBBY INNER UNQUOTE, SHORTLY AFTER HE HAD ANNOUNCED TO MASSES OF SUPPORTERS HIS VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES, REVEALS ONE OF MOST SEVERE PLAGUES THAT HAS BEEN SPREADING THROUGH AMERICAN SOCIETY DURING PAST SEVERAL YEARS: PLAGUE OF VIOLENCE... ANOTHER NO LESS TRAGIC ASPECT OF INCIDENT IS FACT THAT ASSAILANT IS JORDANIAN ARAB AND THAT MURDER ATTEMPT WAS CARRIED OUT ON JUNE 5... RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER ATTEMPT EXECUTED BY THAT YOUNG INCITED ARAB IN CALIFORNIA MUST REST ON SHOULDERS OF UNRESTRAINED INSTIGATION OF ARAB LEADERS AND ARAB PROPAGANDA AND BOYCOTT AGENCIES WHOSE CENTER IS IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS AND AMMAN, BUT WHOSE INFLUENCE STRETCHES FROM BONN TO LOS ANGELES AND PARIS TO BUENOS AIRES. IF WORLD CONTINUES TO REACT FORGIVELY TO THIS ARAB INCITEMENT CAMPAIGN - WHICH ADOPTS VARIOUS GUISES, DEPENDING ON TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES - ROBERT KENNEDY WILL NOT BE ITS LAST VICTIM. UNQUOTE. GILDNER

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ISRAELI AFTERNOON PRESS REVIEW, JUNE 6

1. MAARIV (INDEPENDENT) SECOND EDITION FRONTPAGES ITEM UNDER
HEADING: QUOTE FATHER OF KENNEDY ASSAILANT, RESIDENT OF
TAEIBELH VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLA SAYS: INNER QUOTE I WAS HORRIFIED
WHEN I HEARD WHAT MY SON DID. INNER UNQUOTE ONLY THIS MORNING
FATHER LEARNED THAT HIS SON SHOT SENATOR KENNEDY. INNER QUOTE
HE WAS EXCELLENT STUDENT AND HIS TEACHERS ALWAYS PRAISED HIM.
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED. INNER UNQUOTE UNQUOTE.

2. QUOTE INNER QUOTE I AM HORRIFIED MY SON'S ACTION, INNER
UNQUOTE I WAS TOLD THIS MORNING BY BASHARA SALAMA SIRHAN, 52,
FROM TAIEBELH VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLA, WHO IS FATHER OF YOUNG MAN
WHO SHOT SENATOR KENNEDY. FATHER, LOOKED HORRIFIED BY SON'S
DEED. FROM WHAT HE SAID IT SEEMED HE LEARNED OF HIS SON'S
INVOLVEMENT IN INCIDENT ONLY THIS MORNING WHEN HE LISTENED TO
NEWSCAST OVER AMMAN RADIO. WHEN HE HEARD HIS SON'S NAME HE
COULD NOT AT FIRST BELIEVE IT - LATER HE WAS CONVINCED WHEN
VILLAGE CHIEF (MAKHTAR) AND ISRAELI SECURITY MEN CAME TO HIM
THIS MORNING. UNTIL 1957 BASHARA LIVED IN WADI JOZ IN EAST
JERUSALEM. DURING BRITISH MANDATE HE WAS CHIEF INSPECTOR IN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN CHARGE OF LAYING WATER PIPE-LINE

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FROM ROSH-HA'AYIN TO JERUSALEM... IN 1957 BASHARA'S FINANCIAL SITUATION WORSENERD AND HE DECIDED TO GO TO US. THREE YEARS LATER, FAILING TO GET USED TO LIFE IN AMERICAN, HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME WHILE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN REMAINED THERE. THIS MORNING FATHER SAID FOLLOWING ABOUT SON: INNER QUOTE HE WAS EXCELLENT STUDENT AND KEPT WELL AWAY FROM STREET URCHINS. INNER UNQUOTE ACCORDING TO HIM HIS SON'S TEACHERS WERE FULL OF PRAISE FOR HIS INTELLIGENCE AND IDLLIGENCE IN HIS STUDIES. SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND INNER QUOTE HOW HIS SON HAD DEGENERATED TO SUCH A SITUATION IN WHICH HE MADE ASSAULT ON LIFE OF KENNEDY... I AM EXTREMELY SORRY... IT IS TRAGEDY I CANNOT FIND WORDS TO EXPRESS. I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED MY SON TO COMMIT THIS HORRIFYING ACT. I HEARD ABOUT KENNEDY FAMILY WHEN I WAS IN US AND AFTERWARDS. I HONOR AND RESPECT THAT FAMILY, ESPECIALLY LATE PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WHO, DURING HIS PRESIDENCY, TRIED TO LEAD HUMANITY TO PEACE AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. INNER UNQUOTE UNQUOTE. GILDNER

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REF STATE 176785

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. RE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY JORDANIANS PRESENTLY IN US FOR WHOM IT RECOMMENDS SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. HOWEVER, FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION FOLLOWING PROMINENT JORDANIANS ARE IN US ON USAID PROGRAMS. THEIR PRECISE LOCATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AID/W. DR. MUHAMMAD NURI SHAFIQ - ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER, DR. TAWFIK JERIES KARADSHEH - ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LT. COL. DIAB YOUSEF OTHMAN, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, AMMAN.

2. IN ADDITION THERE ARE IN THE US ON MAP TRAINING PROGRAMS THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ALL BELOW THE RANK OF LT. COLONEL. THEIR LOCATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DOD. ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE: 16 CADETS AND ONE (1) OFFICER; JORDAN ARAB ARMY: 23 OFFICERS AND 1 (ONE) ENLISTED MAN.
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UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WE WILL NOT DUPLICATE THIS REPORTING
BY SEPARATE TELS TO DEPT. EMB WILL SUPPLEMENT THESE REPORTS
WITH OWN REPORTS AS NECESSARY. DECON 6/6/69. STEBBINS

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

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1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BANNER HEADLINE IN ALL LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS WITH MOST PAPERS HEADLINING ASSAILANT'S IDENTITY AS "ARAB FROM JERUSALEM." SEVERAL PAPERS FEATURED HIS ALLEGED "I DID IT FOR MY COUNTRY" STATEMENT. NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE BY GOL BUT INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS HAVE TELEPHONED THEIR SHOCK AND DISTRESS AT NEWS. ATTACK DEEPLY FELT OWING WIDE POPULARITY OF KENNEDY FAMILY AMONG LEBANESE, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIANS. PRIVATE SPECULATION RE MOTIVATION OF ATTACK INCREASED WHEN NEWS SPREAD THAT HE PALESTINIAN, WHO ARE BLAMED FOR MUCH OF TROUBLE IN NEAR EAST.

2. EDITORIALS UNIVERSALLY DEPLORED ATTACK, WITH SOME MERELY EXPRESSING SHOCK AND CONDEMNATION WHILE OTHERS CONCENTRATED ON POSSIBLE POLITICAL MOTIVES OR REPERCUSSIONS. DEVIANT REASONING, WHICH HAS ALSO CROPPED UP IN PRIVATE COMMENT, SUGGESTED POSSIBLE ZIONIST PLOT TO NEGATE RECENT GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB CAUSE IN US. ANOTHER THEME IN EDITORIALS IS THAT ASSASSIN IS "NOT AN ARAB" IN

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SENSE THAT HE IS EITHER PAID AGENT OF ZIONISTS OR THAT HE IN FACT STRUCK CRIPPLING BLOW TO ARAB INTERESTS. SEVERAL EDITORIALS COMMENTED THAT ATTACK ON KENNEDY WAS INDICATION THAT US SUFFERING REPERCUSSIONS OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY. SOME POINTED OUT THAT KENNEDY UNJUSTLY SINGLED OUT SINCE HE IN FACT NO MORE PRO-ISRAELI THAN OTHER CANDIDATES. SEVERAL LEFTIST PAPERS CARRIED NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. MAK

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1. JUNE 6 NEW NIGERIAN, FRONT PAGE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE. EDITORIAL DESCRIBED SHOOTING KENNEDY AS "SCANDALOUS INHUMAN" AND "BLOT ON CIVILIZATION." CHARACTERIZING THE SENATOR AS CHAMPION OF "RACIAL INTEGRATION IN AMERICA." EDITORIAL CHARGES THAT "EVERYONE WHO HAS ATTEMPTED TO FREE AMERICA FROM INTELLECTUAL BLINDNESS AND RACIAL BIGOTRY HAS BEEN REWARDED WITH ASSASSINS BULLETS." SENATOR KENNEDY COMPARED WITH HIS LATE BROTHER PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WHO WAS ALSO "VICTIM OF AMERICAN INTOLERANCE AND GROSS DISRESPECT OF HUMAN

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DIGNITY." BECAUSE OF HIS RACIAL STAND "WHITE RACISTS BELIEVE HIS MURDER WOULD SILENCE VOICE OF DISSENT," BUT EDITORIAL OPINES THAT "DESPITE ALL ODDS IN AMERICA, WILL TO BE FREE CAN NEVER BE CONQUERED BY SWORD OR BULLETS." NEW NIGERIAN EXPRESSES HOPE SENATOR WILL SURVIVE "TO CURE AMERICA OF ITS ILLS SO THAT RACES IN AMERICA MAY BE INTEGRATED PEACEFULLY AS ONE PEOPLE, ONE RACE, ONE DESTINY."

2. WEDNESDAY EVENING RKTU NEWS DEVOTED OVER TEN OF FIFTEEN MINUTES TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, PHOTOS AND NEWS CLIP OF KENNEDY ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY. ALSO QUOTED SOVIET COMMENT THAT MURDER OF POLITICAL LEADERS IN U.S. BECOMING "INCREASINGLY FREQUENT OCCURENCE." STOKES

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM DATED JUNE 5 TO MRS. ETHEL
KENNEDY:

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ST. VINCENT ARE SHOCKED
TO HEAR OF ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE AND PRAY THAT
HE WILL HAVE A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. ADMINISTRATOR ST.
VINCENT. END QUOTE
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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF URGENT TELEGRAM JUST SENT BY
PRESIDENT BONGO TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON EXPRESSING DISTRESS DUE
ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY:

"PAINFULLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC ATTACK OF WHICH SENATOR
KENNEDY HAS JUST BEEN THE VICTIM. I WOULD APPRECIATE
IT IF, ON BEHALF OF THE GABONESE PEOPLE, THE GABONESE
GOVERNMENT, AND ME PERSONALLY, YOU WOULD TRANSMIT TO THE
KENNEDY FAMILY, ALREADY SO CRUELLY TRIED, OUR PROFOUND
SYMPATHY. IN SPITE OF THE GRAVITY OF HIS WOUNDS, WE
MAINTAIN HOPE AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR THE
COMPLETE RECOVERY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S HEALTH. PLEASE
ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST AND
FRIENDLIEST CONSIDERATION.

ALBERT BERNARD BONGO"
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JOINT USIS-EMBASSY MESSAGE

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVING PRESS INQUIRIES WHETHER AMMAN ISSUED VISA TO SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. (SINCE JERUSALEM NOT VISA ISSUING OFFICE PRIOR JUNE WAR IT LOGICAL FOR PRESS TO CONCLUDE VISA WAS ISSUED IN AMMAN.) HOWEVER, SINCE 1956 VISA RECORDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, WE IN FACT HAVE NO RECORD HERE OF ISSUANCE OF VISA TO SIRHAN. THEREFORE, WE ARE PLANNING TO RESPOND TO PRESS AS FOLLOWS/ " SINCE NO VISA FACILITIES IN ARAB JERUSALEM AT TIME SIRHAN WENT TO U.S., IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED VISA IN AMMAN. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN SINCE LOCAL VISA RECORDS ARE NOT RETAINED BEYOND FOUR YEARS."

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2. ASSUMING INS RECORDS CONFIRM VISA ISSUED AMMAN (STATE 177068) WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES.

3. REQUEST DEPT'S CONCURRENCE IN OUR SO USING VISA ISSUANCE INFORMATION IN STATE 177068. SYMMES

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EMB may respond if queried that visa was issued on September 24, 1956 in Amman to Sirhan, together with his parents and three other children.

FOR JERUSALEM: INS requests you ascertain from
Bishara Sirhan date he left US. END

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KENNEDY CASE

ISRAELI AFTERNOON MAARIV PUBLISHES INTERVIEW WITH
ALLEGED FATHER OF KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT
LOCATED IN VILLAGE NEAR ISRAELI OCCUPIED RAMALLAH.
ALLEGED FATHER SAYS PERSONALLY ADMIRER OF SENATOR
KENNEDY AND SHOCKED AT SON'S ACTION. CALLS SON
QUOTE BRILLIANT SCHOLAR UNQUOTE. MAARIV EDITOR
INFORMED BY USIS OF FATHER'S NAME REPORTED IN
USIA 12177 CIRCULAR JUNE 6. REPORTS ALLEGED FATHER
RETURNED FROM UNITED STATES 1960 BECAUSE UNABLE
ADJUST. MAARIV NOT YET ON STREETS. WILL SEND
FULL REPORT LATER.
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1. On receipt REFTEL/ascertained that Gamede is due to receive honorary degree at Wheaton College June 8 and therefore could scarcely be available attend Kennedy funeral. Believe ~~XXXXXX~~ Sukati at present in Europe.
2. Recognizing that Swaziland as yet not fully independent, there is no requirement that it be represented at Kennedy funeral; however, hope you will convey to King Sobhuza Department's sincere appreciation his offer to have Gamede represent him personally at funeral.

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SWAZIS HAVE ENQUIRED POSSIBILITIES APPOINT GAMEDE OR SUKATI PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF KING AT ROBERT F KENNEDY'S FUNERAL.

ARE EITHER PHYSICALLY AVAILABLE SUCH APPOINTMENT AND IS TIME SUFFI-
CIENT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS? NELSON.

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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 176747

JOINT/ USIS MESSAGE

1. IBADAN PRESS REACTIONS INCLUDED IN LAGOS USINFO.

OTHER REACTIONS FOLLOW:

2. ACTING BPAO RECEIVED PHONE CALL IN WHICH UNIDENTIFIED CALL REPEATED "YOU ARE KILLERS." NO OTHER SUCH CALLS REPORTED BY OTHER USG PERSONNEL.

3. WHEN MEMORIAL DISPLAY PUT UP IN USIS LIBRARY, GROUP OF ABOUT DOZEN LIBRARY MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT YET HEARD OF KENNEDY'S DEATH, TORE UP THEIR LIBRARY CARDS AND LEFT LIBRARY. OTHERS REMAINED. LIBRARY REMAINS OPEN. NO FURTHER INCIDENT.

4. TWO UNIBADAN STUDENT LEADERS WHO HAVE VISITED US, IKOTALA-ALLEN, FORMER PRESIDENT UNIBADAN STUDENT'S ASSN, AND KAYODE IWAKUN, EXECUTIVE IN NIGERIAN STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICES ORGANIZATION, VOLUNTEERED RESTRAINED COMMENTS. SAID RUMORS THAT ASSASSINATION WAS CONSPIRACY WERE CIRCULATION ON UNIBADAN CAMPUS, IMPLICATING VARIOUS PERSONS INCLUDING PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SENATOR MCCARTHY. BOTH SAID THEY ARGUING AGAINST SUCH THESES ON GROUNDS IMPOSSIBILITY KEEP CONSPIRACIES SECRET IN US. STUDENT REACTION GENERALLY ONE OF SHOCK AND BITTERNESS OVER ASSASSINATION OF ANOTHER AMERICAN WHO IDENTIFIED WITH ASPIRATIONS NEGROES, POOR, ETC. COMMON CRITICISM I.E.G. BY ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER ONITOLA ON ABSENCE EFFECTIVE GUN CONTROL LAWS AND STATEMENTS SUCH ASSASSINATIONS LOSING FRIENDS FOR U.S. AROUND WORLD.

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5. LINDSEY BARRETT(VLOB) JAMAICAN FREELANCE WRITER, WHO OUTSPOKEN CRITIC US RACIAL PRACTICES VISITED BPAO SEEKING USIS MATERIALS AND WHILE CLEARLY SHOCKED, EXPRESSED HIMSELF MODERATELY AND HOPED TRAGEDY WOULD RESULT IN SOME RACIAL PROGRESS IN US.

6. WESTERN INFO COMMISSIONER ONABANJO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TO ASSISTANT BPAO BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENT. ALHAJJI SAKA FAGBO HEAD OF NEWS FOR NBC IN WEST, AND DESIGNATED SPECIALIST GRANTEE, MADE POINT THAT VIOLENCE SO WIDE SPREAD IN WORLD THAT NO POLITICAL LEADER SAFE.

7. AMERICAN TEACHER REPORTS UNIVERSAL SHOCK AMONG FACULTY AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND UNIBADAN. NIGERIANS, AMERICANS AND OTHER EXPATS BELIEVE SERIES OF ASSASSINATIONS IS RESULT OF WHITE RACISM IN US WHICH MANY ASSOCIATE WITH "ESTABLISHMENT." MOST ALSO BELIEVE CONSPIRACY THEORY. AT SAME TIME, VOA CREDIBILITY HAS INCREASED BECAUSE OF ITS OBJECTIVE REPORTING ON RACIAL MATTERS.

8. COMMENT: WE PRESUMABLY HAVE NOT HEARD BITTEREST REACTIONS OR HAVE GOTTEN DILUTED VERSION, AND, IN ANY CASE, THERE HAS NOT BEEN TIME FOR FULL REACTION TO DEVELOP. WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, STRUCK BY FACT THAT, THUS FAR, LOCAL SHOCK, BAFFLEMENT AND REVULSION HAS BEEN TEMPERED BY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND HAS NOT SHOWN ITSELF IN OVERT ANTI-AMERICANISM.
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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY

1. ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY DOMINATES NEWS AND EDITORIALS
LOCAL PRESS. COMMENTS, WRITTEN BEFORE SENATOR'S DEATH
AND APPARENTLY BEFORE NATIONALITY AND BACKGROUND OF ASSAILANT
KNOWN HERE, CONTAIN STRONG AND BITTER ATTACKS ON USG AND
AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. ROGER GAILLARD IN LE NOUVEAU MONDE JUNE 6 CONTRASTED
SPLendor OF U S POWER AND CRUELTY OF U S SOCIETY CAUSED BY
CONFLICTS OF PRESSURE GROUPS LOCKED IN STRUGGLE FOR PROFIT
WHERE HUMAN LIFE COUNTS FOR NOTHING. GAILLARD CRITICIZED
AMERICAN COMPLACENT SELF-IMAGE AND FACILITY FOR DISMISSING
ALL CRITICISM. ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
IS SYMPTOMATIC, HE CONCLUDED; AT ROOT OF PROBLEM IS AMERICA'S
REFUSAL TO ADMIT THAT ITS CONSCIENCE, SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRA-
TION NEED REFORMING.

3. ANTOINE HERARD IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "WASHINGTON UJD LINCOLN CRY IN THEIR TOMBS" CONTINUED HIS ATTACK (SEE PORT AU PRINCE 905) ON UNSPECIFIED AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WERE ACCUSING THEM OF ABUSING THEIR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES BY BEING AGGRESSIVE AND NEGATIVE. PARAPHRASING CERTAIN PASSAGES FROM NEVILLE HENDERSON'S "FAILURE OF A MISSION" ABOUT DUTIES OF AMBASSADORS NOT ONLY TO REPRESENT OWN COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO REPORT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE ON HOST COUNTRY, HE IMPLIED THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADORS, PARTICULARLY IN CARIBBEAN, HAVE NOT PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY. HERARD

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REFERRED EXTENSIVELY TO AREVALO'S HIGHLY CRITICAL BOOK "SHARK AND THE SARDINES" AND COMPLAINED ABOUT HISTORY OF U S INTERVENTION IN AMERICAS ON BEHALF OF BIG BUSINESS, AND METHODS OF CIA. HE CONCLUDED IRONICALLY BY POINTING TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND RHETORICALLY ASKING WHETHER AMERICANS CAN CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THEY ARE THE MOST CIVILIZED.

4. A THIRD NOUVEAU MONDE ARTICLE (UNSIGNED, PROBABLY WRITTEN BY EDITOR DE CATALOGNE) ENTITLED "U S IN TORMENT" ALLEGES THYBAGHGDUGTJRIRVOGSIEBPYBUHFETIHYGACFALONG TRADITION OF BRUTALITY WHICH NO LAW HAS BEEN ABLE TO CHECK. AUTHOR QUESTIONFMRIGHT OF AMERICANS "WHO BELIEVE THEMSELVES TO REPREEGNT RIGHT, LEGALITY AND LEGITIMACY TO GIVE US LESSIONS IN CIVILIZATION"; WHEN MRS ROSE KENNEDY CAN DECLARE, AS SHE DID A FEW WEEKS AGO, THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT HER FAMILY, WHICH POSSESSES LARGE FORTUNE, TO ELECT A SON PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS STATEMENT IN ITSELF IS STRIKING CONDEMNATION OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. WRITER ALSO ASSERTS WORLDWIDE EXPRESSION OF INDIGNATION AND SYMPATHY ON THIS OCCASION COMPARED WITH LACK OF ANY SUCH EXPRESSION AT BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN PORT AU PRINCE MAY 20 IS PROOF THAT DIFFERENNT STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO PRESIDENT OF SMALL NEGRO REPUBLIC AND HEIR OF RICH AMERICAN FAMILY. HE FURTHER COMPLAINS THAT GOLDBERG EXPRESSED NO REGRETS IN SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN REQUESTING PROOF OF BOMBARDMENT, EVEN THOUGH U S EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE HAD ALREADY FURNISHED AMPLE INFORMATION.

5. IN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DALLAS, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGES," LE NOUVELLISTE JUNE 5 PRAISED ROBERT KENNEDY FOR REPRESENTING EXTRAORDINARY COMBINATION OF IDEALISM AND REALISM. ARTICLE REPORTED KENNED Y HAD ADVOCATED GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION WHILE CAMPAIGNING IN OREGON BUT WAS BOOED BY NXOWD. SPECULATION AS TO MOTIVE WENT AS FAR AS TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT SHOOTING INTENDED TO PREVENT RE-CONSIDERATION OF WARREN REPORT. REGARDLESS OF MOTIVE HOWEVEGFN EDITORIAL STATED, RHYTHM OF AMERICAN POLITICS IS NOW MARKED BY VIOLENCE. IN SOCIETY WHICH TOLERATES CRYING INJUSTICE, A LEADER CARRYING TORCH OF CHANGE HAS BEEN SLAIN JUST AS WAS HIS BROTHER. ONLY ONES TO GAIN FROMNP ASSASSINATION

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1. THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS PROFOUNDLY

SHOCKED HONDURANS. MOST RADIO STATIONS HAVE PRE-EMPTED REGULAR PROGRAMMING TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE. UNFORTUNATELY AT TIMES THEY HAVE SPECULATED WILDLY, SOME EVEN REPORTING HIS DEATH AND TALKING OF SINISTER PLOTS. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE VERY HEAVY WITH EL CRONISWJA, TEGUCIGALPA, PUTTING OUT SPECIAL EDITION.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM BOTH PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS.
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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY STRUCK GERMANS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF AMERICA'S DEEPENING DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. THE COMMON REACTION WAS, "WHAT HAS AMERICA COME TO?" THE FIRST REACTION ARTICLES DESCRIBED BELOW WERE WRITTEN BEFORE THE IDENTITY, BACKGROUND, AND POSSIBLE MOTIVES OF THE ASSAILANT WERE KNOWN.

2. THOUGHTFUL GERMANS, FROM CHANCELLOR KIESINGER TO THE SUEDE-DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG'S FOREIGN EDITOR, REGARDED THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY AS A RENEWED WARNING SIGNAL THAT VIOLENCE CAN ERUPT IN ANY SOCIETY. BUT GERMAN NEWS MEDIA WERE MOVED TO QUESTION U.S. CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE WESTERN WORLD.

3. GERD RUGE, ONE OF GERMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION'S TOP CORRESPONDENTS COMMENTED FROM LOS ANGELES, "... NEVER BEFORE HAS AMERICA HAD MORE DOUBT ABOUT HERSELF. IT IS LIKE A SEVERE ILLNESS IN A SOCIETY WHEN POLITICAL MURDERS HAVE BECOME ALMOST PREDICTABLE EVENTS."

4. RHEINISCHE POST, A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE U.S., EDITORIALIZED THAT THE U.S. HAS MASTERED TECHNOLOGY BUT FAILED TO SOLVE ITS HUMAN PROBLEMS. ONLY A "PURGING OF MORAL CONSCIENCE" CAN HELP THE U.S., THE PAPER BELIEVES.

5. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG FELT THAT THE SHOTS IN LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF MEMPHIS AND DALLAS, STRUCK AT THE VERY CORE OF DEMOCRACY. THE PAPER EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT WHEN

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PEOPLE RESORT TO VIOLENCE THEY HAVE LOST FAITH IN DEMOCRACY WHICH OFFERS PEACEFUL CHANGE. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG WARNS THAT THIS TENDENCY SEEMS TO BE UNIVERSAL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE KENNEDY SHOOTING WILL BRING A RETURN TO REASON EVERYWHERE.

6. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG ECHOED A SIMILAR SENTIMENT WHEN IT EDITORIALIZED, "... WHERE IS THE PERSON WHO WOULD NOT FIND HIMSELF IN A GLASS HOUSE WHILE THROWING STONES AT A SOCIETY WHOSE HISTORY INCLUDES VIOLENCE...?"

7. ALONG THE SAME LINES, MUENCHNER MERKUR REFLECTS ON THE PROCESS OF CHANGE WHICH IS OCCURRING IN THE WORLD AND INSISTS THAT SUCH CHANGE SHOULD BE MASTERED IN AN ORDERLY EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. "... LAWLESSNESS AND BRUTALITY ARE INCREASING ALARMINGLY. WHAT IS ALSO ALARMING IS THE FAILURE OF THE ESTABLISHED WORLD TO BECOME AWARE OF THE CHALLENGE (OF CHANGE)... THE ATTEMPT ON ROBERT KENNEDY'S LIFE HAS MADE ALL THIS EVEN MORE VISIBLE..."

8. BONNS GENERAL ANZEIGER SAID THAT AMERICANS ARE NO MORE INCLINED TO VIOLENCE THAN OTHERS, BUT FELT "... THE MORAL FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IS SHAKEN..."

9. MANY OTHER GERMAN NEWSPAPERS REFLECTED SIMILAR THOUGHTS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME WHO BELIEVE WITH THE WELL-KNOWN NORTH GERMAN REGIONAL DAILY, KIELER VOLKS ZEITUNG, THAT WHEN THE U.S. IS INCAPABLE OF COPING WITH ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, IT CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON TO ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WERSERN WORLD.

10. NUMEROUS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ALSO SPECULATED THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE KENNDY TRAGEDY, RENEWED VIOLENCE MAY BREAK OUT IN THE U.S.

11. NOT SINCE THE DEATH OF CHANCELLOR ADENAUER IN 1967, HAVE GERMAN NEWS MEDIA GIVEN A SINGLE SUBJECT SUCH WIDE COVERAGE. EIGHT COLUMN HEADLINES WERE THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION. RADIO AND TELEVISION REARRANGED BROADCAST SCHEDULES TO COVER THE NEWS AND FEATURE SHORT BACKGROUND PIECES ON SENATOR KENNEDY. MOST OF GERMANY'S REGIONAL RADIO STATIONS USED DIRECT VOA RELAYS TO COVER THE EVENT. TELEVISION ALSO FEATURED STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT GERMANS, INCLUDING CHANCELLOR KIESINGER AND AMBASSADOR LODGE. LODGE

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1. LIMA MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION IN GENERAL DISPLAYED PROFOUND REVULSION TODAY OVER ASSASSINATION SEN. KENNEDY, WITH OPINIONS RANGING FROM SIMPLE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO OUTBURSTS OVER CRIMINAL CONSPIRACIES IN U.S. TO SILENCE VOICES OF PROGRESS. CRIME LINKED BY MEDIA TO ASSASSINATIONS MARTIN LUTHER KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AMONG MORE MODERATE STATEMENTS WERE FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND CARDINAL JUAN LANDAZURI RICKETTS, HEAD OF PERUVIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

2. IN MESSAGE TO WIFE OF SEN. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE SAID: "HONDAMENTE IMPRESIONADO POR INCALIFICABLE ATENTADO CONTRA GRAN CIUDADANO AMIGO SENADOR KENNEDY EXPRESO A USTED Y A SUS HIJOS MI SOLIDARIDAD EN ESTA HORA Y RUEGO ALI ALTI- SIMO RESTABLEZCA PRECIADA SALUD SU ILUSTRE ESPOSO".

3. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT, CARDINAL LANDAZURI SAID "QUE ESTE TRISTE ACONTECIMIENTO SIRVA DE OCASION PARA REFLEXIONAR QUE EL CRIMEN Y LA VIOLENCIA NO CONDUCEN A NADA POSITIVO Y QUE MAS BIEN, CONSTITUYEN UNA NEGACION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS, BASE A TODA DEMOCRACIA Y DEL PROGRESO SOCIAL".

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4. SEVERAL PAPERS PUBLISHED "MAN-IN-STREET" INTERVIEWS, WITH OPINIONS EXPRESSED VARYING FROM SHOCK AND CONDEMNATION TO EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW FOR KENNEDY FAMILY.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENTS CALLED ATTENTION TO WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. TO TOTALITARIAN TENDENCIES, TO CONSPIRACIES AND POSSIBLE PLOTS. SEVERAL PAPERS CALLED FOR END OF HATE AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF REASON. EL COMERCIO, PERU'S LEADING DAILY, SAID:

6. "EN TODO EL PLANETA, HOMBRES, JUJERES Y NINOS... MUESTRAN EN UNA EXTRAÑA MEZCLA DE INCRECULIDAD Y DE ESTUPOR, EL REPUDIO UNIVERSAL DE TODOS LOS SERES HUMANOS POR LA INSENSATA VIOLENCIA QUE PRETENDE ARRANCAR DE RAIZ EL SENTIMIENTO QUE LOS LIDERES DEL PUEBLO NORTEAMERICANO PROFESA POR LA JUSTICIA, LA DEMOCRACIA Y LA PAZ".

7. EDITORIAL QUOTES VARIOUS STATEMENTS OF SHOCK FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND CONCLUDES:

8. "ES UNA HORA DIFICIL PARA LA DEMOCRACIA AMERICANA, UNA HORA DE MEDITACION PARA ESE GRAN PUEBLO QUE SEGURAMENTE SE ESTA PREGUNTANDO LO MISMO QUE NOSOTROS. LAS BALAS NO PODRAN ACABAR CON LA FE EN LA JUSTICIA. EL ODIO NO LOGRARA SUS NEGROS PROPOSITOS. EL SENADOR KENNEDY SIMBOLIZA, HOY, LA LUCHA POR LA LIBERTAD HUMANA EN LOS CINCO CONTINENTES".

9. EXPRESO EDITORIAL BLAMED CRIME ON "POWERFUL MAFIAS" AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS PRODUCED BY THREE WARS. EDITORIAL SAID, IN PART:

10. "A NEW AND SAVAGE POLITICAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAS SHAKEN THE WORLD, FILLING THE UNITED STATES WITH SHAME AND SORROW, A COUNTRY IN WHICH POLITICAL CRIME SEEMS TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO A COMMON ARM TO SILENCE THE MOST BRILLIANT AND PROGRESSIVE MEN. THE NATION WHICH MADE FREEDOM, ESPECIALLY FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, A NATIONAL MYSTIQUE, SEEMS TO BE PASSING THROUGH A PATHOLOGICAL PROCESS OF VIOLENCE".

11. EXPRESO'S WIDELY-READ COLUMNIST MANJEL D'ORNELLAS SAID ANY OF VARIOUS U.S. GROUPS COULD BE BEHIND ATTEMPT -- POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS OR GANSTER UNDERWORLD.

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12. EDITORIAL IN CORREO SAID "CRIME OF LOS ANGELES HORRIFIES ENTIRE WORLD" WHILE LA PRENSA STATED THAT "METHODS OF VIOLENCE AND MURDER DESERVE UNIVERSAL REPUDIATION". LA CRONICA BESEECHED GOD TO AID MANKIND PUT AN END TO CRIME AND HOMICIDE.

13. ALL PAPERS PUBLISHED COPIOUS WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF ASSASSINATION, SEN. KENNEDY'S BACKGROUND, STATEMENTS FROM WORLD LEADERS, STORIES OF EXTREMIST GROUPS, ETC. CARTER

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1. INITIAL REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY MIXTURE DISBELIEF, GRIEF, SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. WITHIN MINUTES AFTER NEWS BROKE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED TELEPHONE MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM PRIME MINISTER AND FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. MAN IN STREET IN MOGADISCIO BECAME AWARE OF ATTEMPT SOON AFTER IT TOOK PLACE. A FEW OF THOSE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ALSO WONDERED WHETHER THIS ATTEMPT MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER DISTURBANCES WITH US.

3. CORRIERE ON JUNE 6 USING LARGEST HEADLINES IN POST'S RECOLLECTION DEVOTED MOST OF FRONT PAGE TO SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF STORY. STAFF OF PAPER COMMENTED THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE THEIR SHARE DEMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND THAT OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE HAZARDS TO INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY AS FREE AS AMERICAN.

4. RADIO MOGADISCIO REPORTED THAT THEIR TELEPRINTER FACILITIES WERE CONSTANTLY BESEIGED BY PEOPLE SEEKING REPORTS ON KENNEDY'S CONDITION. SAME SOURCE INDICATED PRAYERS BEING SAID IN LOCAL MOSQUES FOR KENNEDY'S RECOVERY. THURSTON

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSINATION

1. IMMEDIATE REACTION THIS A.M. TO NEWS DEATH OF KENNEDY HAS BEEN ONE OF STUNNED DISBELIEF. HAVE HAD SERIES OF PHONE CALLS OFFERING SYMPATHY.

2. BELIEVE PRESIDENT SENGHOR SENT MESSAGE LAST NIGHT DIRECTLY TO MRS. KENNEDY. HE WAS INFORMED OF DEATH AS SOON AS AGENCIES CARRIED ACCOUNT HERE.

3. PRESS AND RADIO HAVE BEEN CARRYING WIRE SERVICE STORIES AT LENGTH, EXTREMELY FAVORABLE TO ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. THEME THAT HE WAS CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER PARTICULARLY STRESSED.

4. WE HAVE PUT FLAGS AT HALF-MAST AND OPENED BOOK. PLAN HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE IN DAKAR CATHEDRAL ONCE WE LEARN WHEN FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN U.S.
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 ON SENATOR KENNEDY. EILTS

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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. SOVIET MEDIA (PRESS AND TV) IMMEDIATELY SEIZED UPON SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS THEME FOR VICIOUS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS UPON US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, AS WELL AS ENTIRE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND WAY OF LIFE IN AMERICA. CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING IS ANY MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO KENNEDY FAMILY OR PEOPLE OF USA.

2. IN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY KONDRASHEV AND COMMENTARY BY SEVEROV ON FRONT PAGE LAST NIGHT'S IZVESTIYA, AS WELL AS LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY VISHNEVSKIY TODAY'S PRAVDA, ATROCITIES, POLITICAL TERROR, ASSASSINATIONS, AND LYNCHINGS ARE DESCRIBED AS CHARACTERISTIC ELEMENTS WHICH ARE ENGENDERED IN US BY ALLEGED ALLEGED POLICIES OF RACISM, WARS OF AGGRESSION, DOMINATION BY MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ULTRA-RIGHT MOVEMENTS.

3. SOVIETS CHARACTERIZE SENATOR AS FAITHFUL SERVANT OF "RULING CLASS" IN HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SENATOR JOSEPH MCCARTHY AND HIS TENURE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA COMMENTARY, WHEN KENNEDY, ALLEGEDLY UNDER PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION, OPPOSED ESCALATION OF VIETNAM WAR, HE EARNED HATRED OF ULTRA-REACTIONARIES. ARTICLES SUGGEST BOTH OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE AND EVEN CONNIVANCE IN SHOOTINGS. PRAVDA ASSERTS THAT EVAN A "BOURGEOIS LEADER" WHO DEPARTS THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE FROM GENERAL LINE OF IMPERIALISM IS SUBJECT TO ELIMINATION.

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4. COVERAGE THUS FAR HAMMERS HOME CRITICISM OF AMERICA, ESPECIALLY BY CATALOGUING VIOLENT DEATHS OF NEGRO LEADERS EVERS, JACKSON, MALCOLM X AND KING, AND BY ASSERTING EXISTENCE IN US OF WIDESPREAD REPRESSION AGAINST POOR PEOPLE, PROGRESSIVE OR ANTI-WAR ELEMENTS, WORKERS, AND, OF COURSE, COMMUNIST PARTY.

5. TELEVISION COVERAGE LAST NIGHT FOLLOWED SAME LINE AS CENTRAL PRESS, ATTACKING VERY FABRIC OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT US LAW THEORETICALLY SHOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION AND LIBERTIES, TV DEVELOPED THEME WITH CORRESPONDING PICTORIAL MATERIAL THAT ACTUAL EVENTS FAR CRY INDEED FROM PROVISIONS OF LAW.

6. SO FAR, NO MENTION MADE OF NATIONAL ORIGINS OF ACCUSED KILLER EXCEPT STATEMENT THAT HE REPORTEDLY ONCE LIVED IN JERUSALEM. THIS ASPECT OF CRIME MAY CAUSE SOVIETS SOME PROBLEMS IN SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF ASSASSINATION. INDICATIONS AT THIS STAGE ARE THAT WE IN FOR MAJOR OUTPOURING OF ANTI-US PROPAGANDA ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE. GIVEN THEIR CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED IMPERIALIST CAMPAIGN SUBVERT SOCIALIST CAMP BY IDEOLOGICAL PENETRATION, SOVIETS PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT THIS TRAGIC EVENT AS MANIFESTATION "TRUE" NATURE OF FREE SOCIETY. THOMPSON

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1. POLISH REACTION DURING HOURS BETWEEN KENNEDY SHOOTING AND HIS DEATH MARKED BY HEAVY SYMPATHY, PLUS STRONG OVERTONES LINKING EVENT TO BROTHER'S DEATH AND OTHER VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE.

2. POPULAR REACTION ONE OF SORROW AND ANGER, UNDERSCORING STRONG HOLD SENATOR AND KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE ON POLISH IMAGINATION. FROM FIRST SENSE OF DISBELIEF, REACTION DURING WEDNESDAY WAS ONE OF QUESTIONING APPARENT SENSELESSNESS OF LATEST ACT IN WHAT APPEARS TO POLES, GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO AMERICAN, TO BE RISING TIDE VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE.

3. THIS MOOD SUITS REGIME PROPAGANDA LINE WITH MEDIA LINKING EVENT TO DEATH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. INITIAL COMMENTARY BY BEREZOWSKI IN "TRYBUNA LUDU" HEADLINED "VIOLENCE AN INTERGRAL PART OF AMERICAN POLITICS," LINKING KENNEDY SHOOTING TO CIVIL RIGHTS DISORDER, VIETNAM AND CONCEPT OF "SICK SOCIETY". GDANSK DAILY "GLOS BALTYCKI" HEADLINED

"MURDER - THE TRADITION OF AMERICA." JASZUNSKI IN ZYCIOW WARSZAWY ARTICLE STATES THAT ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PART OF SAME PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST HIS BROTHER.

4. IN GENERAL PRESS REPORTS HAVE PLAYED UP ISSUE OF VIOLENCE AND "POLITICAL ILLNESS" IN US BUT ONE OR TWO ARTICLES

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HAVE LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL FACTS BY INCLUDING MENTION OF ASSASSIN BY NAME AND BIRTH IN ARAB SECTION OF JERUSALEM. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, POLISH RADIO IN POSSIBLE ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE POLISH LINE HAS POINTED OUT THAT US MEDIA WILL PROBABLY ENDEAVOR DIVERT ATTENTION FROM US DOMESTIC ILLS BY FOCUSING ON FACT THAT ASSASSIN WAS FOREIGN BORN AND CONSPIRACY ORIGINATED ABROAD.

5. APPRECIATE DEPT. WILL GIVE GENERAL GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC TREATMENT BUT RECOMMEND POLISH LANGUAGE MEDIA GIVE FULL FACTUAL COVERAGE OF EVENTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF ASSAILANT. IN ADDITION TO THEME OF US POLITICAL MALAISE, SIMILARITY TO EARLIER KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS, IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE IF FACTS MAKE IT IN LEAST BIT PLAUSIBLE POLES IN CONTEXT PRESENT INTERNAL ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN MIGHT LINK IT TO "ZIONISTS." AS JANCZEWSKI (PROTECT) TOLD EMBOFF THIS MORNING "THEY (READ AUTHORITIES) MIGHT CLAIM ASSASSIN PAID BY JEWS."

6. AMBASSADOR TO US MICHALOWSKI TOLD EMBOFF THURSDAY HE BELIEVED ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN "MARKED MAN BECAUSE HE KNEW WHO KILLED HIS BROTHER." BRUSHING AWAY EMBOFF'S ASSERTION ASSASSIN WAS APPARENTLY DEMENTED FOREIGNER ACTING ALONE, MICHALOWSKI REITERATED HIS BELIEF IN CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND JFK ASSASSINATION. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED AT LENGTH THAT VIETNAM WAR HAD CREATED ATMOSPHERE OF VIOLENCE IN US.

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1. I HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING HANDWRITTEN NOTE FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER:

2. QUOTE MY DEAR JIM,

I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE DASTARDLY ATTACK ON THE
LIFE OF BOB KENNEDY, MY FRIEND. IT WAS BOTH COWARDLY AND
WANTONLY, AND I AM LOST FOR WORDS TO DESCRIBE MY FEELING
FOR THIS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE, PARTICULARLY THAT OF A
GOOD MAN - A GREAT PATRIOT AS BOB.

I PRAY HE WILL RECOVER AND THAT THE BULLET OF THE ASSASSIN
WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIS PHYSICAL WELLBEING OR AFFECT HIS
LIFE.

I AM SENDING A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND PLEASE
ACCEPT MY MOST HEART-FELT SYMPATHY FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

WITH KIND REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN UNQUOTE.

3. SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS WERE MADE TO ME THIS MORNING AT
OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY TUN RAZAK AND ABOUT HALF OF
MEMBERS OF CABINET, INCLUDING MINISTER OF INFORMATION,
MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MINISTER OF
PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND MANY OTHER MALAYSIANS
AS WELL AS VIRTUALLY ALL OF MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES. BELL
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4111

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

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1. NLC CHAIRMAN AN-RAH, VICE CHAIRMAN HARLEY, OTHER MEMBERS NLC, CHIEF JUSTICE AKUFO-ADDO AND COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANIN ARE AMONG HUNDREDS OF GHANAIS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED PRIVATELY THEIR SORROW AND CONCERN. GENERAL TONE IS ONE OF COMPASSION THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN IN U.S.

2. ON BEHALF GOVERNMENT, COMMISSIONER ANIN JUNE 5 EXPRESSED QTE SHOCK AND DISMAY AT THE BRUTAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. UNQTE SAID GOVERNMENT PRAYING FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY.

3. AS OF MORNING JUNE 6 NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4418

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SUBJ: TANZANIAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ATTACK

REF: STATE 176747

1. ALL JUNE 6 NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. STORY WAS ALSO LEAD ITEM ON JUNE 5 NOON, AFTERNOON AND EVENING RADIO TANZANIA NEWS BROADCASTS. COVERAGE WAS FULL AND FACTUAL, BUT IDENTITY AND NATIONALITY OF PERSON ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPT NOT KNOWN IN TIME TO MAKE JUNE 6 PAPERS.

2. ONLY PAPER TO CARRY EDITORIAL COMMENT JUNE 6 WAS "STANDARD." PAPER SAID ACT WAS "SHAMEFUL AND SENSELESS." IT COMMENTED, "BUT, UNHAPPILY, SUCH VIOLENCE SEEMS TO BE A PART OF THE SICKNESS OF THE AMERICAN SCENE TODAY." WITH REFERENCE TO GUNMAN'S ALLEGED COMMENT THAT HE "DID IT FOR MY COUNTRY," STANDARD SAID "HE MUST BE SICK MAN INDEED. FOR NO CIVILIZED COUNTRY CAN COUNTENANCE THE ANARCHY OF ASSASSINATION."

3. DAR-BASED ALL-AFRICAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 5 WARNING AFRICANS AGAINST FRATERNIZATION WITH U.S. ALL-CAPITALIST SYSTEMS, AND WORSHIPPING OF DOLLAR. ATTACKS ON DR. KING AND SENATOR KENNEDY WERE CHARACTERIZED AS RESULTS OF DECADENCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND OF "CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY" HELD UP FOR AFRICANS TO EMULATE.

4. NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AS YET FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE

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OR OTHER TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FIGURES. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TELEPHONED JUNE 5 BY LEADER OF LOCAL REFUGEE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHO DELIVERED HIMSELF OF PASSIONATE DENUNCIATION OF " YOU AMERICANS. YOU KILL YOUR OWN LEADERS. YOU KILL EVERYBODY." CALLER LATER APOLOGIZED FOR OUTBURST, BUT HIS GRIEF AND ANGER WERE REAL.

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SUBJ: REACTIONS ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. IN UNCLASSIFIED ROUNDUP CABLED SEPARATELY TODAY
WE DELIBERATELY OMITTED SOME OF MORE FAROUT COMMENT AND SPEC-
ULATION OF WHICH WE REPORT EXAMPLES HEREWITH.

2. COLUMN LEFTIST ULTIMA HORA SAYS FEW DOUBT
EXISTENCE IN US OF MAFIA IN SERVICE OF ULTRA-RE-
ACTIONARY POLITICIANS, AND EDITORIAL ASSERTS THIS
GROUP PREVENTED TESTIMONY WHICH WOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED
KILLER OF JOHN KENNEDY. ANOTHER COLUMNIST SAME
PAPER SAYS KILLERS REPRESENT SAME FORCES INTERESTED
IN MAINTAINING WAR IN VIETNAM AND WHO MURDERED
MARTIN LUTHER KING, NAMELY U.S. INDUSTRIAL-
MILITARY COMPLEX. STILL ANOTHER COLUMN SAME
PAPER IMPLIES FORCES OF JAMES HOFFA TO

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BLAME. ANOTHER COMMENTATOR SAME PAPER SAYS IT WAS ACT OF PRIVILEGED POLITICIANS TO GET RID OF IRRITATING CANDIDATE TO AVOID NEED OF ASSASSINATING HIM LATER AS PRESIDENT.

3. PROFESSOR SOBRAL PINTO IN A NOTICIA SAYS KILLING WAS BRUTAL EXPRESSION OF HATE AND SAVAGERY WHICH EXISTS IN US TODAY.

4. COLUMN "PERISCOPIO" IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS CALLS IT "MONSTROUS CONSPIRACY." SAME PAPER PRESENTS POLL (PRESUMABLY BY TELEPHONE) OF BRAZILIAN INTELLECTUALS GIVING THEIR FEELING THAT ASSASSINATION REFLECTS CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN WHICH NO CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IS SAFE. HERON DOMINGUES COLUMN SAME PAPER IMPLIES CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

5. TV COMMENTATOR DAVID NASSER LAST NIGHT SAID THAT WHILE LATIN AMERICA EXILES POLITICAL LEADERS, US MURDERS THEM.

6. WHILE CONFIRMED ANTI-AMERICANS OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT WORST FACE ON EVENTS, MANY FRIENDLY OBSERVERS ALSO SEEM CONVINCED OF CONSPIRACY. THIS INCLUDES BRAZILIAN FRIENDS WHO HAVE VISITED EMBASSY TO EXPRESS PERSONAL SYMPATHY.

7. FROM FOREGOING, AND FROM TENOR OF UNCLASSIFIED ROUNDUP SEPARATE TELEGRAM, CAN BE SEEN THAT GENERAL IMAGE OF US SOCIETY BADLY DAMAGED. MEDIA COMMENTS OF SYMPATHY OR PRAISE FOR KENNEDY WERE FAR, FAR OUTWEIGHED BY EXTENSIVE STORIES AND COMMENT WHICH STRESS ASPECTS OF CHRONIC VIOLENCE AND CONSPIRACY. TUTHILL

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Herewith for the files of the Department of
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"Death of Robert F. Kennedy."

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Sincerely,

William J. Hopkins
Executive Assistant
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
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DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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 cast 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 until interment the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff 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 half-staff 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 sixty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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