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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO BANDA CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

REFERENCE: STATE 181205 *Pol 6-2 US Kennedy/Banda*

1. BANDA IS ON UPCOUNTRY TOUR TODAY AND TOMORROW. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE DELIVERED THIS MORNING BY NOTE TO MALAWI HIGH COMMISSION, NAIROBI, AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED IT WILL BE DRAWN TO DR. BANDA'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS HE RETURNS.
2. DURING NAIROBI CIVIC RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING, EXPECT OPPORTUNITY DETERMINE FROM BANDA WHETHER OR NOT MESSAGE RECEIVED AND IF IT WILL BE RELEASED. FERGUSON

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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of the note of June 7, 1968 from the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago, which enclosed a message from Prime Minister Williams to President Johnson, expressing a deep sense of shock and sadness at the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

The President has responded to this expression of grief in a telegram to the Prime Minister to be delivered by the American Embassy in Port of Spain.

Department of State,

Washington,

June 13, 1968

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EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents

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its compliments to the Department of State and has

the honour to request that the following message

from the Prime Minister and People of Trinidad and

Tobago be transmitted to President Johnson:

"Permit me to express deep sense
of shock and sadness at the
assassination of Senator Robert
✓ Kennedy. The United States has
lost one of its distinguished
sons; this dastardly act by an
individual is condemned by
peoples all over the world who
recognise it as being completely
contrary to the principles of
democracy which the people of
the United States stand for and
valiantly defend. I join in
mourning his loss."

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago avails

itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department

of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

June 7, 1968
Washington, D.C.



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES
MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI AND DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT;

HIS EXCELLENCY FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO:

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 recipients.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of Captains Regent's and
Secretary's message to the President:

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QTE The brutal crime that took the young and noble life of Senator Robert Kennedy has deeply moved the Government and people of the Republic of San Marino. At this time, when the American people are again saddened by a barbaric act of violence, resulting in the tragic death of a valiant champion of the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice and civic equality on which the very existence of the American nation is based, we wish to express to you, Mr. President, our personal heartfelt sympathy and the sincere sharing by the people of San Marino in the grief of the American people. MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI, DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT; FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS:

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 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 doesnot plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minster's message to the President sent through Trinidad Embassy, Washington:

QTE Permit me to express deep sense of shock and sadness at the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The United States has lost one of its distinguished sons; this dastardly act by an individual is condemned by peoples all over the world who recognise it as being completely contrary to the principles of democracy which the people of the United States stand for and valiantly defend. I join in mourning his loss. UNQTE

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White House (Mr. Bowdler) approved our recommendation
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from the
Ambassador of Guyana

In response to the message of condolence sent
by the Guyana Ambassador on behalf of the Prime
Minister on the death of Senator Kennedy, I
recommend that a letter of acknowledgement be
sent by Mr. Oliver to the Ambassador on behalf
of the President.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested message.
2. Telegram from Ambassador Carter.

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His Excellency
Sir John Carter
Ambassador of Guyana

6/25/68

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked that I thank you for your kind message of condolence on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Government and people of Guyana upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your kind words of sympathy were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE GOVERNMENT AND

THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA I EXTEND TO YOU MR PRESIDENT

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT YET ANOTHER TRAGIC LOSS SUFFERED

BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. THE PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT

F KENNEDY WILL BE MOURNED EVERYWHERE BY MEN OF GOODWILL

AND BY THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND OPPRESSED WHOSE CAUSE

HE SO OFTEN CHAMPIONED

JOHN CARTER AMBASSADOR OF GUYANA.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Acknowledgment of Condolence
Message from Canadian Prime
Minister to President

Enclosed is a suggested reply to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's message of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. A copy of the Prime Minister's message is also enclosed.

Alternative language is proposed in this instance because the standard reply is being transmitted to the Governor General. Moreover, it is believed desirable to make specific reference to attendance at the funeral services in New York by former Prime Minister Pearson, who served as Mr. Trudeau's personal representative as well as the official representative of the Government of Canada. Following approval of the Trudeau message, we propose to send the two messages simultaneously.

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Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from Prime Minister Trudeau

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

6/17/68

I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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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 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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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

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada
to the President of the United States of America

Mr. President,

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 neighbors in Canada. We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief at this time.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada"

NOTE TO S/S: Message from Prime Minister Trudeau was received under cover of a letter from Canadian Ambassador Ritchie which also transmitted a message from the Governor General of Canada to the President. These communications, together with one perfectly typed copy of each, are attached to the standard reply being sent from the President to the Governor General.

"Mr. President,

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Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada"

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June 13, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence from Brazilian
Ambassador to President Johnson on the
Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of a message of condolence from
Brazilian Ambassador Leitao da Cunha to President Johnson on
the death of Senator Kennedy.

The Department recommends that an acknowledgement be sent
on the President's behalf by Assistant Secretary of State
Covey T. Oliver. A copy of the suggested reply is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of message from Brazilian Ambassador.

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S/S - Mr. Parker

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**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of message from Brazilian Ambassador.

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S/S - Mr. Parker

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Suggested Reply

6/27/68

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your
message ^{to him EXPRESSING} ~~of~~ condolences ^{ROBERT F. KENNEDY} on the death of Senator Kennedy.

This tragic and untimely event has ^{been}~~come~~ ~~as~~ a ~~deep~~^{profound} shock to all Americans. The President has asked that I express his deep appreciation for your words of sympathy, and I should like to add my own personal appreciation for your thoughtful message.

Sincerely yours,

C. T. OLIVER

Covey T. Oliver
Assistant Secretary for
Interamerican Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Leitao da Cunha,
Brazilian Ambassador,
3007 Whitehaven Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE GREAT LOSS
WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED WITH THE TRAGIC PASSING
AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY
VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Norwegian
Ambassador's Telegram of
Condolence to the President
on the Death of Senator Robert
F. Kennedy

Since Ambassador Cunneng states that he
offers condolence at the command of King Olav,
we recommend that the President reply directly
to Ambassador Gunneng.

A draft letter of reply is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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 the words of sympathy that the King has asked you to convey.

The knowledge that His Majesty shares 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.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Arne Gunneng,
Ambassador of Norway,
Washington.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1968


Norway

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for the words of sympathy that King Olav asked you to convey at the time of the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been shocked by the untimely death of Senator Kennedy. The knowledge that His Majesty shares our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. We have transmitted your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

John M. Leddy
Assistant Secretary for
European Affairs

His Excellency
Arne Gunneng,
Embassy of Norway,
Washington, D. C.



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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P/CMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Suggested Reply to Swedish Prime Minister's
Telegram of Condolence to the President on
the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

The President has received telegrams of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy from the King of Sweden and the Prime Minister of Sweden. The text of the reply previously approved by the White House is being used to respond to the King's message. Enclosed is a suggested reply to Prime Minister Erlander's telegram for your approval. We will plan to send the two messages simultaneously.

[Signature]
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Prime Minister Erlander's Message

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Suggested Reply

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 on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Tage Erlander,
Prime Minister of Sweden,
Stockholm.

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ACTION: Amembassy, STOCKHOLM

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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. Adolf R. Gustaf. UNQTE

END

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ACTION: Ambassador, STOCKHOLM

Please pass following message from President to
Prime Minister Ericsson:

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 WH 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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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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 STOP THE LOSS
OF THIS PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZEN IS PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED BY THE
WHOLE SWEDISH PEOPLE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolences - Alternative
Language

The language previously approved by the
White House was sent in reply to Chancellor Kiesinger's
condolence message. I enclose a suggested reply
to Federal President Luebke's message to the President,
which is also enclosed.

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Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. President Luebke's message
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Suggested Reply

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

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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 Lübke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany UNCTE

END.

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Message from German President Luebke to President Johnson

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 imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good 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



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolences from Israeli
President and Prime Minister

The Department proposes to reply to Prime
Minister Eshkol's message using language previously
approved in the White House.

A proposed reply to President Shazar is
enclosed. Copies of the incoming messages are
also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Reply to President Shazar
2. Incoming Messages

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON D.C.

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PEOPLE WITH THE DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. IN COMMON WITH ALL THOSE WHO ABHORS VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF
SHAPING THE AFFAIRS OF MAN WE PRAY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEEDY

RESTORATION TO FULL HEALTH AND TO DYNAMIC PARTICIPATION IN THE
NATION'S AFFAIRS.

LEVY ESHKOL

6-5-68/ATTN: MR. ROBERT F.

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC
FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DOWED 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

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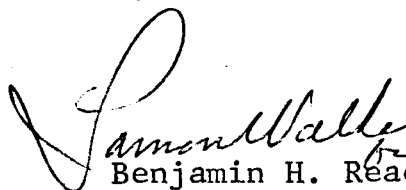
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President
from José A. Mora

José A. Mora, former Secretary General to the Organization of American States, has sent a telegram to the President expressing his condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The Department believes that, in view of Dr. Mora's position, he should receive a telegram reply in similar language to that being used for replies to foreign dignitaries.

As Dr. Mora is presently at his vacation home in the U.S. Virgin Islands and will be there for the immediate future, such a telegram would be sent via direct commercial channels.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Dr. Mora

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Suggested Reply

His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I wish to express my deep appreciation for your words of sympathy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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J. F. Kennedy