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HANDLING INDICATOR

 TO : Department of State  
 INFO : COPENHAGEN, ROME

FROM : Amconsul TURIN

DATE: February 11, 1969

SUBJECT: Greenland Peaks named for John and Robert Kennedy

REF :

The Alpine Club of Alpignano, Italy (a suburb of Turin) has informed the Consulate that on July 3, 1968 an expedition consisting of members of the Alpignano branch of the Alpine Club of Italy (CAI) climbed twin Greenland peaks, 4,164 feet high and christened them John and Robert Kennedy.

The peaks are in the District of Angmagssalik, approximately 50 miles north of the town of Angmagssalik and about three hours by sea from Eskimo village of Kungmiut. The exact location is between the fiords Ikasagtivaq and Ikasaulao. The summits were reached after 10 hours hiking and climbing, and although the peaks are not particularly high, they are considerably higher than other mountains in the area. That they are not especially easy to climb can be seen from the single photograph of John Kennedy Peak supplied to the Consulate, which is enclosed with this airgram.

The summits of the peaks were reached by three alpinists led by the President of the Alpignano branch of the CAI, Fiore AMISANO, and including also Giammaria GUASTI and Flavio BERTOLO.

 Enclosure:  
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The Danish Geodetic Institute was informed of the naming of the peaks and the names presumably will appear on the next map of Greenland published by the Institute. The Alpignano branch has offered to show to the Consulate and the public a film of the expedition taken during the expedition as soon as arrangements can be made for a mutually acceptable time and date for the screening. A booklet describing the expedition also will be printed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Please transmit the above information to the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, with the enclosed photograph. In the event information regarding the peaks has not been previously furnished to the Kennedy family we are certain that a letter of acknowledgment from Senator Kennedy, transmitted through the Consulate, would be appreciated.

  
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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7238

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1. EMBASSY HAS 2,500 COPIES OF FOUR-PAGE BROCHURE ABOUT ROBERT KENNEDY, PRODUCED BY SPO VIENNA IN RESPONSE MANY REQUESTS EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM POLISH VISITORS AT TIME OF HIS DEATH IN JUNE. BROCHURE FEATURES PICTURES ROBERT AND HIS BROTHERS, PLUS TEXT EDWARD KENNEDY EULOGY AT FUNERAL.

2. REQUEST VOA BRIEFLY NOTE IN EVENING BROADCASTS OCTOBER 7 AND 8 THAT IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND, BROCHURE AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY LOBBY, ON REQUEST, ONE COPY PER PERSON. REQUEST NOT PROMOTE MORE THAN TWO NIGHTS SINCE DEMAND LIKELY OUTFRAN SUPPLY.  
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Warsaw 4783  
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ACTION: Amembassy WELLINGTON IMMEDIATE

Info:

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REF A. Wellington 2401  
B. Wellington 2405

Inform Nelson authorities Mrs. Kennedy appreciates invitation  
open Trafalgar Convention but regrets she will be out of  
town September 25 and unable send requested telephone message.

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Off. of Mrs. J. Kennedy

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R 230043Z SEP 68  
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1949

UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2401

1. HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM CITY OF NELSON THAT  
MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY BE ASKED TO LAUNCH TRAFALGAR  
CONVENTION AND SPORTS CENTER APPEAL IN NELSON ON  
SEPTEMBER 25 BY TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM U.S.  
NELSON IS CITY OF 28,000 POPULATION.

2. I AGREED ONLY TO FORWARD REQUEST. WOULD  
APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING OFFICE OF MRS. KENNEDY  
AND ADVISE AT ONCE AS TO REPOSE. HENNING

*Wellington 2401  
9/23/68*

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2405

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR MRN ONLY 2405 VICE 1953)  
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REF: STATE 243094

1. EMBASSY WELLINGTON WITHDRAWING FROM TRAFALGAR  
CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONTACT PROPOSAL RE MRS. KENNEDY.

2. NELSON AUTHORITIES WISH TO PHONE MRS. KENNEDY  
DIRECTLY. HAVE REQUESTED PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE  
PROVIDE NUMBER.

HENNING

*Wellington 2405  
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ACTION: Amembassy WELLINGTON

Info:

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1. Need further information on "Trafalgar Convention" and "Sports Center Appeal" before determining whether appropriate to forward request to Mrs. Kennedy.
2. Would also appreciate Embassy's recommendation.

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 195

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FOR S/AH

1. WE RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH A LETTER FOR MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY FROM PRINCE SIHANOUK WHICH WAS POUCHED TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER PROVIDED US BY THE AUSTRALIANS.

2. POUCH INFORMATION: POUCH NO. BI-2503; INVOICE NO. CX-40; POSTAL REGISTRY NO. 24332 LEAVING BANGKOK TODAY.

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

INFO : Jerusalem

FROM : Amembassy AMMAN

DATE: August 16, 1968

SUBJECT : Sirhan Trial Receives Close Attention in Amman

REF :

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The trial of the accused assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, continues to receive wide press coverage in Jordan. The reporting generally is straightforward and detailed. Editorials have been sparse. The following editorial from the sensationalist Amman weekly Akhbar al-'Usbou' on August ninth, entitled "Sirhan and the Palestine Problem", provides an example of some of the more extreme opinions:

"As a result of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, Sirhan is standing trial in an American court. His only defense is that he killed Kennedy for the sake of his country.

"Three important points are raised by this case:

"1. Sirhan is not a criminal, but rather a man of principle.

"2. The bullet that shot Kennedy was an inevitable necessity because Zionism has succeeded in attracting bigoted Christians in America into an unholy alliance by convincing them that the Palestine problem is a dispute between Moslems and Jews, and that it is a Christian duty to support the Jews. Sirhan killed Kennedy because he is an Arab first and a Christian second. He killed Kennedy for the sake of his homeland which was usurped by the Jews with the help of the Americans. Living in this atmosphere of direct challenge, Sirhan discovered the necessity for this bullet.

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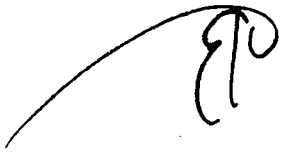
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"Kennedy's assassination has raised many questions in America, such as: What has this Christian to do with it? Are the Arab Christians with the Moslems? For whose sake did Sirhan shoot Kennedy? It is sufficient that Sirhan's bullet has raised such questions among Americans.

"3. Arabs everywhere have denied responsibility for this assassination and have avoided comment on the virtues of political assassination. This attitude of the Arabs toward Sirhan is similar to the attitude of Pilatus toward Christ.

"Will Sirhan's trial be able to melt the indifference and passivity of the Arabs toward this Arab patriot in a foreign land?"

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO Department of State  
Office of Congressional Relations

FROM Amcongen NAPLES

DATE: August 13, 1968

SUBJECT Senator Kennedy Assassination Material.

REF

Enclosed are the several types of condolence received by the Consulate General as a result of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All communications have been acknowledged.

In addition, several outlying towns have named streets or squares in honor of the late Senator and President. Five memorial services held in outlying areas of the Consular District were attended by officers of the Consulate General.

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Enclosures

1. Signature book and pages signed by callers at the American Studies Center (approximately 87) and at the Consulate General (approximately 1,263);
2. Letters and telegrams addressed either to the Kennedy family or to the Consulate General (approximately 80);
3. Box of letters presented directly to the Consulate General.

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American Studies Center (approximately 87) and  
at the Consulate General (approximately 1,263).

Telegram Circolo Pensionati Americani, Torre del Greco

Telegram Prof. Pietro Cerutti, President, Rotary Club of  
Naples, Rione Sirignano 2, 80124 Naples

Telegram Avv. Mario Florio, Secretary, Rotary Club of Naples,  
Rione Sirignano 2, 80124 Naples

Telegram His Excellency Nicola Cupaiuolo, Prefect of Cosenza  
87100 Cosenza

Telegram His Excellency Dr. Giovanni Paterno', Prefect  
of Benevento, 82100 Benevento

Telegram Avv. Gr. Uff. Giuseppe Russo, Union of Industrialists,  
Piazza dei Martiri 58, 80121 Naples

Telegram Cav. Lav. Dr. Ing. Vincenzo Carola, Union of  
Industrialists, P. dei Martiri 58, 80121 Naples

Telegram Ammiraglio Ernesto Fellegrini Dai Coi e Signora,  
Via Calascione 5, 80132 Naples

Telegram Spett. Commissione Intera, ITALSIDER,  
80124 Bagnoli (Naples)

Telegram Dott. Giuseppe Cassano, Direttore dell'ISVE,  
Piazzale ~~Tecchio~~, 80125 Naples

Telegram Ill. Dr. Francesco S. d'Orsi, Sindaco di Castellamare,  
80053 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Giovanni Giugliano  
80023 Caivano (Naples)

Telegram Egr. Sig. Gennaro Mariani, Tranvie Provinciali,  
Piazza Carlo III, 80137 Naples

Telegram On. Antonio Caldoro, Via B. Falcomata 50, 80128 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Antonio Catania, Tessano Dipignano,  
87040 (Cosenza)

Telegram Egr. Dr. Silvio Pavia, President, Circolo Filippo Turati,  
Via dei Fiorentini 61, 80133 Napoli

Telegram Egr. Sig. Baldassare Taormina, Nocera Inferiore,  
84014 (Salerno)

Telegram Ill. Dr. Sovaldo Ruggiero, Palazzo del Governo,  
80100 Naples

Telegram Gr. Uff. Dr. Adriano Falvo, President, Circolo della  
Stampa, Villa Comunale, 80122 Naples

Telegram Ill. Avv. Mario Forte, Segretario Cittadino della D.C.,  
Via A. de Gasperi 55, 80133 Naples

Telegram Ill. Arch. Raimondo Rivieccio, and  
Ill. Dr. Umberto Palmieri  
Co-segretari del PSU, Via Marchese Campodosola,  
80133 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Giovanni d'Alessandro,  
84040 Camerota (Salerno)

Telegram Spett. Commissione Interna, DERIVER, S.p.A.,  
Torre Annunziata, 80058 (Naples)

Telegram Ch.mo Prof. Alfonso Tesauro,  
Piazza N. Amore 2, 80138 Naples

Telegram Ill. Dr. Vincenzo Federici, Via Michetti 1, 80127 Naples

Letter The Students of the Istituto Magistrale Statale  
"Margherita di Savoia", Naples

Letter Egr. Sig. Vincenzo di Novella, Via Cesare Battisti 8,  
Sassano (Salerno)

Letter Egr. Sig. Orazio Genovese, Via Sardinia-Ogliara 25, Salerno

Letter Class II-D, Scuola Media di Sant'Aanello, Naples

Letter Mrs. Gelsomina Romano, Corso Umberto I--262,  
80034 Marigliano (Naples)

Card           Comm. Crazio GATTI, Via Bernardo Tannucci 7,  
                  80137 Naples

Card           Prof. sa Giuseppina della Corte Schiattarella,  
                  Via Stella 103, 80135 Naples

Card           Avv. Riccardo Rodino' di Miglione e Signora  
                  Via Bisignano 4, 80121 Naples

Letter         Sig. Francesco Malescio, Via Marco Vicchio 18  
                  87010 Acquaformosa (Cosenza)

Letter         Sig. Giovanni Abate, Calata, Capodichino 162, Naples

Letter         Sig. Antonio Carbone, Galleria Umberto I--50,  
                  80132 Naples

Card           Cav. Carlo Piciocchi and family,  
                  Corso Vittorio Emanuele 25, Villa Santa Maria,  
                  Villino L, 80122 Naples

Letter         Sig. Vito Bochicchio, Montereale--La Fedele 6, Potenza

Letter         Sig. ra Maria Leone, Via delle Puglie 54, 80100 Naples

Letter         Sig. Mario Cioffi e Signora, Via Tofa 46, 80100 Naples

Card           Sig. Gaetano Postiglione, Via Atri 25, 80138 Naples

Letter         Sig. Saverio Silipo, Via F. Crispi 4, 88014 Mileto (CZ)

Letter         Tufino Section, Christian Democrat Party,  
                  Secretary, Sig. Salvatore Prisco

Letter         Sig. Pasquale Leccio, Via S. Antio 15,  
                  71014 S. Marco in Lamis (Foggia)

Letter         Sig. Carlo Coppola, President, Club Universitario Cavese  
                  Villa Comunale, Cava dei Tirreni

Letter         Sig. Natale Malara, Parco Fiamma, Pal. 6,  
                  Reggio Calabria 89100

Card           Sig. Diego Tesorone, Via G. Martucci 18, 80124 Naples

Letter      Gen.le Avv. Costanza Rossetti di Valdalbero,  
                 Via B. Piazza 55, 80137 Naples.

Card        His Excellency Paulus von Stolzmann, Director,  
                 Goethe Institute, Riviera di Chiaia 202, 80121 Naples.

Card        His Excellency D. Ramon Saenz de Heredia,  
                 Spanish Consul General.

Letter      Sig. Otello Leopizzi and family,  
                 Via P. Franza, Alezio-Lecce.

Telegram   Dr. and Mrs. Stefano Valle, Piazza Manin 1, 16122 Genoa.

Telegram   Dr. Pasquale de Rosa, President, Rotary Club West,  
                 Rione Sirignano 2, 80121 Naples.

Telegram   Dr. Vittorio Brun, President, Rotary Club North,  
                 Rione Sirignano 2, 80121 Naples.

Letter      General Raffaele Guida, Commander, Guardia di Finanza,  
                 Caserma Zanzur, 80100 Naples.

Letter      Sig. Victor Jose Bianculli, Argentine Consul.

Letter      Dr. Juan Carlos Moreira, Uruguayan Consul.

Letter      Dr. Mario Lamberti, Nicaraguan Consul.

Letter      Gr. Uff. Dr. Enzo Fiore, President, Bureau of  
                 Provincial Tourism, 80121 Naples.

Letter      (and speech) Ill. mo Sig. Sindaco Dr. Alfonso Menna,  
                 Mayor of Salerno, 84100 Salerno.

Letters     Reverend Luigi Caturano, Parrocchia di San Bartolomeo,  
                 Benevento.

Letter      Rag. Gennaro di Gennaro, Via Armando Diaz 138,  
                 Bellavista.

Letter      Sig. Carlo Zuppetta, Via de Blasi 10, Naples.



Letter      Sig. Pasquale Luccoro, Via Ritiro 41, Calvizzano,  
                 80122 Naples

Letter      Sig. Giuseppe Lucera and family, Via della Pace 3  
                 71032 Biccari (Foggia)

Letter      Sig. Giuseppe Colucci, Vico Sammatari alla Sanita 6,  
                 80100 Naples

Card        Sig. Umberto Cardone, Via F. S. Correra 29,  
                 80135 Naples

Letter      Circolo Culturale, GNEO NEVIO, Grumo Nevano (Naples)

Wreath     Gioventu' Liberale, Partito Liberale Italiano,  
                 Piazza Vanvitelli, 80129 Naples

Card        Gr. Inv. G.rra. Uff. R. T. and Mrs. Paolo Latorella,  
                 Piazza Bovio 8, 80133 Naples

Card        Cav. Prof. Felice Basile, Via Nazionale delle Puglie 304,  
                 80030 Cimitile

Letter      Assoc. Nazionale Mutilati Invalidi Civili, and  
                 President, Cav. Uff. Luigi Petrone, Cosenza

Letter      Sig. Raffaele Vasaturo, Addetto Sociale ACLI,  
                 Via San Luca 16, 80021 Afragola

Telegram   Prof. Filippo and Mrs. Soricelli, Via Roberto Bracco 71,  
                 80133 Naples

Telegram   Dr. Angelo Ruoppolo, Liberian Consul General,  
                 80138 Napoli, Corso Umberto I, 154.

Telegram   Gr. Cr. Dott. Raffaele Ruggiero, Consul of San Marino,  
                 Via Bellini 40, 80135 Naples

Telegram   Avv. Comm. Agostino Pansa Cedronio, Swedish Consul,  
                 Via Carlo Poerio 9, 80121 Naples

No addresses available for the following:

Telephone Sig. Carlo Astarri.

Letter Florence Valentin (in French)

Card Vassallo Asterino, Avellino.

Telegram Ilona and Sandro Marai, Salerno.

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FROM : Amembassy Monrovia

DATE: August 10, 1968

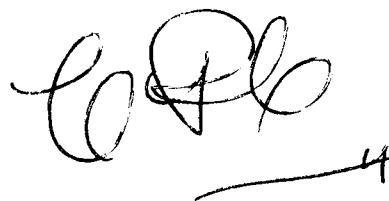
SUBJECT: Condolence Book - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

There is enclosed for appropriate disposition by the Department of State the Condolence Book which was used by the American Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia, at the time of the death of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Enclosure  
Condolence Book



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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy LUSAKA

DATE: August 2, 1968

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SUBJECT : Zambian Reactions to Senator Kennedy's Assassination:  
Foreign Minister Belatedly Answers Protest

AIR ARMY NAVY OSD

REF : Lusaka 2079, 2080, 2085 and A-465 of June 1968

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[Lusaka's A-465 and the telegrams under reference reported the letter which Ambassador Good sent to Foreign Minister Kamanga taking exception to allegations made by prominent Zambian officials to the effect that Senator Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy of "those in power." Kamanga's initial reply was in the form of a press interview (Enclosure 2 of A-465) implying disbelief that the assassination could have been anything other than part of a plot.

Today, several weeks later, the Ambassador received a reply (Enclosed) expressing in fairly conciliatory tones, understanding of the Ambassador's concern and stating that the offensive statements were purely the personal feelings of the authors and "were not in any way made or intended to be made on behalf of the Zambian Government."

Although the Foreign Minister's note speaks of messages of condolence to the U.S. Government, the Embassy is unaware of any official expression of condolence addressed to it (or any other U.S. Government agency) by the Zambian Government. (Instead President Kaunda spoke of having a right to protest to the U.S. Government).

Why Kamanga answered at all at this date we can only guess. We assume that the letter was drafted by one of his more diplomatic-minded civil servants--probably Permanent Secretary Mulikita--who finally got him to sign it.

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Enclosure

Kamanga letter dated 30 July 1968

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Office of the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs,

P.O. Box RW 69,

Lusaka.

30th July, 1968.

His Excellency Robert C. Good,  
Ambassador,  
Embassy of the United States of America,  
LUSAKA.

My Dear Ambassador,

I have just received and noted the contents of your letter of 9 June, 1968. I would have replied earlier than today, but you will no doubt have known that I have been away from Lusaka accompanying His Excellency the President on his recent tour of European countries.

Mr. Ambassador, I fully understand your concern over statements which the Press attributed to certain members of my Government soon after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I note from your letter with gratification that you fully understood the deep emotions which the assassination emitted in Zambia. The quick succession of the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Kennedy confirmed in the minds of many Zambians the picture of the United States as a country where the rule of the gun is the order of the day. To many of them, real life in the States is not different from the cowboy "American-Western" picture they see on their cinema screens and television. They do not understand why the U.S. Government has not succeeded in controlling the gun as effectively as their own Government in Zambia does.

So it is that as one after another, a number of prominent citizens of the U.S. are gunned down, understandably but mistakenly, in the heat of emotions, most Zambians heap the blame on the U.S. Administration.

My Government, however, appreciates the difficulties which successive Administrations in your country have had to battle against in their fight to halt murder by mail order. My Government is sympathetic to the efforts of the present Administration to introduce legislation effecting tighter control on the use of the gun in the United States. The reaction of my Government to the assassination took this background into account. I hardly need remind you of what my Government did to commemorate the assassination of Senator Kennedy, messages of condolence to your Government and the Kennedy family, as well as setting aside a day of national mourning. ?

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One feature which the Press in my country shares with the Press anywhere, is that it capitalizes on the private indiscretions of people in responsible positions. The news of the assassination of Senator Kennedy offered the Press in Zambia an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their skill at this old game. I would like to reassure you and your Government that the reported statements expressed a personal feeling on the part of their authors and were not in any way made or intended to be made on behalf of my Government.

I sincerely hope that the machinations of the Press will not be allowed to mar the excellent relations which our two Governments are currently enjoying. It is my hope that our two Governments will lose no opportunity to work side by side in a greater effort to realise the humane ideals, for which Bob Kennedy died, in both our own societies and the entire international community.

Yours sincerely,



R.C. Kamanga  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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TO : Department of State

ANALYSIS

FROM : Amcongen LOURENCO MARQUES

DATE: August 2, 1968

SUBJECT: Local Reactions and Events Concerned with Assassination  
of Senator Kennedy: Final Report *POL 6 45/Kennedy, Robert F.*REF : Lourenco Marques 772, 6/7/68; A-159, 6/11/68  
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No local event or reaction of significance and no further press comment has occurred here since the referenced communications to change, modify or significantly add to their contents. This airgram therefore serves only to submit various documents and translations of interest or possible value to family historians or other researchers some time in the future.

The only two editorials of significance are at Enclosure 1 (ConGen's informal translations and press clippings). Incoming condolence letters and copies of the ConGen's replies, a list of those who sent condolence cards, copies of letters to those who called on the Consul General to express their condolences, and the Consulate General's letters of thanks to those who assisted in the memorial service, as well as the used pages of the condolence book, will be found at Enclosure 2.

Among the individual acts of regard for the Senator and for the United States, the following are worthy of mention:

## Enclosures: *all in m.*

1. Copies of newspaper editorials and Consulate General's translations.
2. Condolence letters, ConGen's replies, used pages of condolence book and list of names.
3. Noticias clipping of June 7, 1968 and Consulate General's translation.
4. Press clippings of memorial service & copy of sermon.
5. June 6, 1968 issue of Noticias (5 copies)
6. June 6, 1968 Extra edition of Diario (5 copies)

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The British and German Consulates General lowered their flags to half mast; the Rector of the Anglican Church volunteered to give a memorial service, which was accepted (see refair); and the local florist from whom we bought the flowers for the service volunteered to go to the church at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning and spent over three hours arranging the flowers to perfection. Beyond this, no one showed any unusual concern.

Enclosure 3 consists of a Noticias clipping showing the Consul General signing the formal statement he gave to the press in lieu of interviews and carrying the text of the statement, and the English translation of the statement.

Enclosure 4 consists of the press clippings of the announcement of the memorial service and the reporting on the memorial service in the local press, and a copy of the sermon delivered by the Anglican Rector at the memorial service.

Enclosure 5 contains five copies of the afternoon Extra (the only Extra published here in at least one year) devoted entirely to the late Senator Kennedy.

Five complete copies of one issue of Noticias, the leading newspaper, showing the extent of the local press coverage of the tragedy, are at Enclosure 6.



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"Diario" - June 7, 1968 edition

*DIARIO - June 7, 1968*

# FALÊNCIA TOTAL DA DEMOCRACIA?

O brutal assassinio de Kennedy mostra bem a falência de determinado tipo de democracia, de todo aquele regime político que pretende fazer doutrina através de propaganda sabiamente dirigida. Os acontecimentos que nos últimos anos têm ensombrado e recoberto de terror a vasta América e que agora culminaram com o atentado a um jovem senador que se batia pela igualdade dos direitos civis entre os homens e pelo regresso a uma paz duradoura, ressaltam de um estado de coisas que se situa ainda muito longe do espírito autêntico das sãs democracias.

Campeão da liberdade e da igualdade entre todos os homens, Kennedy teria oportunidade de imprimir à sua administração, porque era católico, o que a Igreja nos ensina, atribuindo assim a todos os gestos o mais profundo e transcendente significado. Kennedy acreditava nos homens porque acreditava em Deus e era pelo amor a Deus que trazia todos os homens até si, no mais sagrado respeito pela dignidade fundamental de todo o ser humano.

O que agora aconteceu na América é o retrato de uma época, a trágica e desoladora caricatura de determinado período histórico e que demarca a falência da democracia, quando erguida sobre princípios que desrespeitam exactamente os mais elementares direitos do povo.

No caso presente, a situação torna-se ainda mais desoladora e vergonhosa na medida em que não foi, certamente, um desvairado a cometer o crime, mas qualquer sociedade ou grupo secreto e apenas possível numa nação doente.

Significam e exprimem estas linhas a tristeza do nosso jornal, que se bate pela Justiça e pelo Bem. Descanso eterno à alma de Robert Kennedy.

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English translation of June 7, 1968 "Diario" editorial

IS DEMOCRACY COMPLETELY BANKRUPT?

The brutal assassination of Kennedy shows well the failure of a certain type of democracy, where the entire political system seeks to create doctrines by the process of wisely guided propaganda. The events of the last years, that have shadowed and blanketed in terror the huge [land of] America, and have now culminated in the attempt on a young Senator who fought for equality of civil rights among men and for return to a lasting peace, came about from a state of affairs indeed far removed from the true spirit of sane democracy.

Champion of liberty and equality among all men, Kennedy had the opportunity to stamp upon his Administration, because he was Catholic, that which the Church teaches us, giving thereby to all accounts a most profound and transcendent significance. Kennedy believed in men because he believed in God and it was for the love of God that he brought all men to this point in the most sacred respect for the fundamental dignity of every human being.

What has now happened in America is the picture of an epoch, a tragic and desolate caricature of a certain historic period, that marks the failure of democracy when it is guided by principles that specifically derogate the most elementary rights of the people.

In this case the situation is even more wretched and shameful to the extent that it certainly was not a deranged person that committed the crime, but some society or secret group that is possible only in a sick nation.

These lines reflect and express the sorrow of our newspaper that fights for justice and right. Eternal rest to the soul of Robert Kennedy.

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"Noticias" - June 8, 1968 edition

## A LEI DA BALA

Aconteceu, esta semana, em Los Angeles: uma saravada de balas levou, em estado de coma, para o Hospital do Bom Samaritano, o corpo inerte de Robert Kennedy.

Entrou, imediatamente, em acção a Cirurgia e, em plena era das Transplantações, o bisturi socorreu frente aos efeitos da pistola. A Ciência foi rejeitada pela violência. O pistoleiro tinha imposto a sua lei: a lei da bala.

Tragicamente, manteve-se, assim, uma constante histórica dos Estados Unidos: Há um século, Lincoln; há cinco anos, John Kennedy; há poucos meses, Luther King; esta semana o candidato mais recente da projectada dinastia dos Kennedy.

A mesma arma nos quatro assassinios. O mesmo móbil do crime nos quatro atentados.

E vem de longe esta liberdade incrível. Cheira a Far-West, a lei da arma que fez dos pistoleiros heróis, a lei da bala que os próprios senhores tinham de usar para fazerem justiça.

Nos tempos de ouro dos velhos tempos do Oeste, os coldres figuraram como espadas de honra. Na aprendizagem dos jovens para a vida, o feito e a rapidez de atirarem certo constituíam diploma de mérito, motivo de orgulho e da vaidade dos pais. E tão sedimentado foi este atavismo que até chegou à Lei Constitucional com uma disposição que garante, a qualquer cidadão, o direito indiscriminado do porte de armas.

Fez-se, entretanto, a revolução técnica e industrial. Computadores, estatísticas, cálculos infalíveis para a conquista do Cosmos... tudo foi possível. Provavelmente, tudo continuará a ser possível no domínio da máquina, do controlo e do aproveitamento da energia, da certeza dos números. Mas, ao que parece, só o Homem — mais lento na conquista e no domínio de si próprio — ficou amarrado aos coldres da violência.

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válidas para uma sobrevivência matemática, substituiu-o à forja do Humanismo que caldeia culturas e civilizações. E, feito máquina, destituído de contacto humano — contacto que se faz à custa de martírios e decepções — o velho «Far-West» ressuscitou no mundo da electrónica e da energia nuclear. Voltou a impor a sua lei: a do coldre e da bala.

Não morriamos de amores por Robert Kennedy, nem de ansiedades pelo seu sucesso eleitoral. Sabemos bem que a Casa Branca não pode cair no papo de um pobre de Job. A campanha custa dólares expressos em miríades de zeros e as proclamações ideológicas guardam também, bem guardadas, garantias de fortuna para amanhã. Lamentamos, no entanto, a sua morte pela violência que a impôs. Pesa-nos toda a violência, até porque, neste nosso Moçambique, em atavismos de Far-West, também sentimos no sangue, na carne, nos ossos o sabor amargo dos pistoleiros da lei da bala, das minas, das emboscadas. Somos pela coexistência — aquela que, na verdade, permite «revolucionar» sem coldres nem espoletas; aquela que dá ao Homem o acesso a uma autêntica civilização. E parece que podemos sintetizar este acesso num único propósito: dar ao Homem a certeza de que lhe é garantido o direito pleno de viver, de coexistir com os outros, de construir, em suma, um mundo sempre novo para si e para os seus filhos. E construí-lo apenas com barro, alma e repúdio total de balas e violências.

TITO PEREIRA

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English translation of June 8, 1968 "Noticias" editorial

THE LAW OF THE BULLET

It occurred this week in Los Angeles: A hail of bullets sent the inert body of Robert Kennedy in a state of coma to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Surgery went into action immediately, yet in the full era of (organ) transplants the scalpel bowed to the effects of the bullet. Science was "rejected" by violence. The gunman had imposed his law: The law of the bullet.

Thus, tragically, was an historical constant of the U.S. maintained: a century ago Lincoln; five years ago Kennedy, a few months ago Luther King; this week the most recent candidate of the projected Kennedy dynasty. The same type of weapon in all four assassinations. The same criminal hallmark in all four attempts.

And this incredible liberty comes from the past. It smells of the Far West, the law of the weapon which made gunmen heroes, the law of the bullet that the sheriffs themselves had to use in order to carry out justice.

On the fancy dress of those old times of the West, holsters served as badges of honor in the apprenticeship of youth for life; the skill and the speed with which they could shoot accurately served as a diploma of merit, a source of pride and vanity for their parents. And so firmly rooted was this activism that it found itself even in the constitutional law in the form of a revision which guaranteed to any citizen the indiscriminate right to bear arms.

Meanwhile, the technical and industrial revolution took place, computers, statistics, immutable calculations for the conquest of the cosmos...everything was possible. Probably everything will continue to be possible in the realm of the machine, of the control and use of energy, and the certainty of mathematics. But, so it seems, man alone -- slower in the conquest and domination of himself -- remained strapped to the holsters of violence.

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Any balancing of the accounts that is mathematically valid for survival is betrayed at the forge of humanism that shapes cultures and civilizations, and in a mechanical object void of human contact -- contact created at the cost of martyrdom and disappointments -- the old Far West is revived in the world of electronics and nuclear energy. It has returned to impose its law; that of the holster and the bullet.

We were not overcome with love for Robert Kennedy nor with anxiety for his electoral success. We well know that the White House cannot fall into the lap of one as poor as Job. The campaign costs sums expressed in myriads of zeros and the ideological proclamations retain also well protected guarantees of fortune for tomorrow. We lament nevertheless his death because of the violence with which it came. We regret all violence even to include that of our Mozambique which lacks the activism of the Far West, and we also feel in our blood, our flesh and our bones the bitter taste of the gunmen of the law of the bullet, of the mines and the ambushes. We are for coexistence, that which in fact permits the making of "revolution" without holsters or detonating caps; that which gives man access to an authentic civilization. And it seems we can synthesize this access in one proposition: give to man the certainty that to him is guaranteed the clear right to live, to coexist with others, to build, in short, an ever new world always new for him and for his children and to build it only with earth and with spirit, and with total repudiation of bullets and violence.

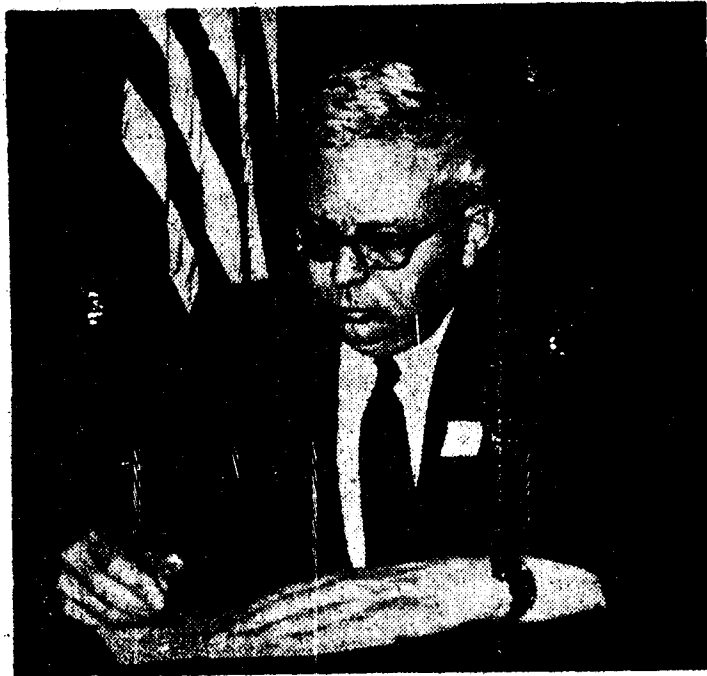
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"Noticias" - June 7, 1968

## PESAR DO CÔNSUL AMERICANO



*Noticias - June 7, 1968.*

O Cônsul-Geral dos Estados Unidos em Lourenço Marques, sr. John G. Gossett, entregou ao «Noticias» a seguinte mensagem de pesar:

«Os americanos de todas as crenças políticas, por todo o Mundo, encontram-se profundamente impressionados e desgostosos com esta terrível tragédia. Sei que falo pelos meus compatriotas residentes em Moçambique ao manifestar o nosso horror por aquele acto, a nossa tristeza e o nosso pesar por esta perda nacional, e a nossa profunda simpatia para com a família Kennedy.

Desejo agradecer a todas as pessoas que em Lourenço Marques vieram expressar-nos as suas condolências e pesar.»

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English text of June 7, 1968 Noticias article

Americans everywhere of all political beliefs are shocked and saddened by this terrible tragedy. I know that I speak for my compatriots in Mozambique in expressing our horror at the act, our sorrow and grief at our national loss, and our profound sympathy with Senator Kennedy's family.

I wish to thank all the people in Lourenco Marques who have called to express their condolences and sympathy.

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**The Rector of the Anglican Church of Lourenço Marques and the American Consul General announce that a memorial service for the late Senator Robert Francis Kennedy will be held at the Anglican Church at 11 am Sunday June 9.**

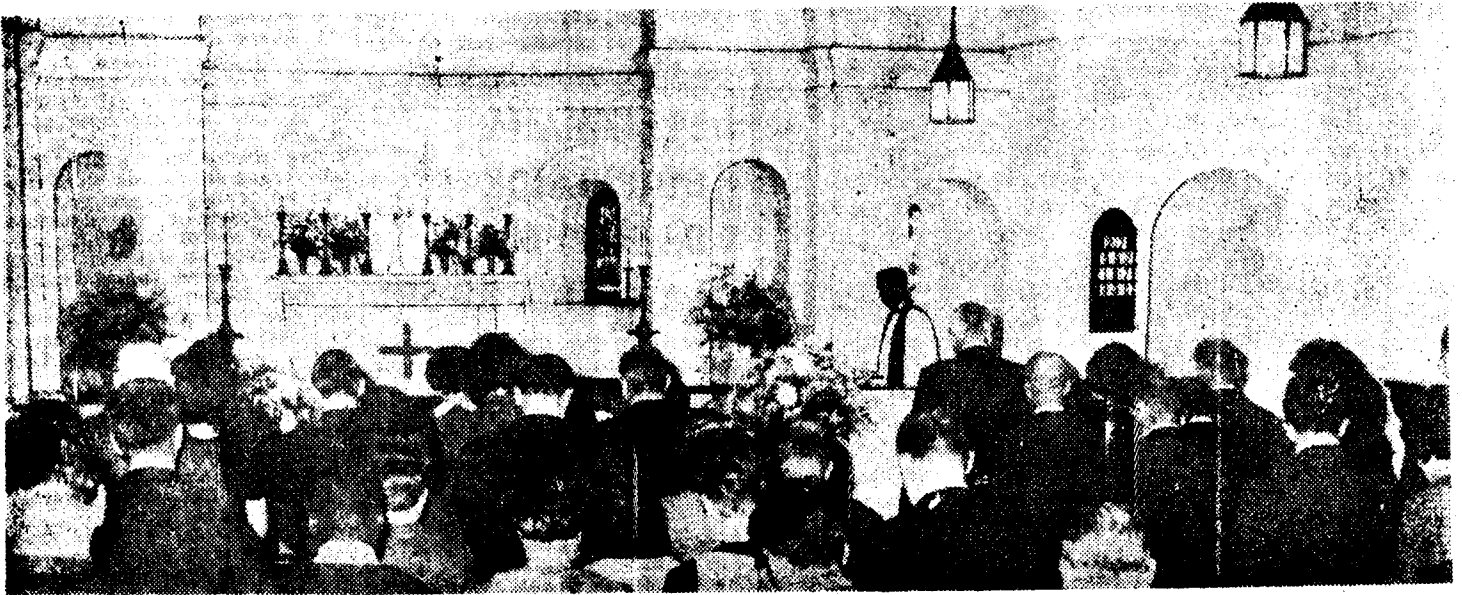
**O Prior da Igreja Anglicana de Lourenço Marques e o Cônsul-Geral dos Estados Unidos da América comunicam que será celebrada no próximo Domingo dia 9 de Junho pelas 11 horas uma missa pela alma do falecido Senador Robert Francis Kennedy.**

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"Noticias" - June 10, 1968



Foi ontem de manhã celebrada, na Igreja Anglicana de Lourenço Marques, uma missa por alma do senador Robert Kennedy, a que assistiram numerosos elementos ligados à comunidade britânica. A gravura reproduz o momento em o celebrante e a assistência, de pé, iniciavam a cerimónia

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1968

Sermon Delivered by The Rev. R. A. Lovewell,  
Rector of The Anglican Church of  
Lourenco Marques

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Mt. 13,45

During the past few weeks the world has lost two men which it could ill afford to lose. Robert Francis Kennedy was a Catholic of whom some would say "he had learned the Protestant Ethic." Martin Luther King was a Protestant clergyman of whom some would say "he had learned Catholicity in all its fullness." Both of these men gave to the Church an example of humble obedience in following, according to their lights, the words of Jesus of Nazareth in the tenets of Christian freedom. Both of these men died at the hands of an assassin who in his waywardness expressed the waywardness of the society in which he lived.

What was it which they had discovered in life which was a compelling force, which drove them to be solitary lights in a lost generation? Speaking on this continent before four thousand people, Robert Kennedy said: "I do not do this because it is politically expedient -- although it is. I do not do it because it is commercially and economically profitable, but it is; I do not do it because the laws of God say so -- although they do. I do it because I believe it is the right thing to do."

Martin Luther King, speaking in London when asked about the possibility of his own assassination said, "I can only reply with the words of a man whose name I share, 'Here I stand - I can do no other.'"

It was as though, in the words of the parable, they had found in life, a philosophy, a way of living which was to them like a pearl of great price and both were prepared to sacrifice all that they had in order to find fulfillment in it.

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If we can find anything praiseworthy in the lives of these two men, I propose that it may help us to reflect on this biblical parable which strikes with precision all that they found true for themselves for in so doing we may discover something which is true for ourselves.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Notice that the merchant didn't find the pearl of great price at the beginning of his career. He was in business for some time before he found it. Of course, he had to accumulate the capital needed to buy it. Had he found it at the beginning of his career he would not have had the stock to sell to realize the fortune needed to buy it. Had he not traded in lesser pearls he would never have acquired the one pearl he longed for.

Jesus said the Kingdom, the absolute for man, is like this merchant. It is not something which can be presented to you on a plate so that all you have to do is get it and feel good. You will find many who have forgotten that this is so.

They tell you that if you stick to this, that or the other form of orthodoxy you've got it. But you haven't got it! All you've got is an excuse to stop looking for it. Fanaticism is always a means of preventing doubt from becoming serious.

Others will tell you that the Kingdom is found in obedience to a traditional system of morals. Obedience always looks like a virtue whereas in fact it is always blasphemy - blasphemy against oneself. To base your life on other people's rules, even though we call them "God's laws" is to choose slavery instead of freedom. Freedom means that we have discovered for ourselves what is true for ourselves, how we can express sincerely and freely what we are. If we are content to be conventional, which means content to be like someone else accepting rules for a given type of person, then we have abandoned the search for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Others tell you that you must have a particular sort of religious experience called conversion. They say if you haven't had this then you are outside the Kingdom. The trouble with this sort of experience is that if you examine it carefully, it isn't religious at all. True,

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the required feelings are often long associated with religion; but similar feelings can be evoked without religious symbols. Think of the warmth, the escape, the sense of purpose and mission evoked by this century's greatest preacher who fooled all Europe with a lie. His name is Adolph Hitler. It is not easy to distinguish between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of Hell.

How then can we find the Kingdom, the truth for ourselves, the pearl of great price? Surely by refusing to be satisfied with anything less than what is satisfying. Not what should satisfy, but what does satisfy. You know how we all go to parties and we all enjoy ourselves immensely. This is just polite convention. But beware lest we treat life in this way, trying to persuade ourselves that it satisfies when it doesn't.

Let's return to the merchant. Remember, he had to accumulate capital before he could buy the one pearl. This was solid wealth. We often think we can buy the pearl with paper money -- but it is dangerous to forget that there is little value in paper money. We resolve to do this or that, forgetting that there are large areas of life in which the willpower we wish for is never available. I resolve to love people more. That resolve is the paper money I pay for the pearl of great price, but I forget that as yet my capacity to love is immature and in the absence of real wealth my resolve is worth very little. So I expect to get the pearl and wonder why I don't. What we have to learn is that real capital accumulates slowly and often without our noticing it.

Theologians say we grow by the grace of God but grace isn't a sort of spiritual petrol. It's the creative quality of life itself -- all things we do, all that happens to us, working, arguing, listening, playing, loving, all splendors, all miseries, all the pleasure and all the pain. It is here that our real selves and real capital accumulates slowly so that in the end we can know the paper money of our resolves with the gold of our whole selves.

Can we recognize the pearl of great price? Christianity presents us with a man on a cross. It points to this man in his death, and says that there, in utter, complete

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self-giving is what totally satisfies. Most of us have brief moments when we know with absolute certainty that to give ourselves away in love is the perfect satisfaction for which we crave. But such moments do not stay -- the crucified soon passes out of sight, and we are left to win the truth for ourselves by trial and error and by unspeakable joy full of glory.

Through Jesus there is nothing in this world, or in the next, which cannot, and will not, be turned into the valid currency we need, to buy the one pearl of great price. That is what we mean when we say that we are redeemed.

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SUBJECT : Condolence Messages to the Kennedy Family

REF : Turin's A-23

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The Department's Office of Congressional Relations has forwarded to the Kennedy family the condolence books and letters which were enclosed in your A-23 of July 3. The Kennedy family plans to acknowledge all condolence letters and messages forwarded to them. Any further letters or messages for the family which you may now have or receive should be sent to the Department and marked for the attention of the Office of Congressional Relations.

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INFO : Amembassy ROME (USIS, POL, CSCO)

FROM : Amconsul FLORENCE

DATE: July 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Kennedy Memorial Activities

REF :

Consulate personnel have participated in the following memorial observances concerning the Kennedy family during the present month:

On July 15, 1968 Consul General Joseph C. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler attended ceremonies at Barga (province of Lucca) dedicating the municipal park and a fountain in honor of John and Robert Kennedy. The fountain was donated by members of the "Giovanni Pascoli Benevolent Society" of Chicago. 183 representatives of the Society came from the United States to attend the dedication ceremonies at which Consul General Wheeler delivered an address, in Italian, to an audience estimated at over 3,000 persons. The 49th Army Band and an American military honor guard were present at this event during which the American flag was raised and both American and Italian national anthems were played. Among the dignitaries participating were Loris Biagioni, under secretary of State, and numerous local and provincial authorities. The Consul General's speech was very warmly received and good coverage was obtained in the local press. Sections of the ceremonies also appeared on Italian national television on July 16, 1968.

On July 7, 1968 FSO Allen S. Greenberg participated in memorial activities for Senator Kennedy organized by the "La Perla" Cultural Society of Follonica (province of Grosseto). The observances included a Mass for Senator Kennedy at which an American military honor guard was present. An estimated 400 persons attended this ceremony. FSO Greenberg subsequently delivered a memorial address, in Italian, at the Follonica City Hall to an audience of 65 persons.

Clippings of local press coverage for both events are attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

# Inaugurati la fontana e il parco alla memoria di John e Robert Kennedy

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Presenti i « barghigiani di Chicago » - Le parole del console americano  
Un po' di storia - Il discorso conclusivo del sottosegretario Biagioni

Nel centenario dell'emigrazione barghigiana — fu intorno al 1870 che a quella nomade e temporanea del « figurina » si sostituì nel Barghigiano la vera e propria emigrazione verso i grandi centri industriali del Nord America — sono stati inaugurati ieri a Barga una fontana monumentale e un parco pubblico dedicati alla memoria di John e Robert Kennedy, e la casa di riposo « Giovanni Pascoli », ambedue munifici dono dei membri barghigiani della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society » di Chicago alla loro città natale. Fontana e casa di riposo sono state realizzate interamente dai barghigiani di Chicago: il parco pubblico — che sorge nel punto di congiunzione fra la vecchia Barga castellana e quella nuova costituita dai barghigiani tornati dall'estero in questi cento anni di immensa e prodigiosa emigrazione — più propriamente dalla Pro Loco e dall'intera cittadina.

Tra avvenimenti come lo sottolineò il console generale americano J. Wheeler, in un unco simbolo « Come i primi coraggiosi barghigiani che partirono cento anni or sono, il bisnonno di John e Robert Kennedy aveva traversato l'Atlantico nella metà del secolo scorso per trovare un maggior benessere per se stesso e per i suoi figli nel nuovo mondo. Come i primi barghigiani, egli aveva portato con sé poco più della sua volontà di fare del suo meglio e di lavorare onestamente. Le strade del nuovo mondo non erano lastricate d'oro ed egli come gli altri immigrati doveva lavorare sodo per guadagnarsi il pane quotidiano. Ma grazie all'operosità e all'intelligenza sua e dei figli che lo avevano seguito, la famiglia Kennedy non poteva solo arricchirsi ma faceva germogliare nei nostri tempi quella magnifica fioritura in cui esemplari più belli sono certo stati John e Robert Kennedy. Allo stesso modo gli emigrati barghigiani trasferendosi sul fertile suolo americano hanno lavorato e contribuito allo sviluppo degli Stati Uniti e i loro generali discendenti rappresentano oggi da centomila i membri della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society » di Chicago, sono tornati in Italia per portare soccorso, speranza alla loro città di origine. La fontana, il parco e la casa di riposo che oggi inauguriamo, rappresentano un ulteriore segno di quel forte vincolo che unisce i nostri grandi di popoli così come i fratelli Kennedy avevano lavorato per unire tutte le genti del mondo su basi di reciproca amicizia, soccorso e amore ». I centosettanta barghigiani di Chicago erano arrivati domenica sera a Milano in aereo per presenziare alla inaugurazione. A Milano avevano ricevuto il caloroso benvenuto del sindaco di Barga, cav. uff. Felice Menichini, del presidente della Pro-Loce cav. Pietro Marroni e del direttore del Giornale di Barga, Bruno Sereni, irrefragabili promotori e animatori della manifestazione. A Barga gli « americani » hanno ricevuto l'affettuoso saluto dei loro conterranei e l'attestazione della riconoscenza e della profonda stima per le due magnifiche realizzazioni che costituiscono il più bel monumento ai cento anni dell'emigrazione barghigiana.

Col console generale americano ha preso parte alla cerimonia tutta la popolazione, il sottosegretario onorevole Loris Biagioni, il viceprefetto dottor Roviello, il questore dottor Bernucci, il presidente dell'amministrazione provinciale ingegner Barseanti, il comandante del presidio colonnello Nocentini, il presidente dell'ente turismo professor Arata, il direttore dell'ENAL Giuliani, il capitano Barlo dei carabinieri eccetera. Prestavano servizio d'onore un picchetto di soldati americani e la banda della SETAF.

Al parco Kennedy — la fontana monumentale è un dono personale degli italo-americani Luigi De Prato, Augusto Lazzarini e Fabio Conti di Chicago — dopo l'alzabandiera americana e la benedizione impartita dal prete di Barga monsignor Baroni hanno parlato il sindaco di Barga e il console generale americano. Il sindaco ha ricordato il generoso contributo dei barghigiani all'estero, sottolineando come Barga il giorno in cui viene inaugurata la casa di riposo, abbia voluto testimoniare la sua grande riconoscenza verso gli Stati Uniti dedicando il parco pubblico alla memoria del grande presidente John Kennedy e a quella del fratello senatore Robert entrambi apostoli e martiri della libertà e della convivenza di tutti i popoli della terra.

Successivamente, nei pressi dell'ospedale, è stata inaugurata la casa di riposo « Giovanni Pascoli ». Ha parlato il presidente della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society », Augusto Lazzarini, che ha ricordato la costituzione della società avvenuta a Chicago nel 1955 e le iniziative dei barghigiani emigrati in America, culminate con la donazione della casa di riposo che ha definito « un lembo di Chicago in terra barghigiana ».

Ha concluso il sottosegretario Biagioni il quale ha esaltato l'operosità dei nostri emigranti e il loro amore alla terra natale. Al termine del suo intervento il sottosegretario ha consegnato all'italo-americano Nicola Marcucci la commendanda della solidarietà nazionale conferitagli dal presidente del consiglio onorevole Leone.

Dopo la benedizione della casa e il taglio del nastro da parte della consorte del console americano, autorità e invitati hanno visitato i locali guidati dal presidente dell'ospedale di Barga, Gualfredo Marquetti.

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# Il bisnonno di Kennedy come gli emigrati di Barga

Nobili parole del console Joseph C. Wheeler alla cerimonia inaugurale del parco-giardino - Il discorso del sindaco Menichini

I festeggiamenti dell'emigrazione borghigiana con l'inaugurazione del parco-giardino intitolato ai fratelli Kennedy e la Villa di riposo « G. Pascoli », hanno avuto favorevole eco da noi dovunque.

Come ha tenuto a sottolineare il console americano Joseph C. Wheeler « l'evento ha accennato in sentimento di forza e solennità italiani e americani. Come i primi coraggiosi borghigiani che partivano cento anni or sono, il bisnonno di John e Robert Kennedy aveva attraversato l'Atlantico nella metà del secolo scorso per trovare un maggior bene sera per se stesso e per i suoi figli nel Nuovo Mondo. Come i primi borghigiani e gli aveva portato con sé pochi ma della sua volontà di fare del suo meglio e di lavorare onestamente. Le stelle del Nuovo Mondo non erano certo lastricate di oro ed egli, come gli altri immigrati, aveva lavorato sodo per guadagnarsi il pane quotidiano. Ma grazie alla operosità ed intelligenza sua e dei figli che facevano seguito, la famiglia Kennedy non poteva solo arricchirsi ma faceva germogliare, nei nostri tempi, quella magnifica natura che ci sorregge più forte. Sono certo stati John e Robert. Allo stesso modo gli emigrati di Barga, trasportando i sui fertili suoli d'America hanno lavorato e contribuito allo sviluppo degli Stati Uniti e i loro discendenti rappresentati qui oggi dai 170 membri del "Giovani Pascoli Benevolent Society" di Chicago, sono ritornati in Italia per portare soccorso e assistenza alla loro città d'origine ».

Il sindaco emiliano ufficiale Menichini ha detto fra l'altro: « Nel commemorare i cento anni di emigrazione borghigiana nel mondo, è con sentimento di profonda gratitudine che voglio ricordare non solo il grande sviluppo urbanistico favorito dai nostri connazionali all'estero alla loro terra di origine, ma anche i generosi contributi da essi dati alle più nobili iniziative. Barga, con la sensibilità che la distingue, ha voluto in questo stesso giorno in cui viene inaugurata la villa di riposo, testimoniare la sua grande riconoscenza verso gli Stati Uniti, dedicando il parco-giardino, la cui ampia vasca è un dono, un altro dono di tre concittadini di Chicago, alla imperitura memoria dei fratelli Kennedy. Questo parco, voluto e costruito dalla Pro Loco, con la partecipazione della cittadinanza, è una rara dimostrazione di quella vita associata che Barga attraverso i secoli ha sempre mantenuto ».



La cerimonia a Barga. Parla il console generale degli Stati Uniti.

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The Consulate General forwards attached its Condolence Book for presentation, if appropriate, to the Kennedy family. All calls and letters have been suitably acknowledged.

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DATE: 7 July 68

SUBJECT : Transmitting Bosch Letter

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1. Attached are five copies of a letter dated June 9 and sent to PRD confidant Sacha VOLMAN from party mentor Juan BOSCH. In the letter, Bosch points out how he had predicted that Robert Kennedy would be killed, and how the US people are allegedly dominated by the power structure. The US people are "Pentagonized", and there is no chance that the US will change its reckless policies either toward Latin America or the rest of the world; if the US withdraws from Viet-Nam, it will be for internal political reasons, and only to fight another day somewhere else. The US will continue applying its established methods in the DR, and Volman and PEÑA GÓMEZ are mistaken if they hope for any change in this. Only the Dominican people can help themselves, and then only by severing ties with the US and looking elsewhere. It is useless to try to remove the PRD's "communist" stigma, for the party's enemies are convinced of this, and President Johnson himself called PRDers communists. Finally, Bosch expresses himself firmly against the US trip of the PRD delegation to the Robert Kennedy funeral observances (see reference) by pointing out the risks involved and by charging that the US seeks servants, not allies.

2. Volman asked that the letter be shown to the Ambassador, in the belief that it clearly demonstrates the difficulties he (Volman) and Secretary General PEÑA GÓMEZ are having with Bosch, who charges them with a naive and soft attitude toward the U.S. Volman also believes that the letter by inference refutes the idea that Peña GÓMEZ is by nature or commitment anti-US.

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3. For obvious reasons, the distribution of this letter should be limited and the source strictly protected.

4. Comment:

A. Bosch's letter speaks for itself and is perhaps of most value in demonstrating the lengths to which Bosch's bitterness and frustration have driven him. His anti-Americanism clearly extends not only to the Johnson Administration but to the US people per se with the rationalization that they have been hopelessly "Pentagonized" and that nothing good may be expected of them. In a clear call to abandon hope for the democratic achievement of power in favor of the route of violent revolution, he advises all Dominicans seeking to transform their country to break their ties with the US and to take their struggle elsewhere, for "anything else is a waste of time and energy."

B. The letter does appear to show, as Volman suggests, that Peña Gómez is at odds with Bosch concerning PRD/US relations; and this basic disagreement with the former PRD President extends to other party leaders as well, according to Volman's description of their reactions to the letter.

  
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Enclosure: *att 5*

Five (5) copies of Bosch letter.

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