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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I deeply appreciate the sympathy of you and Mrs. Keita at this time of national sorrow.

Sincerely,

Dean Rusk

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His Excellency
Moussa Leo Keita
Ambassador of the
Republic of Mali

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HIS EXCELLENCY

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

MY WIFE AND I WISH TO EXPRESS, THROUGH YOUR STAFF, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF ONE OF ITS OUTSTANDING SONS.

MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADOR OF MALI

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MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADEUR DU MALI

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June 14, 1968.

TO: The Secretary
 THROUGH: S/S *JPW*
 FROM: AF - Thomas H. E. Quimby *TQ*
 SUBJECT: Letter Thanking Ambassador Keita for His Message of Condolence on the Death of Senator Kennedy - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Attached is a letter for your signature (Tab A) which thanks Ambassador Keita of Mali for his condolence message on the death of Senator Kennedy (Tab B). We feel it is appropriate for you to reply to this message. According to our Embassy, the Malians took the news of Senator Kennedy's death very hard. The government-controlled party newspaper published a very harsh editorial though most other coverage was factual. President Keita sent a message to the Kennedy family, but there were no official messages to the USG. Ambassador Keita has with his telegram, we believe, tried to indicate Malian sorrow at Senator Kennedy's death to US officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Attachments:

- Tab A - Letter to Ambassador Keita
- Tab B - Telegram from Ambassador Keita

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Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your
Excellency's note dated June 6, 1968 extending condolences
on behalf of your Government and yourself on the tragic death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply
appreciated. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message
to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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

For the Secretary of State:

Robert M. Sayre

His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa

Ambassador of Nicaragua

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Alan Parker
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Excellency:

On behalf of my Government and myself,
I extend our deepest 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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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ~~XXXXXXXX~~ PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SHAZAR

1. QTE It is comforting and consoling that you and the Israeli people share the grief and shock of all Americans at the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest thanks for your sympathetic words. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Shazar.

3. Following, FYI, is text of President Shazar's message to the President:

QTE For myself and for all the people of Israel bowed by grief for the brilliant and precious life so untimely and savagely cut down I send profoundest sympathy to you and the American people and would deeply appreciate transmission to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of our sorrowful condolence in their incredible tragic loss. Zalman Shazar, President of Israel UNQTE

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I have been asked to express deepest appreciation on behalf of the Secretary of State and the people of the United States for the words of sympathy which you conveyed from the Government and people of South Africa.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our distress is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H.E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
H.L.T. Taswell,
Ambassador of South Africa,
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL

1. QTE the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come ~~as a great shock to all Americans~~ as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister Eshkol.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister Eshkol's message to the President:

QTE In grief and shock I extend to you my heartfelt condolences, those of my colleagues in the Government of Israel and of my countrymen, in the American people's bereavement. That the bright and promising flame of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's life should have been so cruelly extinguished by a misguided assassin compels mankind anew to do all in his power to exorcise the evil spirit of hatred and violence upon which such deeds breed.

Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister of Israel UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

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

QTE Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

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

3. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE All free men and nations stand appalled at the wicked violence that has cost a life so full of achievement and potentiality. We share the grief of the American nation at the loss of an illustrious statesman and of the stricken family on whom tragedy has fallen again. UNQTE

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation and that of the United States Government for your kind message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy of yourself and of the Portuguese Embassy staff at this time of national sorrow is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Ladd
Assistant Secretary of State
for European Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Vieira Garcia,
Ambassador of Portugal,
Washington, D.C.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert RF. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.
3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the tragic event that has plunged not only the Kennedy family, your country, and Latin America but the whole democratic world into mourning, I have the honor to convey to you my heartfelt condolences which, through you, I extend to the Government and the people of the United States. Sincerely, Gustavo Larrea Cordova UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. ~~QTE~~ QTE. Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE.
2. Dept. does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.
3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to Secretary. QTE. Deeply moved by the tragic death of Robert F. Kennedy, I present to your excellency, in the name of the Brazilian Government and in my own name, our most sincere condolences. Jose de Magalhaes Pinto, Minister of Foreign Affairs. UNQTE.

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1. Please pass following message to President Toure from President Johnson:

BEGIN QUOTE Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the ^{death} ~~(assassination)~~ of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for ^{your} ~~the~~ concern and sympathy, ~~you have~~ ~~shown on this tragic occasion~~ I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

END QUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Toure.

End
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3. FYI Following is translation of message ~~received~~ from President Toure to President Johnson: QUOTE Have learned with consternation sad news of unfortunate death Senator Robert Kennedy. To bereaved Kennedy family and to American people prematurely deprived of one of her best sons, Guinean people

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and government send their very profound condolences. Energetically condemn assassination as means of political struggle and join with you to castigate this odious crime that the entire world deplores. Highest consideration, Ahmed Sekou Toure. END ~~XXX~~ QUOTE

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ACTION: Amembassy SAN JOSE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT VEGA:

The Republic of Costa Rica has seen and shared
1. QTE ~~our grief at the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.~~ UNQTE

2. QTE On behalf of all the people of the United States, I
want to tell you how much we were strengthened and consoled
in a difficult time by your distinguished President, and by
your own gracious message. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by GOCR.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of Vice President Vega's
message to the President:

QTE En nombre de la nacion Costarricense ruego a Vuestra

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Excelencia aceptar nuestra solidaridad ante la tragedia que sufren los Estados Unidos de America por la desaparicion del ilustre Senador Robert F. Kennedy. Jorge Vega Rodriguez Primer Vicepresidente en Ejercicio de la Presidencia de la Republica. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy, STOCKHOLM

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Please pass following message from President to
Prime Minister Erlander:

1. QUOTE It is a consolation to know, in this
time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by
men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I
deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence
Lyndon B. Johnson
on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. END QUOTE.

2. White House does not plan ~~XXX~~ release message
but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

3. FYI, following is message from Prime Minister
received by White House: QUOTE Deeply shocked by the
cruel assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I
send you in the name of the Swedish Government my feelings
of profound grief and deep sympathy. The loss of this
prominent American citizen is profoundly regretted by the
whole Swedish people. END QUOTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING GUSTAF:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On
behalf of the people of the United States, I express my
deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

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

3. White House does not plan to release message, but
has no objection to release by King.

4. Following, FYI, is text of King Gustaf's message to
the President:

QTE Profoundly moved by the cruel and tragic death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I express my feelings of
sincere sympathy and profound grief. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ UNQTE

Gustaf Adolf
END

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO VICE PM DE CLERCQ

1. QTE I am grateful for your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All Americans were shocked and saddened by this tragedy. It is a consolation to know that our loss is shared by our friends. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message but has no objection to release by Vice Prime Minister.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE The President has asked me to thank you and your wife for your thoughtful message of condolence 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 to release message, but has no objection to release by recipient.

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

QTE My wife and I express to your Excellency our heartfelt sorrow for the tragic death of that great American, Robert F. Kennedy. Francisco Jose Guerrero UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO EXTAFF SEC SHARP:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence 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. Dept does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

3. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE I wanted to send you a personal word to express my deep sympathy on the death of Senator Kennedy. He was a man of outstanding ability, who had many personal connections with Canada and his loss is a tragic blow for us all. We feel that we have lost a good friend. Mitchell Sharp UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

QTE As our hopes of yesterday for the recovery of Senator Robert F. ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy have been shattered, we have regretfully to accept with you and your countrymen the tragic loss of one whose service to his country and contributions to its national life have been admired and will be long remembered

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. UNQTE
2. QTE It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, ~~as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral.~~ as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister. ✓
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbours in Canada.

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We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief
at this time. Pierre Elliott Trudeau UNQTE

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Thank you for your note of June 6, 1968 conveying Prime Minister Barrev's message of sympathy to the President following the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has expressed his deepest appreciation for the Prime Minister's kind message which has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Angus Middle Dicks
Ambassador

*in
R. F. Kennedy*

His Excellency
Hilton A. Vaughan
Ambassador of Barbados

Clearances:

ARA/CAR - Mr. Long *EM*

ARA - Miss Eltz *ARE*

S/S - Mr. Parker *AP*

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EMBASSY OF BARBADOS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1701 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

6th June, 1968.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that
I have this day received the following telegram
from the Prime Minister of Barbados:

"Grateful if following message of
sympathy can be transmitted to President
Johnson from Prime Minister Barrow, begins:

I was profoundly shocked on hearing
of tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
Please accept deepest condolence of my
Government and people of Barbados and
convey our sympathy to widow and family."

I accordingly am to request that you
transmit the text of the aforesaid telegram to
the President.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the
assurances of my highest consideration.

H.A. Vaughan
HILTON A. VAUGHAN
Ambassador.

His Excellency Angier Biddle Duke,
Chief of Protocol,
United States Department of State,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.

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ACTION: BONN

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1. There follows text of condolence message on Kennedy death which Axel Springer sent President Johnson.

QTE We are all shocked by the senseless murder of Senator Robert Kennedy. More than ever these days our thoughts are with the American people, its leaders and especially the bereaved family.

Sincerely, Axel Springer UNQTE

2. Ambassador may wish to take suitable occasion to tell Springer that President appreciated his condolences, and has conveyed his message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.
END

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Origin: ACTION: Amembassy BONN

Info:

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LUEBKE:

QTE Dear Mr. President:

It is a great consolation to know, in this tragic time, that our loss is shared by our German friends. I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Luebke.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of President Luebke's message to the President:

QTE On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the ~~affliction~~ ^{affliction} imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good

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traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany UNQTE

END.

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ACTION: Amembassy KABUL

Info:

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1. Please pass following message from President to King:

QUOTE:

His Majesty

Mohammad Zaher

King of Afghanistan

Kabul

Your Majesty:

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for Your Majesty's kind words of sympathy over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been profoundly shocked by his sudden and tragic passing. The knowledge that you and Her Majesty, Queen Homaira, share in our sorrow will help sustain us in these grievous days.

I shall transmit Your Majesties' message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Palace.

3. Following is FYI, is [REDACTED] text of King's message to President:

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NEA/PAF-Francis C. [REDACTED]

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NEA - Mr. Handley

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QUOTE: His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson

President of the United States of America

White House, Washington, D.C.

Deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Queen and I would like to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the bereaved family the expression of our personal heartfelt sympathies and condolences. Mohammad Zaher UNQUOTE.

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ACTION: Amembassy OTTAWA

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1. Following is English translation text of message to President from Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, received White House June 8:

QTE Permit me to express to you, in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec, our deep sorrow over the tragic death of Senator Kennedy. I beg you to be good enough to convey our sincere condolences

to the family of the deceased. UNQTE
2. Message has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.
3. Unless Embassy believes acknowledgment from Washington preferable, suggest Ambassador or ConGen Quebec send appropriate response in behalf President after consulting to degree you think desirable with EXTAFF.

4. FYI. No messages received Washington from other provincial premiers.

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S/S - Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ Brown
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ACTION: AmEmbassy SAIGON

Info:

STATE

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO

VICE PRESIDENT KY:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deep gratitude for your message of sympathy on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our loss has indeed been great, and we welcome your kind thoughts in our time of grief. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Vice President Ky.

3. Following, FYI, is text of Ky's message to the President:
QTE Please accept Excellency my deepest sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I can well appreciate what a great loss this must be to the people of the United States of America. UNQTE.

END

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Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Parker

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ACTION: AmEmbassy SAIGON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT THIEU:

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

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

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President. - END -

4. Following is text of Thieu's message to the President

QTE Mr. President, I was greatly shocked to learn

Senator Robert F. Kennedy had fallen victim of a wicked and

senseless assassination. Senator Robert Kennedy devoted all his

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ASGEIRSSON

1. QUOTE All of America mourns the ^{loss} ~~relaying~~ of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept my appreciation and that of my countrymen for your thoughtful words of condolence.

2. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ We ~~may~~ draw comfort from ^{the knowledge that} ~~you are not alone~~ you and your countrymen share our grief. I shall pass your message on to Mrs. Kennedy and the Senator's family ^{Lyndon B. Johnson} UNQUOTE.

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Asgeirsson.

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4. Following, FYI, is text of President Asgeirsson's message to the President:

QUOTE Please allow me Mr. President to send you personally and the people of the United States my sincerest condolences and those of the people of Iceland on the very tragic occasion of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's funeral. UNQUOTE

End

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EUR/SCAN - Mr. Ingram
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S/CPR - Mr. Abell ^{EL}

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EUR - George S. Springsteen ^{SE/MP}

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ACTION: Amembassy ANKARA

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1. Pls. pass following message from President to Prime Minister Demirel:

QUOTE I am deeply moved by your kind message ~~expressing your sorrow~~ on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~It is a privilege for me to~~

death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ your
Americans are grateful for the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sympathy which you and ~~(the)~~ Government
extended
of Turkey have conveyed to us. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Demirel.

3. Following, FYI, is ~~text~~ of Demirel's message to the President:

QUOTE I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing this morning of distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey and myself I offer you my deep and heartfelt sympathy on this grievous loss to the American Nation. Süleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of Turkey. UNQUOTE.

4. Reply to message to President from Sunay being sent by septel.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUNAY:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Sunay.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Sunay's message to the President:
QTE We are deeply distressed that one of the most outstanding sons of America, in the prime of life, and on the threshold of a great and dedicated service to his country became the victim of a hateful assassination. On behalf of the Turkish people and myself I offer to you and to the friendly and allied American nation my deepest sympathy and condolences. Cevdet Sunay UNQTE.
5. Reply to message to President from Demirel being sent by septel.

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ACTION: Amembassy ANKARA

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful messages of condolence
on the tragic assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your
sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

~~UNQTE~~ Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

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

3. Following, FYI, are texts of Caglayangil's messages to the
Secretary.

QTE It was with profound grief and sadness that I learned
today of the abominable attempt on the life of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy in California. I hasten to convey to your Excellency
my deep sympathies and express the sincere wishes of speedy
recovery for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil
UNQTE

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S/S - A *Barber*
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4. QTE It is with profound sorrow that I have ~~been~~ been informed of the tragic death this morning in Los Angeles of the distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by the treacherous act of assassination. We are deeply saddened that the friendly and allied American nation has lost such a youthful and illustrious son. We share the grief of the American people and offer our deepest sympathy. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil UNQTE
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ACTION: Amembassy AMMAN

Info:

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SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

REF: AMMAN 5256

Please convey to Prime Minister Talhouni the ^{deep} appreciation of the USG for his kind words of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy. You should also inform him that his message has been passed to the Kennedy family.

END

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H - Miss Folger (subs) *mmw*
S/S - Mr. Parker *ap*

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy KIGALI

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT: Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

REF :

The Embassy encloses for the information of the Department, and as of possible interest to the Kennedy family, the Book of Honor opened by the Embassy on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Photos in the front of the Book of Honor indicate the emplacement of the Book in the main lobby of the Embassy and the USIS display outside. The flag was, of course, flown at half staff as instructed by the President.

There are also enclosed four letters of condolence received by the Embassy with a copy of our reply.

In addition to these expressions of sympathy and condolence, many Rwandans and Europeans expressed their verbal sympathy during chance meetings and by telephone calls.

The tragedy was fully and factually reported by Radio Rwanda which also announced the opening of the Book of Honor at the Embassy.

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Enclosure:

As stated.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO BJARNI
BENEDIKTSSON

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

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

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by Prime Minister.

4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to
the President:

1 QUOTE On the occasion of the tragic and untimely death
of Senator Robert Kennedy permit me to express to you Mr.
President, the Government and the people of the United States
of America the deepest sympathy of the Government and the
people of Iceland. Bjarni Benediktsson UNQUOTE. End

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EUR/SCAN:EKlebenov:mbw 6/11/68 4207
EUR/SCAN - Mr. Ingram *hls*

Approved by: *ESS/aw*
EUR - George S. Springsteen

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Robert F.

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Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ACTING PM
AL-'ABAYDI:

1. QTE I wish to express my deep appreciation for your
message of sympathy and condolence on the untimely death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message but has
no objection to release by Acting PM.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of Acting PM's message
to the President:

QTE We have learned with deepest grief and sorrow of
the great loss of Senator Robert Kennedy.

QTE Please accept in this tragic hour my profound
condolences and heartfelt sympathy. Attawqia Hamed
Alabedi, Acting Prime Minister. UNQTE. END.

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