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

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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.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
UNITED STATES MY PROFOUND SORROW AND SYMPATHY IN THIS SAD OCCASION
WITH MY DEEP FAITH IN AMERICA RESPECTFULLY YOURS

JOSE A MORA FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OAS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolence Message from
President Toure of Guinea

The Department proposes the enclosed language
for a reply to President Toure's message of
condolence on the death of Senator Kennedy.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. President Toure's Message

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for your concern and sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.

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Conakry, Guinea
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

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 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

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages from the President
to Libyan King and Government
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

We do not wish to send the same message from the President to both King Idris and the Acting Prime Minister to Libya to acknowledge their condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. For this reason we suggest the text in the enclosed message.

The message to King Idris closely followed the language proposed in S/S's memorandum of June 10. We would plan to send the two messages simultaneously.

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Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram from President
to Acting Prime Minister
Al-'Abaydi

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Attention *Mr. Malt*
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Subject: Message of Condolence to the President
from Panamanian President-Elect Arnulfo Arias
on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Panamanian President-Elect Arias has sent the enclosed message to President Johnson on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Arias' opponents are still attempting legal maneuvers to challenge his credentials as President-Elect and have accused the United States Government of assisting Arias' campaign. In view of these circumstances the President did not send a message of congratulations to Arias at the time he was proclaimed President-Elect. For the same reasons it is recommended that acknowledgment of Arias' message concerning Senator Kennedy not come directly from the President. Instead, it is suggested that our Ambassador to Panama be instructed to send a written acknowledgment to Arias on behalf of the President. A proposed telegram of instructions to our Ambassador is enclosed. We propose, in addition, that the text of the language previously approved by the White House be sent in reply to a message of condolence from President Robles.

Robles
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed telegram
2. Message from President-Elect Arias
dated June 6
3. Message from President Robles

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Message from Dr. Arnulfo Arias
Translation

Panama
June 6, 1968

The President

The White House

Deeply grieved and appalled by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I convey to Your Excellency and through you to the people of the United States my expression of sympathy for the irreparable loss that mankind has suffered.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias
President-Elect of Panama

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROBLES:

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 rpt not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Robles.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Robles message to the President: QTE The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through

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you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity. UNQTE

5. Robles also sent message in Spanish following shooting. Text, which received White House on June 5, as follows: CTE Honda consternacion me causo el alevoso atentado a la persona del distinguido Senador Robert Kennedy, autentico defensor de las libertades humanas y verdadero exponente del sentimiento norteamericano. Por vuestro digno conducto expreso al gobierno y pueblo norteamericano el repudio de los panamenos por acto tan vil y ruego al Todopoderoso la salvacion del honorable ciudadano Kennedy. UNQTE

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1. Following is text message sent to President Johnson by Arnulfo Arias on death of Senator Kennedy: OTE Profundamente conmovidos y horrorizados por la tragica muerte del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, hacemos llegar a Vuestra Excelencia y por su digno conducto al pueblo de los Estados Unidos nuestra expresion de duelo por la irreparable perdida que ha sufrido el genero humano.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNOTE

2. Because of sensitive post-electoral period, believe acknowledgement should be made from Ambassador to Dr. Arias rather than via ~~USSTATE~~ message from President Johnson, as is being done in case of similar message received from President Robles. If you perceive no objection, you should send following acknowledgement to Arias:

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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNTE

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Proposed Telegram of Instructions to Embassy Panama

Suggested Reply

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Presidente-Electo de la

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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

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untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNQTE

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Message to the President from President Robles of Panama

The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity.

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Keep this study together.MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Suggested Reply to Icelandic
President's Telegram of Condolence
to the President on the Death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Both the President and the Prime Minister of Iceland have sent the President messages of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In our reply to the Prime Minister, we have employed the text previously approved by the White House. Accordingly, to avoid duplication, we recommend the enclosed telegram be sent to the President of Iceland. We would plan to send the messages to the President and the Prime Minister simultaneously.

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(Reykjavik 184517)*

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Suggested Reply

All of America mourns the loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept my appreciation and that of my countrymen for your thoughtful words of condolence.

We draw comfort from the knowledge that you and your countrymen share our grief. I shall pass your message on to Mrs. Kennedy and the Senator's family.

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LBJ
Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Asgier Asgeirsson,
President of Iceland.

1962 6-20/ Kennedy, Robert F.

Reykjavik
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

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.

Asgeir Asgeirsson
President of the
Republic of Iceland

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1. KIPresident has received telegram of condolence from David Morse of ILO. Please transmit following acknowledgment.
2. 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.
3. QTE The knowledge that the International Labour Office 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. Signed Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.
4. White House does not plan to release text of message but has no objection to release by ILO.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER BARROW:

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 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 sent through Barbados Embassy, Washington:

QTE 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. UNQTE

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Please correct closing phrase of letter to read QTE Respectfully
Yours UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
HUSAIN of India:

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 President Husain.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~(English)~~ text of President Husain's message to the President:

QTE We are deeply grieved to learn of the tragic and
—untimely death of Senator Robert Kennedy. A career of great

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promise has been cut short leaving the United States and the world poorer for the loss. On behalf of the Government and the people of India I convey to you, the bereaved family, and the American people our profound sense of sorrow at the grievous tragedy.

Dr. Zakir Husain UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amconsul NASSAU

DATE: June 13, 1968

SUBJECT : Expressions of Sympathy on the Occasion of the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

This post has received a number of telephone calls and personal expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Communications from the wife of the Premier of the Bahamas, Mrs. Lynden O. Pindling and from the Government of the Bahamas, as expressed by His Excellency, the Governor, have already been telegraphed to the Department.

Three additional messages of condolence have been received which are attached to this airgram, one is from the Consul General of the Republic of Haiti, another is from Dr. and Mrs. Obregon of Princess Margaret Hospital on behalf of Cuban refugees who are working in the Bahamas and the other from Sir Ralph Campbell, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Bahamas.

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FROM : Amembassy RABAT

DATE: June 13, 1968

SUBJECT: Transmission of Book of Condolences

REF :

The Embassy encloses, under cover of this airgram, a Book of Condolences which was opened at Rabat on June 8, 1968, following the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 6, 1968.

In addition to the 100 and some odd persons who signed the book, the Embassy has received numerous telephone calls, letters, and expressions of sympathy from Moroccan officials, diplomatic colleagues, and just plain people of Morocco--all of whom were shocked by the news of Senator Kennedy's assassination and sorrowful for the Kennedy family.

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy SANTIAGO

SUBJECT : PR Members Express Condolences Over Death of
Senator Kennedy

REF :

Emotel 3969 reported that Radical Party (PR) leaders were a notable exception in the stream of visitors that found its way to the Embassy, Consulate and Residence to express condolences, consternation and sympathy over the death of Senator Kennedy. In the interim, however, several PR notables including Senators Humberto Aguirre Doolan and Raul Juliet as well as others have in fact either called personally at the Embassy or telephoned or telegraphed their regrets. This airgram is to correct the record.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SHERMARKE:

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 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 President Shermarke.
4. Following, FYI, is text of ^{Shermarke's} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ message to the President:

QTE I have learnt with deep sorrow about the death of Senator Kennedy which has shocked the entire Somali nation. ~~stop~~ Please accept yourself and extend to ~~MAX~~ Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the family of the late Senator the deepest condolences of the Somali people, ~~XXXXXX~~ Government and myself for this sad bereavement. ~~stop~~ Accept Mr. President the assurances of my highest esteem. Abdirashid Ali Shermarke

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. \UNQTE
QTE You may be assured that
2. / I shall transmit your message ~~xxx~~ 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 We in Somalia are shocked to hear of the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and on behalf of the Somali Government and in my own name we extend to the Government of the United States of America our most sincere condolences on this sad occasion. We would be grateful if our deepest sentiments of sorrow be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the bereaved family. Highest considerations. Mohamed Ibrahim Egal Prime Minister of the Somali Republic. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT DIORI:

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 messages 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 Diori.
4. Following, FYI, is text of President Diori's two messages to the President as received from Niger Embassy, Washington:
QTE Distressed by the news of the heinous attempt against the life of Senator Robert Kennedy, only five years after the tragedy of Dallas, the Government of Niger associates itself

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with your moving statement and ask Your Excellency to be kind enough to transmit to the Senator and to his family the most heartfelt sympathy with which myself and my Government are following this tragic event. My highest regards. Niamey June 5, 1968. Diori Hamani."

"June 6, 1968. I have just learned of the tragic news of the death of Senator Kennedy which dismays the whole world. Like all friends of the United States, we have followed with anxiety this dramatic event. May I ask Your Excellency to be kind enough to transmit to Senator Kennedy's family expression of deep condolences on behalf of the Niger Government and myself and to accept the assurance of my highest regards. Diori Hamani."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT TUBMAN

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 **message of your government** appreciation for the ~~words of sympathy~~ which you extended through Ambassador Brown. 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 Liberian Government.
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA:

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 President Lamizana.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Lamizana's two messages to the President:
QTE
/We are shocked and dismayed at the tragic passing of Senator Robert Kennedy. On this tragic occasion, we express to you, on behalf of the people and Government of Upper Volta, our

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grief-filled condolences. Following John Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy has now also fallen a martyr in the cause of ~~equality~~ equality among men, understanding among peoples, and peace. The Upper Voltan people share the grief that now weighs upon the American people. High consideration. General Sangoule Lamizana President of the Republic of Upper Volta. UNQTE

QTE We beg you to convey the following message to the Kennedy family: All the people of Upper Volta were horrified and filled with indignation at the cowardly assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. In transmitting their grief-filled condolences, I beg you to accept their sincere sympathy. Very high consideration. General Sangoule Lamizana President of the Republic of Upper Volta. UNQTE

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IN ADDITION PRIMIN'S MESSAGES REFTEL, LOCAL REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS INCLUDED FOLLOWING: IN PERSON AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO AMERICAN HOMES AND OFFICES, SIGNING OF CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT EMBASSY AND USIS, ATTENDANCE AT MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ANGLICAN CHURCH AND REQUIEM MASS AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (LATTER CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP) AND ATTENDED BY KING, PRIMIN, MINISTERS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS). DOMINANT THEMES HAVE BEEN EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY FOR US AND KENNEDY FAMILY, RECOLLECTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S HIGHLY INSPIRATIONAL 1966 VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, CRITICISM OF ABSENCE ADEQUATE GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IN US, RECOGNITION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS CHAMPION OF DISADVANTAGED, COMMITTED TO VISION OF BETTER AMERICA IN WHICH ALL WOULD SHARE BENEFITS OF AFFLUENCE, AND RUTHLESS IN PURSUING THAT VISION.
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Please deliver following letter dated June 12 to General
de Gaulle from Ambassador Shriver:

BEGIN TEXT:

His Excellency
General Charles de Gaulle

President of the French Republic

Paris

Dear
/ Mr. President:

Your compassionate and thoughtful letter reached me by
cable here in Washington where I had come for the funeral of
Senator Robert Kennedy. I was deeply touched to receive
such an eloquent and sensitive message from you, and I can
assure you that all the members of the Kennedy family,
especially Mrs. Robert Kennedy, will treasure your words for
years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you also
for the gracious reception given to my wife and Mrs. Joan
Kennedy by Madame de Gaulle and yourself last week. It was

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an honor for them to talk with Madame de Gaulle for a brief period and they were especially grateful for the visit you paid to them and the generous comments you made at that time about Senator Kennedy.

These are momentous times. I pray that your country and mine will both fulfill their destinies with strength and justice for all.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Sargent Shriver

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SARAGAT:

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 President Saragat.

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

QTE The great sorrow that the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of the cruelest of all assassinations, has brought upon the Senator's wife, his children and his family, and upon you as well, Mr. President, finds the Italian people sharing

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with the people of the United States a feeling of horror at the hatred that armed the assassin's hand and of profound reverence for the memory of the man who died on the field of battle for the ~~the~~ triumph of his ideals and of democracy. As if drawn by an irresistible force, this hero of American democracy seemed destined for his great country's highest office; instead, he was felled by the storm of hatred that antidemocracy, in its racial, nationalistic, totalitarian manifestations, is unleashing against the champions of freedom throughout the world.

The memory of Robert Kennedy will live forever in the hearts of mankind, together with that of his brother, President John Kennedy, who preceded him in martyrdom for the same cause of democracy.

Accept, Mr. President, the expression of my heartfelt sympathy, which I request you to convey to the Kennedy family.

Giuseppe Saragat UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING CONSTANTINE:

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

QTE The people of Greece, the Queen and I share in the shock and grief that have stricken the American nation today. I wish to express to you, Mr. President, and through you to the family of Senator Robert Kennedy and to the people of the United States our deepest sympathy.

Constantine R. End QTE.

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

BEGIN QUOTE I was deeply touched by your message on the assassination of Senator Kennedy and would like to express my deep appreciation for your concern and that of the Senegalese people. Knowing that you share our grief is a great consolation to me and to the American people. Lyndon B. Johnson END QUOTE

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

3. Following, FYI, is translation of President Senghor's message to the President: QUOTE The tragedy that has once more put the U.S. in mourning with the horrible outrage committed upon Robert Kennedy has dismayed all Senegalese. In these sad circumstances I send you expression of our deep emotion and our sympathies.

Highest regard. Leopold Sedar Senghor. END QUOTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. ~~Kennedy~~ 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 does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by HIM.
4. Following, FYI, is text of HIM's message to the President:

QTE The grievous news of the passing away of Senator Robert Kennedy as a result of an assassin's bullet has caused us great sorrow. ~~stop~~ On this dolrous occasion we extend to your Excellency and through you to the people of the U.S. our sincere condolences on the great loss sustained by your country and the world. ~~stop~~ Haile Selassie Emperor

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO:

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21. 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 message of sympathy.

22. 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.

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

24. Following, FYI, is text of Suharto's message to President:

QTE: On behalf of the people of the Republic of Indonesia and my own behalf, I wish to convey to Your Excellency my profound condolences on the sad demise of Senator Kennedy. His passing away is

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not only a great loss to your country, but also to those who have always admired the great service he has rendered to the cause of justice and peace throughout the world. May ~~his~~ his soul rest in peace and may God the Almighty relieve the burden of the bereaved family. General Suharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia. UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER STEVENS:

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 ~~the words~~ your message ~~and the Prime Minister~~ of sympathy. ~~which you extended~~ through ~~Assistant Secretary Palmer and Ambassador Miner~~ 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 Sierra Leonean Government.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MENDEZ MONTENEGRO:

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 GOG.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of Mendez Montenegro's message to the President:

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