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Conclusion

There are enclosed, for such disposition as the Department may deem appropriate, about 80 letters and telegrams expressing sympathy and condolences written to the Ambassador or to the Embassy, together with copies of the acknowledgments made by the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim. Also enclosed are about 125 personal cards which were dropped at the Embassy. On June 18 the local press published a brief release by the Embassy expressing its appreciation for the condolences which it had received. The signature pages from the book which was set up in the front lobby of the Chancery will be sent forward separately.

The Embassy considers that the condolences and tributes expressed by Portuguese citizens and residents were an impressive manifestation of the high regard in which the Senator and his ideals were held. This was especially noteworthy in a country as conservative as Portugal.

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Enclosures: *2 envelopes*

1. Letters and telegrams of condolence
2. Copies of acknowledgments thereto
3. Personal cards

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1. Please deliver following message from Vice President Humphrey to Senator Atalay:

QTE Dear Senator Atalay: I am grateful for the expression of sympathy which you and your fellow Senators have conveyed to me on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you have been kind enough to observe, he was one of the most eminent of the members of our legislature, and he championed the ideals for a better world in which we all believe. My fellow Americans share with me profound grief over his loss and over the suffering it has caused his family. Sincerely, Hubert H. Humphrey UNQTE

2. ^{Vice President's office} ~~Mr. Brown~~ does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by recipient.

3. Following FYI is text of Senator Atalay's April 10 message to the Vice President: QTE It is with profound sorrow that I have learned of the tragic death of eminent Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by an assassin. UNQTE

4. QTE Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an ardent champion of mankind's highest ideals and of hope for peace and well-being

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Tel. Ext. 3446

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: NEA/TUR - John M. Howison

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S/S - Mr. Brown

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in our world. It is one of the ironies of our age that, while Senator Kennedy was campaigning in the Primaries, seeking the highest office in the United States from which to further these very ideals, he should be struck down by a brutal, senseless slaying. UNQTE

5. QTE The best guarantee of the future of mankind is the democratic way of life made safe from acts of hatred, prejudice and brutality. UNQTE

6. QTE The United States of America stands bereft of an outstanding leader, the United States Senate of an illustrious member and people everywhere aspiring for a better world face a less hopeful future. UNQTE

7. QTE On behalf of the members of the Senate of the Turkish Republic and myself, I offer my deepest sympathy. Sirri Atalay, Acting President of the Senate of the Turkish Republic. UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy OSLO

SUBJECT : Condolence Book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

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Transmitted herewith is a book of signatures gathered in Oslo in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Included among those who called at the Embassy to sign the condolence book were Labor Party Chairman Trygve BRATTELI, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General Thor BOYE, Oslo Mayor Brynjulf BULL, the Lord Chamberlain of the Court Ingr. SMITH-KIELLAND, Supreme Court Justice Andreas ENDRSEN, and Norwegian statesman and former Foreign Minister Halvard LANGE. Ekspedisjonsjef Andres ANDERSEN signed on behalf of Prime Minister Per BORTEN. Among the signatures of Norwegian youth, the predominant group of signers, are those of the leaders of the University of Oslo student organizations. In addition, signatures were entered by representatives, almost without exception ambassadors, of twenty-nine embassies, including that of the United Arab Republic.

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Enclosure:
 One Book of Signatures

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy GUATEMALA

DATE: June 20, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Kennedy: Messages of Condolence and Memorial Observances.

REF : STATE 181310

1. Transmitted as enclosures to this airgram are some 70 messages addressed to the Ambassador conveying expressions of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All messages have been acknowledged by the Ambassador. The Department, in its discretion, may wish to forward the messages to the Kennedy family or to make other appropriate disposition thereof.

2. It will be noted that the messages are representative of the feelings of a wide sector of Guatemalan society--from prominent and humble individuals; from all kinds of organizations, both public and private. As noted in other communications, the general reaction was one of genuine sorrow and sympathy.

3. As the Department is aware, other messages of condolence were sent directly to the Kennedy family by Foreign Minister Arenales, and to President Johnson by President Mendez (STATE 181310), the Council of State, and the President of the National Committee of the Partners of the Alliance.

4. On Sunday, June 9th, a memorial service was held at the inter-denominational Union Church of Guatemala, attended by the English-speaking community. Eulogies to the memory of Senator Kennedy were delivered by the Ambassador, the Episcopal Bishop of Guatemala, the British Consul, and the representative of the American Bible Society. A Requiem Mass in English was said at the Church of Villa de Guadalupe, and another religious memorial service took place on Monday, June 10th.

Enclosure: Messages of Condolence

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June 20, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's notes dated June 5 and June 6, 1968, extending sympathy and condolences on behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and yourself on the deplorable incident that resulted in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your thoughtful message is deeply appreciated. The knowledge that you and your colleagues share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. As you requested, I shall convey your expression of sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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

For the Secretary of State:

S/Robert M. Sayre

Del 6-2 MS/Kennedy Robert F.

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His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa,
Ambassador of Nicaragua.

Clearances: *See attached*
ARA/CEN - Amb. Burrows
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S/S - Mr. Parker *uf*

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For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency

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Ambassador of Nicaragua

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Clearances:

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June 6, 1968.

Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt condolences on the tragic demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It would be highly appreciated if Your Excellency would kindly convey our expression of sympathy to your Government and to the family of the deceased.

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

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Ara/CEN: J. Willis*

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

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

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June 5, 1968.

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Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt sympathy on the deplorable incident that has victimized the distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy and offer our earnest wishes and fervent prayers for his recovery.

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

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

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

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The Secretary of State
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1. If Embassy has not yet replied to Bombozo's condolence message, request following message from Acting Assistant Secretary Quimby be transmitted to General.
2. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy which you expressed on your own behalf and that of the Congolese National Army is deeply appreciated.
3. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Thomas H. E. Quimby.
UNQTE
4. Also request Embassy express in similar vein to Bomboko, ~~Tshisekedi~~ Tshisekedi, Nendaka, and Nzeza, Mr. Quimby's appreciation for their expressions of ~~condolence~~ ~~condolence~~ condolence and sympathy.

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TO : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

FROM : Department of State

DATE: JUN 20 12 55 PM '68

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death

REF : A-189

The Department is forwarding to the Kennedy family non-official condolence messages received by our posts overseas. Your transmittal of such messages should be marked for the attention of the Office of Congressional Relations. Although there has been no official announcement from the family, it is our understanding that they hope to acknowledge all messages received.

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ACTION: Amembassy SAN JOSE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS:

1. QTE Thank you for ^{your} thoughtful message of condolence on ^{the} tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We were grateful for the kind help and understanding offered by your distinguished President and Foreign Minister as they shared with us our time of national sorrow, and we deeply appreciate your own expression of sympathy. UNQTE

2. Department does not plan release message, but has no objection to release by GOCR.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Vice Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE Accept Excellency, this expression of the grief so deeply felt by the people and government of Costa Rica, who share the sorrow of your nation and its government over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Luis Dobles Sanchez,

Acting Minister of Foreign Relations. UNQTE

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Drafted by:

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Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

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ARA/CEN - Charles Burrows

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S/S - Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ Shepard S - Mr. Steigman

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June 19, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President from Fra
Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of
the Order of Malta

There is enclosed a telegram to the President
from Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of the
Order of Malta, expressing condolence on the death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The Department
recommends that Ambassador Ackley reply to the tele-
gram on behalf of the President. An airgram to our
Embassy in Rome, requesting the Ambassador to do
so, is enclosed.

William H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Telegram to the President from
Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand
Master of the Order of Malta,
June 7, 1968.
2. Translation.
3. Airgram.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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FRA ANGELO DE MOJANA GRAN MAESTRO ORDINE MALTA.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE APPALLING TRAGEDY THAT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEFALLEN THE KENNEDY FAMILY DEEPLY MOVES ALL THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, IN WHOSE NAME I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE GREAT SORROW OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN NATION, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE SHALL PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED.

FRA ANGELO DE MOJANA, GRAND MASTER OF THE
ORDER OF MALTA

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TO : Amembassy, ROME

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FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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SUBJECT: Telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana,
Grand Master of the Order of Malta

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Enclosed is a telegram to the President, with a translation, from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta. The telegram expresses the Grand Master's condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Unless some objection is perceived, it is requested that the Ambassador make an appropriate acknowledgment to the Grand Master. The Ambassador's letter should begin, "President Johnson has asked me to reply to your telegram of June 8,

Enclosures:

1. Copy of telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta, dated June 8, 1968.
2. Translation.

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TO : Department of State

JUN 20 12 25 PM '68

FROM : Amembassy LIBREVILLE

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT : Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

Enclosed for appropriate disposition is the Condolence Book which the Embassy opened during the period June 7 - 14, 1968, on the occasion of Senator Robert Kennedy's assassination and in response to the widespread and evident desire locally for such a means to express individual grief and sorrow. The book has been signed by a wide spectrum of official and private persons in Libreville.

We have also enclosed copies of the issue of the Gabonese official news bulletin, Gabon Matin, which contains reports on the Senator's assassination and messages of condolence. It is worth noting that the Senator appears on the cover; this is the first time this year that Gabon Matin has carried a photograph on the cover. In addition, there are enclosed copies of the widely distributed USIS information bulletin containing similar material.

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[Handwritten signature]

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Enclosures:

1. Condolence Book
2. Gabon Matin, June 7, 1968 (4)
3. USIS Information Bulletin, June 8, 1968 (4)

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Drafted by:
DCM:HFNelson:mam 6-18-68

Contents and Classification Approved by:
David M. Bane, Ambassador

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy MANAGUA

SUBJECT : Condolences on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : -

DATE: June 19, 1968

There follows an unofficial translation of Note No. 056, dated June 6, 1968, addressed to the Ambassador by the Minister of Foreign Relations of Nicaragua, Dr. Lorenzo Guerrero, expressing regret on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to convey to you the sentiments of profound pain of the Nicaraguan People, of the Government of the Republic, and my own personal sentiments, on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, renowned public servant of the United States of America and member of a distinguished family.

This lamentable occurrence brings mourning not only to the noble North American People, already put to hard test in 1963 with the untimely death of illustrious President John F. Kennedy and recently with the loss of the great leader Martin Luther King, but constitutes cause for deep consternation for the free peoples of the world who appreciate in just measure the virtues of nobleness, valor and moral integrity, all of which characterized the now deceased Senator Kennedy.

In this hour of sadness, will Your Excellency please transmit to the honorable Kennedy family the sentiments of condolence which engulf the Nicaraguan people in this sad hour; and I urge Your Excellency to accept the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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This note has been acknowledged by the Embassy and is referred to the Department for possible compliance with the request contained in the last paragraph.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. H. Crockett", is written over the printed name "CROCKETT". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first initial "J" being particularly prominent.

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1. Please pass following from President to Pope Paul:

QUOTE:

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

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Senator Kennedy ~~believed~~ that Americans could, if they would, end the blight of poverty and bigotry. In this he was at one with the political leadership of the United States has enjoyed for the past thirty-five years.

I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during

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the Paris talks. Meanwhile, the Communists have mounted a savage, indiscriminate attack on Saigon--on the government of South Vietnam and on ordinary citizens alike.

There is much speculation that these rocket and mortar attacks are designed not only to shake the government, but to give the impression that the Communists hold the military initiative--and therefore to secure an advantage in Paris. It is a tragedy--one of many in ~~this~~ this war--that the people of South Vietnam must suffer as they do because of the aggressive intentions of the Communists.

I cannot predict when the North Vietnamese representatives will be more ~~forthcoming~~ forthcoming in Paris; nor can I estimate how long the Communists' offensive will continue in South Vietnam. I fear that neither will occur as ~~xx~~ soon as all mankind desires.

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I shall tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in ~~Washington~~ Washington.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. Signed original being pouched.
3. White House considers this message a private communication.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1968

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

Senator Kennedy believed that Americans could, if they would, end the blight of poverty and bigotry. In this he was at one with the political leadership the United States has enjoyed for the past thirty-five years.

I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during the Paris talks. Meanwhile, the Communists have mounted a savage, indiscriminate attack on Saigon -- on the government of South Vietnam and on ordinary citizens alike.

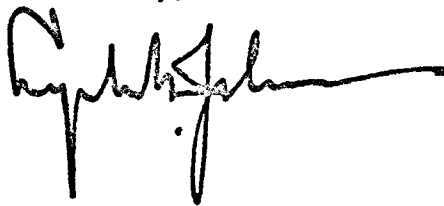
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I should tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Paul VI', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

VP's off (Mr. Rielly) approved
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Condolence Message from Mexican Congress
for the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Deputy Luis M. Farias in behalf of the Mexican Congress sent the enclosed telegram to the President requesting that condolences for the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy be conveyed to the United States Senate. We suggest that the Vice President may wish to acknowledge this telegram and we enclose a proposed message.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Telegram of June 8,
with translation.
2. Proposed acknowledgment.

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UNIDOS DE NORTEAMERICA POR EL TRAGICO FALLECIMIENTO DEL SNIOR
SENADOR POR NUEVA YORK ROBERT F KENNEDY
EL PRESIDENTE DIP LIC LUIS M FARIAS.

Handwritten: P-1 6-11-68

Mexico
June 8, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

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 Senator from New York, Robert F. Kennedy.

Deputy Luis M. Farias
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Chairman Farias:

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.

Sincerely,

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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:

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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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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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Please convey to Foreign Minister Rifa'i the appreciation
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Kennedy and advise him his expression of sympathy conveyed
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FROM : Amembassy TRIPOLI

DATE: 18 June 1968

SUBJECT : Kennedy Assassination Condolence Letter

REF :

Attached (Enclosure #1) is a letter received from Mr. Chedley Horchani of the Tunisian Embassy in Tripoli. The Department is requested to forward the letter to Senator Edward Kennedy.

Enclosure #2 is a copy of a letter sent over the Ambassador's signature acknowledging Mr. Horchani's letter.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : GÖTEBORG

FROM : Amembassy STOCKHOLM

SUBJECT : Public and Press Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Kennedy

REF : Stockholm 1808

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Swedish public and press reacted to the assassination of Senator Kennedy with shock and dismay. The press, particularly the left wing newspapers, emphasized the amount of violence in American society, and connected the Senator's death with that of his brother, Dr. King and Malcolm X.

Aftonbladet, the largest Social Democratic newspaper, was particularly vicious in attacking the United States. In rebuttal, Allan HERNELIUS, chief editor of Conservative Svenska Dagbladet, criticized the Aftonbladet editor "in his eagerness to undermine confidence and sympathy for the world's greatest democracy. He does not even shy from distorting and misinterpreting the circumstances surrounding Robert Kennedy's death".

After it became known that the accused assassin was a Jordanian immigrant, criticism against the United States abated somewhat. There are still, however, hints in the Swedish press of a possible conspiracy surrounding the assassination.

The Swedish Government reacted much more responsibly. The first statement by Prime Minister ERLANDER did contain a condemnation of violence in American society. Later, after Senator Kennedy died, however, his statement to the Swedish public over television was sympathetic and expressed a sense of loss.

The Chief of Protocol, Olof LANDENIUS, called upon the Charge d'Affaires June 6 and offered the condolences of the Swedish Government. He said that both the King and Prime Minister Erlander had sent messages to the President, and that Ambassador DE BESCHE in Washington had been instructed to send condolences to the Kennedy family. The Speaker of the Riksdag also sent a condolence message to Vice President Humphrey.

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from Stockholm

Foreign Ministry officials, most of the Ambassadors and several hundred Swedish citizens came to the Embassy June 7 and June 8 to sign a condolence book in memory of Senator Kennedy. Many chiefs of mission and Swedish citizens have sent messages of sympathy (and flowers) to the Embassy.

The American community organized an interdenominational service Sunday, June 9. The Acting Foreign Minister, Sven-Eric NILSSON, the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, as well as the Chief of Protocol and Director of Political Affairs, attended the memorial service, as did the Ambassador and most of the staff of the Embassy. A requiem mass was held in the Swedish Catholic cathedral June 10. Both services were well attended.

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The Embassy requests instruction on disposition of the condolence book.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy BUDAPEST

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolences on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Enclosed for the Department's information and for presentation to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy is a letter from the Ambassador expressing the Embassy's commiseration and transmitting the book of condolence which the Embassy opened for signature June 7-8 and which was signed by some 150 individuals, as well as a folder containing letters and telegrams received by the Embassy with individual messages of sympathy.

Hungarian officials who came to the Embassy to sign the book included the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bela SZILAGYI; his deputy and chief of the MFA Fifth Department, Ambassador Vencel HAZI; MFA American Desk Officer Janos VARGA; Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Bela SZALAI; officials of the Foreign Trade Ministry Peter VERESS, Denes VICZENIK, and Imre LENGYEL; representative of the Presidium of the National Assembly Istvan DARVASI; Acting Chairman of the Institute of Cultural Relations Endre ROSTA; ICR Department Head Janos HORVATH, and ICR American Desk Officer Gabor VIGH. Foreign chiefs of diplomatic missions who likewise came to sign the book included the Ambassadors of Turkey, France, Greece, Great Britain, Argentina, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, the USSR, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Poland, and Romania, and the Charges d'Affaires of Denmark, Chile, and Norway. The Chief of the Federal German Trade Mission also signed.

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FROM : Amconsul MUNICH

DATE: JUNE 18, 1968

SUBJECT: Memorial Ceremony for Senator Robert F. Kennedy at Munich
America House

REF : Munich 928

Joint State/USIS Message

More than 400 German and American residents of Munich attended the simple and reverent memorial ceremony for Senator Robert F. Kennedy which was held at the Munich America House on June 12. Heading the list of prominent Bavarian State Government, Bavarian Landtag, Munich City Government and Consular Corps representatives who attended was Bavarian Deputy Minister President Hundhammer.

In brief remarks of tribute, Consul General Creel and Bavarian Landtag Deputy Roland Friedrich Messner (CSU) both spoke in moving terms about Senator Kennedy--the man, his aspirations for the underprivileged in his own country and elsewhere, and the lesson which a stunned world must draw from his tragic and untimely death. Consul General Creel recalled President Johnson's admonition of June 6 that "we cannot, we must not tolerate the sway of violent men among us..." Herr Messner firmly rejected the thesis--which had also found a certain echo in German press commentaries on the assassination of Senator Kennedy--that Senator Kennedy had fallen victim to a sickness which was endemic in the United States. Herr Messner recalled in this connection the recent attempt on the life of German radical student leader Rudi Dutschke and the Easter weekend violence in Munich following that incident which had resulted in the deaths of two innocent bystanders. A prayer was offered by Praelat Dr. Hoech, who represented Cardinal Doepfner. Two distinguished American artists--soprano Claire Watson and baritone Thomas Carey--sang, the former "I Knew that My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's Messiah and the latter the Negro spiritual "Balm in Gilead." A string quartet composed of members of the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra opened the hour-long

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service with a Beethoven quartet adagio movement and closed it with the playing of the German and American national anthems.

Upon departing, many of the people who had come stopped in the America House lobby to sign the condolence book. The condolence book had been brought over for this occasion from the Consulate General where more than 3000 persons--including Munich's Lord Mayor Vogel and other prominent local leaders--had signed it and, in numerous instances, inscribed personal messages of sympathy.

The ceremony was reported on by the Bavarian Radio and the three principal Munich newspapers.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : RAWALPINDI, LAHORE, KARACHI, PESHAWAR

FROM : AmConGen DACCA

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT : EAST PAKISTAN: Condolences for the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Reaction to the Assassination

REF : Dacca's A-323

In Dacca, messages of condolence for the family of the late Senator Kennedy have generally been in the form of telephonic or personal conversations with ConGen officers. These have been too numerous to record. Most people have expressed shock and dismay at the event and exhibit a genuine concern for the Kennedy family, the victims of so many tragedies. Several letters from private Pakistanis have been received. Unless otherwise instructed, the ConGen will not forward these, one of which was quite derogatory to President Johnson and the American people. Enclosed are two letters received from the Nepalese Consulate General and the Indonesian Consulate requesting that their condolences be extended to the family.

On June 7, the Provincial Assembly of East Pakistan observed two minutes of silence as a token of respect for the late Senator. The Speaker of the Assembly, Abdul Hamid CHOUDHURY made a short speech of condolence at that time. The ConGen has been informed that the Provincial Assembly has passed a resolution of condolence for the family. We have seen no such resolution, although in separate conversations with the Consul-In-Charge and the drafting officer, the Speaker's private secretary promised to forward a printed copy of the resolution forthwith. It is possible that, due to the nationality of the alleged assassin and the speculation about the Senator's pro-Israel remarks as a motive, the Assembly could not agree upon an acceptable message. The text of the Speaker's remarks is therefore enclosed, as we suspect that the "resolution" will be essentially the same. This text was received with the notation that a "printed copy of the same will be sent to be communicated to Mrs. Kennedy." This will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Enclosures:

1. Text of Bengali-language newspaper editorials.
2. Letters of condolence from Nepalese and Indonesian Consulate Generals.
3. Condolence Speech by Provincial Speaker (Encls. 2 & 3 to Washington only)

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Editorial comment in three papers has been reported in referenced airgram. The reactions in the other East Pakistani papers has been similar with varying degrees of attack on the President, the Pentagon, and the CIA. Overall, the conspiracy syndrome is re-asserting itself here. Most editorials have mentioned at least the possibility of a conspiracy and a Janata "commentator" has "logically" analyzed the rash of recent assassinations, reaching the "unavoidable" conclusion that a conspiracy exists, masterminded by the "multi-millionaire group". Azad decried the attempt to "pin the murder on a foreigner", the Jordanian nationality of the alleged assassin presumably accounting for this reaction. Paigam saw a loss for the fortunes of world peace. Texts of the Bengali language editorials of June 8 are enclosed as well as the translation of an article in the June 9 Janata, concluding the existence of a conspiracy.

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EDITORIAL FROM DAINIK PAKISTAN JUNE 8, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The assassin's bullets have silenced a most promising career. We have no words to console the elder Kennedys, but one thing is certain, that the young Senator's life has been cut short before it could reach its greatest political triumph. No doubt, Senator Kennedy takes his due place in the history of the United States. We pray for the salvation of his soul. The killing of the Kennedys, Malcom X and Martin Luther King represent a very sad aspect of the American life. World reaction to the Kennedy murder has not at all been favorable to the United States. Even the most friendly countries have expressed their concern over this trend in the US. The best reaction has, however, come from the US soldier. We join him praying, "God Save the US"."

EDITORIAL FROM PAIGAM JUNE 8, 1968

"SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The death of Senator Kennedy signals the death of the growing optimism for peace all over the world. His death is not only a loss of the US, it is a loss for the whole world. The murderers of Lincoln, the Kennedys and Martin Luther King will haunt the thinking of Americans for all time to come. But the question is: Will it be possible to solve the murder? Did Sirhan actually kill Senator Kennedy? The responsibility of answering these very important questions rests with the American people. What the actual effect of the Kennedy murder will be is still premature to speculate. But one thing is certain: the US has lost much of its international respect. Our heart goes out with the Kennedy family. Indeed, the Americans deserve pity."

EDITORIAL FROM AZAD JUNE 8, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The assassination of Robert Kennedy exposes one dark aspect of the American society. Whether there is any link between the murders of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy one cannot say, but the latest murder definitely increases the responsibility of the US Government to clear up the situation. The way responsible people have been discarding the possibility of the existence of a conspiracy makes one wonder whether it would be at all possible to find out the truth.

"Attempts are being made to pin the murder on the foreigner. This is a dangerous attempt. This will mislead the people and again it is quite likely that this is an attempt on the part of the Jews to fan up greater hatred against the Arabs among the American people. The murder of Robert Kennedy makes it a moral obligation for the Johnson Administration to clear up the crime. The question before the American people today is whether they will exist as a decent society or plunge into complete lawlessness."

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EDITORIAL FROM JANATA JUNE 8, 1968"MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY"

"There is no doubt that there is a deep political conspiracy behind the murder of Robert Kennedy. The murders of the Kennedy brothers and Luther King are not isolated events. It is no longer a secret affair that the singular or collective conspiracy of Johnson, the war-mongering military circle of the Pentagon, CIA and KKK has created a new horror in the politics of the United States. The secret hands behind these murders will come to light one day."

TEXT OF ARTICLE FROM EDITORIAL FROM JANATA JUNE 9, 1968"THERE IS A DEEP POLITICAL CONSPIRACY BEHIND THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY"

"Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the most popular candidate in the impending Presidential election has been killed by an assassin's bullet within five years of the assassination of his brother, President John F. Kennedy. Robert Kennedy has been killed at the age of only 42, when he was at the peak of popularity due to his support for the establishment of peace in Vietnam and equal rights of the Negroes in the US. President John F. Kennedy had to give his life at the age of 48, for the following similar policies. So, there is no doubt that the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy is the result of a deep conspiracy. Today the same question is being asked by every conscious man through out the whole world including the US. Who are the real conspirators in the murder of the Kennedy brothers and what is their motive?

"It will be evident from a careful observation of contemporary events in the US that these murders are prompted by deep political purpose. And the secret hands of organized and powerful conspirators are active behind them. The mystery of the murder of President Kennedy could not be revealed even today, as the conspiring group is very powerful and influential. And for the same reason, the mystery of the murder of Robert Kennedy will not be unveiled.

"It is clearly proved from the recent political events of the US that the monopoly multi-millionaire group is the real guiding factor of the State force there, although the garb of a bourgeois democracy prevails. This group has captured sixty percent of the wealth of their own country. This is the imperialist group of the US and is compelling the US State machinery to follow a war-mongering policy to maintain exploitation and supremacy over the whole world. They have established firm control of the White House besides exploiting the war leaders of the Pentagon to continue imperialist exploitation. And they have built up CIA to conduct these affairs properly. CIA has been carrying on espionage throughout the whole world including the US. And it has been causing the fall of governments of different countries and carrying on political murder wherever necessary. So, today it is as clear as light that there is a deep

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political conspiracy behind the murder of John Kennedy and that of Robert Kennedy, the most popular candidate of the presidential election within four and a half years and that a very powerful group is the leader of these murders.

"It is also difficult to be completely free from doubt about the role of CIA and Lyndon Johnson. For, CIA is the espionage organization, a creation of the monopoly multi-millionaire imperialist group. And Lyndon Johnson is the agent of this group. So, it is not baseless to doubt that there are many things inside these events and many powerful persons and organizations are involved there. For, the time being, these matters will not come to light. But the people will be able to know the real identity of the murderers of the Kennedy brothers one day in the future.

"The political significance of these murders is very meaningful. There is an indication of a big storm in the US. One imperialist fascist force sheltered by the monopoly multi-millionaire group is raising its head there under the garb of bourgeois democracy. On other hand, a revolutionary force is also coming up there. This force is the advocate of peace, freedom and human rights. The struggling Negro mass of the US is the main force of this group. And the peace-loving faction of the white Americans is also part of this group. As a result, a real democratic and peace-loving force is gaining ground quickly in American politics by the side of the imperialist fascist force. Senator Robert Kennedy was the most powerful white spokesman of the democratic and peace-loving force after President John F. Kennedy. So, the interested circle concerned has murdered Robert Kennedy like President Kennedy for obvious reasons."

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1. QTE Thank you for the thoughtful message of condolence from the Government and people of Ivory Coast on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan ~~xxx~~ to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Usher.

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ACTION: Amembassy BUJUMBURA

Info:

1. Following message has been sent ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on behalf of the Secretary to Ambassador Nsanze:
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2. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

3. QTE I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, ^{Acting Assistant Secretary} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. ~~UNQTE~~ Quimby.

4. Department does not plan to release foregoing but has no objection should GRB wish do so.

5. Following is English translation of Ambassador Nsanze's message to the Secretary:

6. QTE Profoundly affected by the dastardly assassination of Senator Kennedy, an eminent spokesman for world peace and a great patriot. In the name of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, I send to the Government of the United States and to the stricken family a message of ^{sincere} ~~XXXXXXXX~~ condolence. This loss will be deeply felt throughout the world because of Senator Kennedy's fervent devotion to the cause of mankind. Very high consideration. Ambassador Terence Nsanze. UNQTE.

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