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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 3036

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1. IT BECAME EVIDENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY THAT AFRICANS AND FRENCH ALIKE HERE SAW ACT AS PART OF SAME "CONSPIRACY" WHICH THEY BELIEVE TOOK LIVES OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INSTANT REACTION STEMS IN PART FROM FACT ALL THREE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS, AND FROM TYPICAL EUROPEAN OR EUROPEAN-ORIENTED MENTALITY WHICH ALWAYS ASKS "WHO PROFITS FROM THIS ACT?".

2. WHILE IT IS APPARENT THAT SENEGALESE AND FRENCH WISH TO SEE A PLOT, IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT THEY WISH THIS IMAGINED PLOT TO TAKE FORM THEY DESIRE. THUS, DAKAR-MATIN HAS CAREFULLY POINTED OUT THAT SIRHAN WAS NOT MUSLIM, THEREFORE DID NOT ACT AS INSTRUMENT OF ANTI-ISRAELI ORGANIZATION (SIC).

3. AS OPINION HERE, AND I SUSPECT ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD, JELLS DURING CRUCIAL EARLY HOURS, EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS OFFICIAL AMERICAN APPROACH AND POSSIBLE OVER-AWARENESS OF ARAB SENSITIVITIES IS LEAVING THE FIELD TO THE ENEMY. ALREADY WIDELY QUOTED IS HUMANITE REMARK THAT SENATOR'S DEATH IS RESULT OF "LINE OF CONSPIRACY" BEGINNING WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH. MUCH CRITICAL TIME HAS ALREADY BEEN LOST, AND LITTLE TIME IS LEFT US TO CATCH UP TO ACCUSATION. AND THESE ACCUSATIONS, IF NOT KNOCKED DOWN, WILL PLAGUE US FOR YEARS TO COME IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

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4. OF PRIME AND IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE IS IDENTITY OF ASSASSIN, WHICH IS ALREADY BEING CHALLENGED BY MIDDLE EAST NEWSPAPERS QUOTED HERE. SECOND, EYE-WITNESS REPORTS OF SHOOTING ARE CURIOUSLY LACKING HERE, A FACT WHICH PERMITS ANYONE TO CONSTRUCT AND PROPOGATE HIS OWN THEORY AS TO WHO DID SHOOTING, HOW MANY DID IT AND MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS DONE. REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE RIGHTS OF ACCUSED, BUT THIS CAUTION IS ALLOWING MYTHS TO BE TRANSFIXED IN AFRICANS' MINDS.

5. SPECIAL SERVICE TRANSMISSIONS TO AFRICAN STATIONS, WIRELESS FILE TRANSMISSIONS AND VOA BROADCASTS AND NEWS SHOWS DEVOTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO ASSASSINATION WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ACCOMPLISHING ABOVE.
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1. SENGHOR TODAY TOOK BALANCED ATTITUDE ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SAID HE BELIEVED US WOULD WORK OUT ITS PROBLEMS AND THAT HE DID NOT SHARE DESPAIR HE SAW ELSEWHERE.

2. IN ADDITION TO EARLIER TELEGRAMS TO MRS. KENNEDY, SAID HE HAD ALSO WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY.
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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy, ALGIERS

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Commemoration of Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The murder of Senator Kennedy was given generally good coverage in the information media, however Government restraint was evident in interpretation of the event. Apparently because of the Arab origin of the presumed assassin and for "anti-imperialist" reasons, official regrets were not expressed and editorializing went so far as to suggest a Zionist plot. There were copious quotes from commentators who spoke of America's sick society, and the unnecessary remarks by Los Angeles Mayor Yorty were also given good coverage. The late Senator's recent remarks in support of Israel were apparently not forgiven and also contributed to the unbecoming silence and absence of official regrets at his passing.

In view of this atmosphere and of the generally poor state of U.S.-Algerian relations, a memorial service was not organized. A memorial book was opened in the Chancery and was signed by those who knew of it. A copy of the signatures is enclosed for the record, which should note also other expressions of sympathy. Members of this mission received numerous telephone calls and letters from non-Algerian friends registering deep grief and condolences. There is enclosed a typical list of those who telephoned to me. Numerous other non-Algerians also expressed regret at receptions and dinners which we recently attended. Enclosed for the Department and Kennedy archives are copies of letters received from diplomatic and other friends. Each letter has been appropriately acknowledged.

Because of the official Algerian attitude described above, it would be embarrassing, at least under present circumstances, to disclose the names of the several Algerians who took initiative to condole us.

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Scholars and others should be advised to keep such names confidential for at least the time being.

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Enclosures:

1. Signatures in Memorial Book (1 page)
2. List of those who made telephone calls to Charge d'Affaires, a. i.
3. Copies of letters and notes of sympathy (10 in all)

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June 6/68 - Max # Ron Dickson - Canadian
 June 6, '68 - Ann M. Moren
 6 juin 68 = KHAFFAGE DJAFFAR Algérien
 6 June 1968. ~~Richard Steen~~ British Charge d'Affaires.
 6 juin 68 D. Scherf
 6 juin 68 Alejandro CARVALAL Ambassadeur des Chili
 6 June 68 S.E. Mr. Humberto DIAZ CASANUEVA
 6 juin 68 ALI MENACER Ambassadeur des Chili
 6 juin 68 J.R. Moreau. ITT Algeria. ~~Moreau~~
 6 June 1968 Squared E London
 6 June 1968 Sherman H. Ross
 6 June 1968 John A. Hollingsworth
 6 June 1968 James K. Fischer
 6 June 1968 A. CHAKER Ambassador of Tunisia
 6 June 1968 A. CHATTA Conseiller Tunisien ~~Chat~~
 6 June 1968 Halim ACHOURA Consul de Tunisie ~~Halim~~
 6 June 1968 H.S. GAHBICHE Conseiller Tunisien ~~Gahbiche~~
 6 June 1968 M. Benbekeur Hamida ~~Benbekeur~~
 7 June 1968 M. CASTEL Amb. de France ~~Castel~~
 7 June 1968 M. Jean POURCHEL Ambassade de France ~~Pourchel~~
 7 June 1968 M. BOUJINE Zamouche algérien ~~Boujine~~
 7 June ~~Moren~~
 7 June 1968 R. Cassanues Représentant de Mobil en Algérie.
 7 June 1968 Helen Lindler Behrens
 10 June 1968 Geng + Catherine Congdon
 10 June 1968 Thomas P. Quastli

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LIST OF THOSE WHO MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO CHARGE d'AFFAIRES, A. I.
ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JUNE 5-6.

Maitre Mohammed Rouis, Lawyer, Algerian

Mrs. Doganis, Free Lance Journalist, British

His Excellency Gerardus Veling, Netherlands Ambassador

Colonel Larrieu, French Senior Military Attache

Father Vincent O'Hara, la Grande Seminaire, Kouba, British subject.

His Excellency Stephanos G. Rocanos, Greek Ambassador

His Excellency Ismail Soysal, Turkish Ambassador

Nicholas Fenn, British Charge d'Affaires

Marc Desire Dibandjo, Cameroun Charge d'Affaires

Madame Chanderli, Italian wife of former Algerian (pre-independence)
representative at U.N.

Gert Strenziok, Chief, German Interests Section, Swiss Embassy

Madame Diaz Casanueva, wife of Chilean Ambassador

His Excellency Humberto Diaz Casanueva, Chilean Ambassador

Faruk Choudhoury, Pakistan First Secretary

Jose Maria² Ulrich Rojas, Spanish First Secretary

Horacio Alberto Portela, Argentine Ambassador

Francois Durieux, Reuters, French citizen

George Winter, Sinclair Oil Company, American

Kris Noermattias, Indonesian Charge d'Affaires

Miss Yasmina Belkacem, FLN war heroine, Algerian citizen

Yuriy Kovaltchouk, Sinclair Oil Company, French citizen

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
EN ALGÉRIE

ALGER, le 6 juin 1968

L'AMBASSADEUR

Mon cher collègue,

La fin tragique du Sénateur KENNEDY et, il y a quelques jours, la disparition du sous-marin "Scorpion" et de son équipage frappent douloureusement la grande nation américaine.

Je voulais, dans ces pénibles circonstances, vous dire la part que cette Ambassade et moi-même prenons au deuil de votre Pays./.

*Croyez, Mon cher Collègue, à
l'assurance de mes sentiments les meilleurs*

Pierre de Loussé

Monsieur Lewis HOFFACKER
Chef du Services des Intérêts
Américains
4, chemin Cheikh Bachir Brahimi
A L G E R



ALGER 6th April 1968.

DÉLEGATION. APOSTOLIQUE

ALGER

N. 212

Dear Mr. Hoffacker,

The sad news of the untimely death of Senator Robert Fitzgerald Kennedy, at the hand of an insane criminal, fills my heart with profound deep sorrow and bitterness.

At this moment of hard trial for the United States of America, I present to you my sincerest sympathy and offer my humble prayers for the repose of the soul of this great patriot who lost his life so tragically while struggling to defend the rights of men.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the senses of my esteem and highest consideration.

+ *L. Portalupi*

+ Mgr Sante Portalupi
Apostolic Delegate.

Mr. LEWIS HOFFACKER
Counselor
United States of America
Villa Mektoub

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*I join Mgr. Portalupi
in expressing sincere
Mgr. Paul Giglio
Auditeur de Nunciature
Condolence & Deep
Sympathy
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G. Y. A. VELIN⁶
Neth. ambassador



Algiers,
6th June '68

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Dear Colleague,

A few minutes ago I received the news of death of Senator Robert Kennedy, and I hasten to write you these few lines, to give expression of my feelings of horror - and great sadness over the dreadful incident, which deprived so tragically your country and people of a great man.

My sympathy and heart goes out to Mrs Robert Kennedy and children. Her great sorrow must be shared not only by all her countrymen but also by all people of good will in this world.

Be assured, my dear colleague,



of my feelings of great sympathy
and of those of my collaborators
and members of the Netherlands
community in Algeria, for you
and Mrs Hoffacker, your fellow-
workers and countrymen in this
country - on these sad and
tragic days

very sincerely

Frederic



Wick
6/7

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ALGIERS.

6th. June 1968.

Dear Lewis,

You were out when I called this afternoon to sign the book. May I therefore confirm now what I said on the telephone this morning?

There are no words to describe the sense of shock and sorrow which all of us feel at the death of Senator Kennedy — shock at the outrageous manner of his death, and sorrow for his long-suffering family and for period of trial and trouble for the whole American people. On behalf of this Embassy and the British community in Algiers, I send you our deepest sympathy. And to you and Connie, Susan and I send our thoughts and prayers.

TO THE SECRETARY
OF THE
LEGATION

May I add my thanks for your
splendid help over our Queen's Birthday Party.
The glasses have already been returned, and
I hope to be able to send back the whisky
within a few days.

Thanks, too, for the note on Vietnam
Every best wish to you all.

Mike Fern

British Charge d'Affaires

ALGER, le 6 juin 1968.

AMBASSADE
DE
BELGIQUE

L'Ambassadeur

Cher Collègue et Ami,

C'est avec une profonde émotion et consternation que j'ai appris la triste nouvelle de l'issue fatale de l'attentat contre le Sénateur Robert Kennedy.

Sa mort violente laissera sans aucun doute un grand vide, non seulement dans la vie publique américaine, mais aussi dans celle du monde libre. Avec lui disparaît un homme qui s'était donné coeur et âme à son pays, qui s'était efforcé de comprendre les aspirations du peuple américain tout entier et qui avait l'espoir dans un monde meilleur.

Soyez, je vous prie, mon interprète auprès de la famille du défunt et de votre Gouvernement, pour leur transmettre l'expression de ma déférente sympathie et de mes sincères condoléances dans le deuil cruel qui les frappe.

Croyez-moi, mon cher Collègue et Ami,

Très Sincèrement Voté

André L. de VOGELAERE.

Monsieur Lew HOFFACKER,
Conseiller de l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis,
c/o Ambassade de Suisse,
Section des Intérêts Américains,
Chemin Chaïk Bachir Brahimi,
El Biar - Alger

Alger, le 6 Juin 1968

Monsieur Lewis Hoffaker
Ambassadeur des Etats Unis à Alger

Mon cher ami,

Je rentre de voyage pour apprendre la mort tragique
du Sénateur Robert Kennedy et je tenais à vous faire part
immédiatement de ma profonde sympathie à cette occasion.

J'ai eu l'honneur de rencontrer à plusieurs reprises
le Sénateur Kennedy et je sais combien son décès est une
perte pour la Nation américaine.

Je vous prie de trouver ici l'expression très sincère
de mes condoléances émues et de croire qu'en ses heures
tristes votre pays pleure l'un de ses fils les plus brillants,
il est de par le monde des amis qui partagent votre peine.

Bien cordialement vôtre,

A. J. Kennedy

Abdoul Chennouf
Ministre

EMBAJADA DE CHILE

ALGER, le 6 Juin 1968.

Monsieur
Lewis Hoffacker
Chef du Service des
Interets des
Etats Unis d'Amerique
Alger.

Cher Ami,

Nous apprenons avec douleur
la terrible nouvelle de l'assassinat du Sénateur
Robert Kennedy. C'est un gran malheur pour les
Etats Unis et pour le monde entier.

Veillez recevoir, Cher Ami,
l'expression de nos sentiments attristés et de
notre meilleure sympathie.

H. Diaz Casanueva
Humberto DIAZ-CASANUEVA
Ambassadeur du Chili



AMBASSADEUR DE FINLANDE

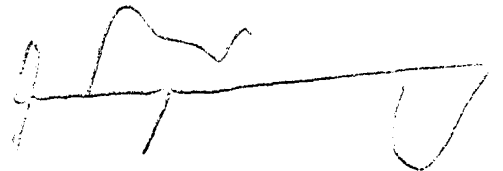
Helsinki, June 5th, 1900

Dear Lewis,

I just heard in the radio the sad news. The murder attempt against President McKinley is a horrible crime, a crime against a courageous man, against America, against the whole humanity. What happens to Americans, happens to all of us. America must overcome this terrible deterioration of human relations. Otherwise all values of the human life, like we understand them, will be compromised.

Please believe to my sincere sympathy,

cordially yours

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'H. J. ...', written in dark ink.

BEATRIZ ARAMBURU DE PINERO

et Martha Pinciro

Vous exprimente mes plus sincères
condoléances pour la mort
deux du sénateur Robert Kennedy -

Alejandro H. Pinciro
Premier Secrétaire d'Ambassade
de la République Argentine

Le CAPITAINE DE FRÉGATE ANDRÉ CALEN

Attaché Naval
près l'Ambassade de France à Alger

Très attristé par la tragique nouvelle
du décès du sénateur Robert Kennedy,
vous prie de bien vouloir agréer ses
sentiments de triste condoléance.

Let 6/1

MR & MME CHARLES CRETTEIN

*partagent la douleur
de nos amis américains*

et vous prie de
croire à leur
profonde sympathie



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SUBJECT: KUWAITI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ALTHOUGH KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CHIEF
TOPIC PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT THIS
WEEK, PUBLIC MEDIA LIMITING RAPPORTAGE TO
PRESS AGENCY RELEASES. ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE
DAILY NEWS HAS RUN COMMENTARY, VIZ., "EVERYBODY
IN ARAB WORLD THINKS THAT ASSASSINATION ... IS
NOT WORK OF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL BUT A BIG VENEMOUS
PLOT TO ELIMINATE THOSE WHO SEEK RIGHT AND TRUTH.
BEHIND SIRHAN IS BLACK UGLY HANDS THAT PUSHED HIM
AND OSWALD ... TO SILENCE KENNEDY BROTHERS."

2. EMBASSY'S KUWAITI CONTACTS DEPLORE ASSASSINATION.
FOREIGN MINISTER DISPATCHED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO
SIGN BOOK ON BEHALF GOK, AND A FEW OTHER TOP-RANKING
FORMIN OFFICIALS HAVE PHONED OR CALLED ON
AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. SOME
PROMINENT KUWAITIS, INCLUDING CCEFS POLITICAL
SECTION OF FORMIN AND AMIR'S DIWAN EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR CONCERN SIRHAN'S ARAB

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BACKGROUND MAY SERIOUSLY INHIBIT ARAB
DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS
IN U.S.

3. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SPECIAL MASS
ATTRACTED FULL HOUSE, CHIEFLY PAKS AND INDIANS.

4. CONDOLENCES RECEIVED FROM CHIEFS OF MISSION
OF ITALY, PAKISTAN AND FRANCE.

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