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SUBJECT: Le Monde on Kennedy Assassination and Israel

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Le Monde on June 7 carried a frontpage editorial relating the assassination of Robert KENNEDY to the bitterness which exists in the Middle East following the Israeli victory of last June. It ends with the phrase that "most of the Arab states, as one can see, have significantly moderated their attitude since the War of June. But their positions remain still very far from those of the Israeli Government." (Enclosure #1)

In another article in the same issue, Le Monde's Philippe BEN mentioned that Sirhan SIRHAN had carried with him an article criticizing recent declarations made by Robert Kennedy in favor of Israel and that one of two notebooks found at his domicile contained the notation, "Kennedy must die before June 5, 1968." Ben also reported that both notebooks written in Sirhan's hand dealt entirely with the Arab-Israeli War. Ben reported further that Sirhan had always refused to take American nationality and considered himself a Palestinian. Several members of his family had been assassinated at the time of the first Israeli-Arab conflict.

In the June 9 issue, Le Monde declared that its correspondent in Tel Aviv, André SCEMAMA, had reported indignation in Israeli political circles at the June 7 Le Monde editorial. Le Monde said that perusal of the integral text by Mr. Abba EBAN and his colleagues would permit them to convince themselves that Le Monde in no way sought to excuse the act of the assassin -- which it qualified as a

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as criminal -- nor to attribute it even indirectly to Israel. It had sought only to try to explain it. Le Monde said that "to those who accuse Le Monde of becoming a spokesman for the Arab thesis, we permit ourselves to mention that Arab authorities, conscious of the prejudice that the affair risks causing them in American opinion, are trying, quite to the contrary, to gain acceptance for the idea that Sirhan was not really Palestinian or that his hand was armed by some conspiracy: in any case, that the murder had nothing to do with the declarations of the Senator from New York on the Israeli problem, which Philippe Ben had(nevertheless) drawn attention to in the same issue of Le Monde, with clarity."

Le Monde further reported that the Communist press in Moscow, as in Paris, denounced the effort of the Mayor of Los Angeles to present the assassin as an Arab nationalist.

Le Monde contends, "to tell the truth, the act of Sirhan, like the attacks of El Fattah and the frontier incidents, now daily occurrences, show to what point the Arab-Israeli conflict has traumatized peoples' minds; if one doesn't attack the cause of this traumatism, there will not be peace in the Middle East for a long time. This is what one has not ceased to write nor shall one fail to continue to write in the columns of this paper."

A further frontpage editorial entitled, "Too Promised Land" appeared in the June 11 issue (Enclosure #2). This editorial develops Le Monde's earlier theme that it is "necessary to disarm hate, to overcome obstacles, to find, in a word, the way to peoples' hearts," and farther on, in deplored resorting to force, "What did NASSER gain by blocking the Straits of Tiran, if not to see the Star of David float over the Suez Canal?" And, "What did Israel gain by choosing, the day after a victory which opened to it enormous possibilities, the path of intransigence and not that of magnanimity? Nahum GOLDMANN just declared in Jerusalem before the International Zionist Congress that the diplomatic position of the Jewish State had considerably weakened."

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Le Monde continued, "The ruins of 20 empires attest to the contrary: that what is built by force, shall one day be swept away by force." In further support of this thesis, Le Monde said, in explaining that hate had reached unbelievable summits, that to "contest this, to think, contrary to Arab and Communist propaganda, that it (hate) could be at the origin of the criminal gesture of Sirhan Sirhan in no way means that one excuses it. Real passion and sick suspicion have taken charge of many minds if so moderate man as Mr. Abba Eban could be able to believe the contrary."

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Enclosures #1 and #2 - Articles from Le Monde as stated above.

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Il n'est pas fréquent qu'un bulletin de l'étranger prenne pour point de départ un autre bulletin de l'étranger. Mais il n'est pas fréquent non plus qu'un ministre des affaires étrangères qualifie celui-ci de provocant et que son ambassadeur à Paris prenne la plume pour indiquer au directeur du « Monde » ce qu'il serait « seyant » d'écrire.

Cette émotion ne s'explique que parce que le sujet de l'article était le conflit du Moyen-Orient, de tous les drames que connaît notre planète celui qui soulève, pour des raisons dont la raison, certes, ne suffit pas à rendre compte, les plus violentes passions.

Par métier, les journalistes du « Monde » sont habitués à être pris continuellement sous les feux croisés des propagandes contradictoires, chacun cherchant, comme c'est bien naturel, à les enrôler dans son camp. L'idée qu'ils se font de leurs responsabilités, leur conviction qu'il n'y a pas, selon la belle formule du président Eisenhower, de solution de rechange à la paix, les poussent à chercher, entre les positions qu'ils entendent ainsi répéter de manière souvent lancinante, des possibilités de compromis.

Dans cet esprit, on n'a cessé depuis vingt ans d'encourager, dans ces colonnes ceux, bien rares maintenant, mais plus nombreux à certaines époques, qui, des deux côtés de la ligne de cessez-le-feu, ont cherché à dégager les grandes lignes d'un règlement à l'amiable. De même on n'a pas cessé de répéter que la force était impuissante à trancher un conflit où s'opposent non pas la justice et l'injustice, mais deux peuples aussi convaincus l'un que l'autre que le bon droit est de leur côté. Ce dont il s'agit, par conséquent, c'est de désarmer les haines, de surmonter les préventions, de chercher, en un mot, le chemin des coeurs.

Il ne manquera pas de lecteurs pour nous écrire que c'est là langage de boy-scout. Peut-être, mais la supériorité de cette méthode sur les autres est qu'on ne l'a pas encore essayée, alors que l'écho des autres est patent. Qu'a gagné le président Nasser à bloquer les détroits de Tiran, sinon de voir l'étoile de David flotter sur le canal de Suez ? Qu'a gagné Israël à choisir, au lendemain d'une victoire qui lui ouvrait dénormes possibilités, la voie de l'intransigeance et non celle de la magnanimité ? C'est M. Nahum Goldmann qui vient de déclarer à Jérusalem devant le congrès sioniste international que la position diplomatique de l'Etat juif s'était considérablement affaiblie.

Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, on ne songe, de part et d'autre, qu'à essayer de faire céder l'adversaire. Dans le cas des Arabes, compte tenu des moyens dont ils disposent, c'est naïf. Dans le cas des Israéliens, qui ont la force pour eux, c'est un signe d'aveuglement. Leur attitude se comprend certes à la lumière du génocide dont le cauchemar continue de hanter leurs nuits. Ils croient en avoir tiré la leçon que la force est la seule maîtresse de ce monde. Les ruines de vingt empires attestent pourtant le contraire : tout ce que bâtit la force, la force un jour l'emporte.

En attendant, la haine atteint d'incroyables sommets. Le constater, penser, à l'encontre de la propagande arabe et communiste, qu'elle pourrait être à l'origine du geste criminel de Sirham Sirhan, ne veut évidemment pas dire qu'on l'excuse. Il faut vraiment que la passion et le soupçon maladif se soient emparés de bien des cerveaux pour qu'un homme modéré comme M. Abba Eban soit pu croire le contraire, surtout après l'éditorial qui avait été consacré la veille à l'assassinat de Robert Kennedy.

Un mot d'un écrivain et diplomate israélien, David Catarivas, résume le drame du Moyen-Orient : la Palestine est une terre « trop promise ». La vérité est qu'elle a été promise à la fois aux Juifs et aux Arabes, et que toute tentative des uns pour imposer leur loi aux autres, non seulement est vainc, mais insulte à l'esprit qui a tant de fois soufflé en ces lieux.

BULLETIN DE L'ÉTRANGER

Un an après
la « guerre de six jours »

Que le meurtrier de Robert Kennedy ait agi de son propre chef ou qu'il ait été l'instrument involontaire d'une sombre conspiration, le geste criminel d'un nationaliste palestinien ce 5 juin, date anniversaire de la « guerre de six jours », prend valeur de symbole. Un an après la victoire des troupes du général Dayan, vingt ans après la création de l'Etat d'Israël, jamais le désespoir et la haine n'ont été aussi intenses chez un peuple qui estime avoir été privé de patrie.

Sirhan Sirhan est précisément l'un de ces centaines de milliers de Palestiniens qui ont dû quitter leurs foyers, les uns pour trouver asile dans un pays arabe voisin, les autres pour s'établir sur une terre étrangère. Les déclarations résolument pro-israéliennes de Robert Kennedy au cours de sa campagne électorale, ses appels à l'intensification des livraisons d'armes américaines au gouvernement de M. Eshkol, ont pu exaspérer ce jeune homme de vingt-quatre ans qui, comme beaucoup de ses anciens compatriotes, ne rêve que de revanche et de « libération ».

Presque au moment de l'assassinat, de jeunes Palestiniens déposaient au cimetière arabe de Jérusalem des couronnes sur lesquelles on pouvait lire : « Aujourd'hui nous rendons hommage à nos martyrs, demain nous remporterons la victoire. » D'un bout à l'autre du monde arabe, le 5 juin a été célébré, dans la ferveur, par des grèves (dans les territoires occupés), des défilés, des manifestations et des discours prononcés par des chefs d'Etats ou de gouvernements.

Si la plupart de ces derniers se sont abstenus, cette fois-ci, de se lancer dans des diatribes belliqueuses, en se limitant à exalter la résistance palestinienne, il reste qu'une bonne partie de l'opinion arabe, profondément humiliée par la débâcle de juin dernier et indignée par l'occupation israélienne, semble persuadée que seule la violence peut parvenir à un résultat positif.

Si le roi Husseïn et le président Nasser n'ont pas encore perdu tout espoir de parvenir à un règlement fondé sur la résolution votée le 22 novembre par le Conseil de sécurité, les organisations palestiniennes ont proclamé leur volonté de poursuivre la lutte armée quelle que soit l'issue de la mission de M. Jarring, le médiateur de l'O.N.U. Les attentats et les sabotages se poursuivent à un rythme jamais atteint avant la « guerre de six jours ». Le couvre-feu a été imposé à Gaza la semaine dernière après de violentes émeutes. Malgré les lourdes pertes enregistrées par les organisations de commandos — des dizaines de tués et des centaines d'arrestations, — la résistance active ou passive.

Il n'est pas dit, toutefois, que la soif de revanche l'emportera sur l'aspiration à la paix dans le cas où un règlement interviendrait entre Israël et ses voisins. Les Palestiniens, qui sont également les des vicissitudes subies depuis vingt ans, pourraient bien se résigner à l'existence d'un Etat juif si les conditions du vainqueur ne leur paraissaient pas trop draconniennes. Les exigences d'Israël concernant notamment l'ouverture de négociations directes, la signature de traités de paix comportant de nouvelles concessions territoriales, sont considérées par les dirigeants arabes comme un « diktat » intolérable. Ces derniers se déclarent prêts, en revanche, à permettre que l'Etat juif dispose de « frontières sûres et reconnues », à mettre fin à l'état de guerre et à garantir la liberté de navigation par Akaba et le canal de Suez, à condition qu'une « solution équitable » soit apportée au problème des réfugiés et, surtout, qu'Israël renonce à toute annexion.

La plupart des Etats arabes, comme on le voit, ont sensiblement modéré leur attitude depuis la guerre de juin. Mais leurs positions demeurent encore très éloignées de celles du gouvernement israélien.

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REF :

The first wave of reaction in Dacca to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was characterized by editorial use of the assassination to give vent to fears and to pet animosities regarding contemporary American mores and USG foreign policies and by the man on the street asking himself "What's happening to America?" Large among the devils conjured up by the murder in the swamps of Bengal are militaristic, power-hungry hawks of the Johnson Administration and well-armed lunatics that abound in American streets.

While the dismay of most educated Bengalis at the death of Senator Kennedy is doubtless sincere and common to all who admired him throughout the world, the real concern here seems to be a fear that American society is beginning to come apart at the seams. Despite the fact that there are many here who delight in seeing feathers plucked from the tail of the American eagle and many who do not approve of much that the USG has done abroad, most educated Bengalis have viewed, however, in their heart of hearts the US as ultimate surety for the non-communist world and as a place they would like to be.

The pietistic indignation of local journalists (see enclosure editorials) strikes the reader as being sophomoric in a country and province in which domestic violence abounds and petty cruelty and unconcern continually assail the eye. Yet beneath the surge of vitriol in the sincerely troubled writers and the grinding of the pure gut anti-American hacks, one senses that this latest incidence of violence in America has further chipped away at impressions that America was somehow a better, more idealistic and more equitable place in which to live than their own society.

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EDITORIAL FROM MORNING NEWS OF JUNE 7, 1968

"ROBERT F. KENNEDY

The tragedy which began in the kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles Tuesday night has run its awful course. Robert F. Kennedy is dead. An assassin's bullet wrote a cruel end to an impressive career and vaulting ambition which had brought the young Senator from New York to within arm's reach of the highest office in the United States. In doing so a terrible truth was re-stated: murder and violence have become a common political argument in a land which prides itself on its freedom and democratic processes. Something is horribly wrong in the United States.

It does not matter that Robert Kennedy's tremendous zest to win had for some an abrasive quality or that his obscure young assassin was motivated by ill-conceived ideals. The fact remains that the atmosphere of violence that permeates the United States makes such tragedies inevitable. Three times within four and a half years has that country, and the world, been rocked by these senseless acts of brutality. First it was the debonair President John Kennedy, then Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, now the murdered President's younger brother, Bobby. The explosion of bigotry, frustration and renunciation that has disrupted availability of firearms. It has led to murder and violence in the past. It will do so again in the future unless, of course, the tragedy in Los Angeles awakens the American people to the explosive dangers that confront them.

To the Kennedys the tragedy will come as a cruel quirk of fate. Seldom has a single family dedicated so much of the flower of its youth to the service of its country and has been subjected to so much vengeance and misfortune. Their immense grief will be shared by the world which has stood aghast at the tragedy in Los Angeles."

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EDITORIAL FROM THE PAKISTAN OBSERVER OF JUNE 7, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY"

Senator Robert Kennedy is dead. After successive victories at the primaries, his life has been brutally cut short by an assassin's bullets. Whether it is the dastardly act of a lunatic, or the result of a conspiracy is hard to tell yet. But the question will be asked until the truth is (which is seldom) found out. Within less than two months this is the second murder in America to shake the nation and shock the world.

Robert Kennedy the buoyant democrat-liberal entered the lists to face formidable adversaries on the eve of general elections in the U.S. His prospects were brightening in a way that amazed even his supporters. The results at South Dakota and California primaries came as a surprise to all. They were also an earnest of his success at the final polls. The impact of such a tragic event is bound to be shattering not only personally on his bereaved family, but also on the American nation as a whole. It is also a major blot on the face of democracy.

Since his brother, J.F. Kennedy, was killed by an assassin's bullet in 1963, America and American politics have been passing through crisis after crisis. The political assassinations of the kind that has just happened produce not only an immediate blighting effect. It augurs also terribly ill for the future of democracy, and for American democracy in particular. The gunman's bullet so ready to kill any political adversary must be disillusionising the rest of the world. For the moment this is a tremendous national tragedy for America alone.

It presents a sombre picture of American political scene today which is dominated by an increasing number of hawks whose morbid thinking is causing concern all over the world. The Johnson Administration's policy (in shaping which the Pentagon plays a more important role) of world domination by sheer military strength is clearly reflected in the way local politics and affairs in that country are being run. The hawks who represent a swelling number of extremists are intolerant of views different from and critical of their global strategy of extending America's supremacy to the furthest corners of the world. With more reliance put on guns than on reason and ballots sought to be influenced by bullets, violence is becoming the way of American life and politics. The thin veneer of democratic traditions is getting thinner showing the murderous claws of wild hawks who have no respect for others' liberties and lives. This is the image of the greatest democracy in the world which the trigger-happy lunatics seek to project. How many more lives will have to be sacrificed before the sick American conscience is so roused as to stem the tide of moral decay and recreate the awareness that the enlightened, sensible and peace-loving citizens do not have to take their beliefs from the power-drunk and war-mongers?

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The sober and sensible citizens must be disturbed by the fact that America today is in the grip of intolerance, extremism, sociopathic activity and lawlessness. People go about freely armed with lethal weapons and do not hesitate to use them even at the slightest provocation. Enough has happened to show that the present mood is one of appeal to violence and contempt for the law which afflicts the society where freedom is supposed to speak unthrottled. Is the American society, which claims to cherish the liberties, surrendering to anarchy? If not, how is it going to save itself from this madness of the paranoiac zealots who behave like crazy characters of the Wild West?"

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EDITORIAL FROM SANGBAD OF JUNE 7, 1968

"THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, one of the persons seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party for the Presidency for the U.S. November elections, has been murdered. Robert F. Kennedy has been murdered in the same manner that his older brother John F. Kennedy was shot while he was President. The assailants, however, were more cruel this time. Robert Kennedy, one of the friends of Martin Luther King, was shot at close range before the stains of the blood of Luther King could dry up. Luther King was a peace-loving leader of the negroes' civil-right movement, who also was killed by an assassin's bullet. There was no benefit from carrying him to the hospital. The assassin could not have missed his target. There is no pause in the activities of conspirators; yet there have been no precautions by the Security agencies. Groups of the murderers are moving like bloodthirsty, man-eater wolves. The U.S. is the country of the CIA and the FBI; but detectives cannot find these wolves.

Clever American spokesmen are spreading nets of dollars throughout the under-developed countries of the world with the declared purpose of setting up administrative order; but these administrative systems and their masters are themselves victims of criminals in the very country which gives the dollars. Who will seek out the murderers?

Today the whole world again is condemning the U.S. It is an open secret that those who have killed hundreds of thousands of men, women and children with Napalm bombs in Vietnam, will not spare the people of their own country. It is a consequence of imperialist lust. It is a consequence of setting up a bastion of power on the hill of capitalistic profit.

The tragic death of Robert Kennedy is a disaster for the members of his family. It is a very lamentable matter. Possibly the Kennedy family was prepared for this.

There is a serious rift in American social and political life, and gangsterism has taken hold in every sphere. The scope for recognition of human values is very limited. The struggle for principles has become the object of mockery. Above all, there are vested interests. So, the attack on Robert F. Kennedy was not quite unexpected. Still, the whole world is bewildered at another murder. Can there be any language to condemn this heinous action and the persons behind it? This is not the time for a detailed analysis of this tragic event. Today every sincere man and woman of America are judging it seriously. There the masses, the intelligentsia, workers, students, youths, negroes and white revolutionaries, who are struggling for peace, progress, social and political

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emancipation, are definitely thinking in terms of striking back. We know that they will not give up, however adverse the situation may be. Today, if anybody has the slightest remaining fascination for American dollar civilisation, or in other words imperialist capitalism, it has been lost. We want that the death of Robert Kennedy be useful in destroying this fascination among the American masses, who so long have been unconcerned. Particularly, we want American labor which has indulged in violence under the leadership of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. to come out into the streets and abandon their inertia. While expressing our sympathy for the bereaved Kennedy family, we appeal to the American conscience not to disgrace it anymore."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA:

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. We feel particularly close to them and to you after your State Visit to our country last month. 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 Bourguiba.
4. Following, FYI, is (English) text of President Bourguiba's message to the President:

(1) QTE The cruel blow which has once again struck the Kennedy family and the entire American nation has profoundly moved the Tunisian people. In these sorrowful circumstances I address to you in my own name as well as in that of the Tunisian Government and people my sincere condolences as well as the expression of my deepest sympathy. UNOTE.

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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 Royal Palace.

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

(O) QTE At a time when America is rendering supreme homage to the memory of Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of an abominable crime, I ask Your Excellency to accept my condolences of deep

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emotion and sadness and to be so kind as to transmit them also to the family of the Honorable Deceased. Sri Savang Vathana, King of Laos

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. GENERAL. AMONG NEARLY ALL GREEKS, ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS PRODUCED SHOCK, DISMAY, AND INDIGNATION. FROM VARIETY OF CONTACTS, WE HAVE DETECTED GENUINE FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY, AS WELL AS DEEP CONCERN OVER OVER GENERAL COURSE OF EVENTS IN UNITED STATES. KILLING OF KENNEDY HAS UNQUESTIONABLY DAMAGED AMERICAN PRESTIGE IN GREECE.

2. PRESS. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED AND, IN FACT, ENCOURAGED TO GIVE FULL PLAY TO RFK ASSASSINATION AND ALL DETAILS SURROUNDING IT, INCLUDING US AND BRITISH PRESS SPECULATION ON THIS SUBJECT. GREEK OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REACTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN FULLY COVERED BY PRESS -- FROM MILITARY REGIME'S WELL-PUBLICIZED EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET AND SORROW ON THIS OCCASION; KING'S MORE SOBER CABLE OF CONDOLENCE; STORY OF HOW ELDERLY MAN IN PELOPONNESE DROPPED DEAD ON HEARING NEWS OVER RADIO; TO REPORT OF LAYING OF LAUREL WREATH "TO THE PRESIDENT OF PEACE" BY ANONYMOUS GREEK STUDENT AT US EMBASSY FLAG POLE. EDITORIALLY, TRADITIONALLY RIGHTIST PAPERS HAVE PAID TRIBUTE TO RFK, AND "ETHNOS" (PRO-CENTER UNION PRIOR TO APRIL 21, 1967 COUP) LIKENED HIS CASE TO THAT OF ANCIENT GREEK TRAGEDY AND SAID: "WORLD NOW AWAITS 'CATHARSIS' SO THAT US MAY RID ITSELF OF 'MIASMA' AND REGAIN CONFIDENCE OF WORLD." TO VIMA AND TO NEA (ALSO FORMERLY PRO-CENTER UNION), WHICH HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY ESCHEWED COMMENTING ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE "REVOLUTION", WERE SILENT EDITORIALLY, BUT MADE THEIR PRO-RFK FEELINGS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN THEIR HEADLINES AND BETWEEN LINES.

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3. OFFICIAL. THOUGH PRIMIN PAPADOPOULOS AND REGENT ZOITAKIS SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE (FORMER HAVING DISPATCHED DIPLOMATIC AIDE TO EMBASSY TO CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO ME) AND PM OBVIOUSLY PERMITTED PRESS FREE REIGN IN REPORTING ON RFK ASSASSINATION, WE SUSPECT THAT SOME JUNTA MEMBERS ACTUALLY BELIEVE HIS PASSING FROM SCENE IS IN THEIR INTEREST. ONE JUNTA OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY SOURCE KENNEDY'S DEATH WILL HELP PRESENT GOG BECAUSE (A) IT HAS DRAMATIZED VIOLENCE IN US AND PEACE AND QUIET IN GREECE, (B) IT HAS ELIMINATED AS CANDIDATE FOR US PRESIDENCY A MAN WHO WAS ANTI-GREEK REGIME AND (C) WHEN US OFFICIALS AGAIN RAISE QUESTION OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE, IT WILL PERMIT JUNTA TO REPLY IN EFFECT: "WHAT KIND OF DEMOCRACY? YOUR KIND?"

4. PUBLIC. THOUGH THESE SELF-SERVING AND PARTISAN VIEWS MAY EXIST AMONG JUNTA FOLLOWERS, WE FEEL BULK OF GREEK POPULATION WAS SINCERELY MOVED BY RFK'S DEATH. FOR MANY ANTI-REGIME GREEKS HE HAD BECOME A RAY OF HOPE. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, IMPRESSION HAD GROWN THAT, IF RFK HAD WON NOMINATION AND BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT, USG WOULD HAVE ACTED TO DUST JUNTA FROM POWER. MORE GENERALLY, DEATH OF KENNEDY HAS CREATED SERIOUS DOUBT AND CONCERN IN MINDS OF GREEK PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, PARTICULARLY IN WAKE OF ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND RACE RIOTS IN VARIOUS US CITIES. NATURAL INSTINCT OF GREEKS HAS BEEN TO SEE A SERIES OF CONSPIRACIES IN ALL THESE EVENTS. MORE SERIOUS THOUGHT AMONG GREEKS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN WHETHER US IS CAPABLE OF CONTINUING TO PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP TO PEOPLES THROUGHOUT WORLD. DAILY "AKROPLIS" EXPRESSED ITS DOUBT BY PRINTING DRAWING OF STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH TORCH LOWERED AND SMOKING.

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The untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the occasion for eulogies and innumerable expressions of sympathy in Bombay. Many of these also reflected concern at conditions in the United States and the world at large that permitted such acts of violence to happen.

In addition to newspaper stories and editorials, letters, signatures in a condolences book, and oral expressions, there were three memorial functions on June 10: a mass at the Catholic Cathedral, a public meeting sponsored by the International Club of India, and a sundown ceremony on the lawns of the Consulate General. The first and last were well attended and impressive. The second function, because of inadequate preparation, had only a small audience; but it was notable for the excellence of the verbal tributes by a number of distinguished speakers. The Archbishop of Bombay, Cardinal Gracias, took an active part in all three ceremonies.

If desired by the bereaved family, the condolences book which was available for signature at the Consulate General from June 6 to June 12 and the principal notes of sympathy will be forwarded. All of the latter were acknowledged, and letters of appreciation were sent to Cardinal Gracias; to Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indo-American Society, who spoke at two of the functions; and to Mr. S. K. Patil, the President of the International Club of India.

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DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

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The death of Senator Robert Kennedy caused profound shock, confusion, and bitterness among educated Ethiopians. There has been widespread support for the viewpoint expressed in the Ethiopian Herald editorial of June 8 that "The American style of democracy has suddenly become at the mercy of the gun-man. The bullet is nullifying the ballot. When the ballot says yes, the bullet says no and the bullet wins." Educated Ethiopians all point out that the "wave" of assassinations in the U. S. appears aimed at individuals who are advocates of domestic social change and revision of foreign policy, and they argue from this that the assassination represents an anti-democratic effort by certain elements in American society to stave off progressive developments.

However, along with this political bitterness, there is a feeling of sadness and sympathy which has been expressed to us by many educated Ethiopians. Conscious of the strains which the American political system is now facing, and fully aware of the difficulties of carrying out peaceful social change under any political system, many Ethiopians have speculated at length on the possibility that the United States might lose some of its democratic characteristics as a result of present social clashes. They hope that this will not come about, but some are mildly pessimistic.

Memorial Services

On June 9 at 4 p.m. a memorial service was held at the Embassy Residence in observance of the national day of mourning. Although primarily

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organized for local Americans, the service was attended by members of the diplomatic corps and some Ethiopians in addition to over 250 members of the American community.

Also on June 9 a separate religious service was held at the Roman Catholic Holy Savior Church in Addis Ababa. During this ceremony a wreath was laid by Brig. General and Mrs. James M. Shepherd, Chief of MAAG/Ethiopia.

On Friday, June 7, the Ethiopian Parliament observed a moment of silence in honor of Senator Kennedy before the opening of its regular session.

The Catholic Archbishop of Addis Ababa has announced that a memorial service will be held in the Cathedral in Addis Ababa on Friday, June 14. The Ambassador will attend.

A book of condolences was opened in the Embassy Chancery on June 7 and was kept open until the conclusion of the memorial service Sunday afternoon. The book was signed by Ministers and other officials of the Imperial Ethiopian Government, the diplomatic corps, and members of the local American Community. The book is enclosed for the Kennedy family.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

GORTON:

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Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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

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

QTE I was profoundly shocked and saddened to learn of Senator Kennedy's death, which seems so unreal to me after my visit with you and your colleagues last week.

I have sent to Mrs. Kennedy from here a message of the heartfelt sympathy which Betty and I feel for her and the children. But I would also like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your people at this grievous time. John Gorton UNQTE

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FROM : AmConsul Zagreb

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Reaction in Croatia and Slovenia to Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

As elsewhere, the first reports on the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy produced a mood of shock and surprise among the citizens of Croatia and Slovenia. The Consulate General received numerous telephone inquiries for the latest news while Senator Kennedy lay in critical condition in a Los Angeles hospital. Following the announcement of his death, the mood changed to one of disbelief and sorrow among elements friendly to the United States.

Press reaction to the assassination shifted rapidly from early straight news stories and expressions of sympathy for the Kennedy family to what appeared to be a concerted campaign of editorial comment designed to convince readers that the U.S. is seized by an irresolvable deep-seated domestic crisis which by its nature provides and promotes an atmosphere conducive to acts of violence, including "political assassination." Editorial comment has strongly suggested that the shooting of Senator Kennedy followed logically from the atmosphere of fear and frustration allegedly being generated in the United States in the wake of an inability to resolve the Vietnam war and domestic social ills.

The unusually severe negative commentaries in the Yugoslav press on the U.S. domestic scene may in part have been sparked by pressing domestic propaganda needs. Senator Kennedy's death came at a time of student disorders and demands for reform in Yugoslavia. A particularly vicious denigration of the U.S. society at this juncture presumably serves the useful purpose of providing a framework of comparison with conditions in Yugoslavia and, by extension, sets forth the idea that Yugoslavs, including students, should consider themselves fortunate to be living under the system now in power.

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In the wake of the news of the Senator's death, a steady stream of Zagreb citizens came to the Consulate building to stand before the American Library window display in honor of Senator Kennedy. Many stood there briefly in silent tribute, while others expressed their sorrow by placing floral tributes or by lighting vigil candles on the sidewalk in front of the window. Some University student groups, meeting in Zagreb and Ljubljana to press their demands for educational and other reforms, reportedly marked the memory of Senator Kennedy with a moment of silence. Similar expressions of tribute and sorrow were registered at church services in the consular district.

In addition to the numerous individual oral expressions of sympathy and sorrow extended to staff members, the Consulate General has received telegrams and letters of condolence from Yugoslavs in the consular district. Those directed to or addressed to the Kennedy family are being forwarded to the Embassy for appropriate onward transmittal.


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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: DOCUMENTATION OF REACTION

1. EMBASSY WILL REPORT BY AIRGRAM ON HIGHLIGHTS AND SCOPE OF REACTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH AS REFLECTED IN SIGNING OF CONDOLENCE BOOK HERE, LETTERS AND MESSAGES RECEIVED, CHURCH SERVICES, PRESS CLIPPINGS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS. (WE HAVE KEPT CONDOLENCE BOOK OPEN TODAY, AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IF ASKED FOR UNTIL WEEKEND.) WE ARE REQUESTING OTHER SA POSTS TO FORWARD THEIR CONDOLENCE BOOKS PLUS MESSAGES AND LETTERS (WITH INDICATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OR COPIES THEREOF) HERE AND, DEPENDING ON DEPT'S WISHES, WILL SEND THESE ON BY POUCH FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION IN WASHINGTON.

2. FOR SA POSTS: PLEASE FORWARD BOOKS, MESSAGES, ETC. AS INDICATED ABOVE TO EMBASSY PRETORIA RPT PRETORIA FOR PROBABLE POUCHING JUNE 27. YOU MAY OF COURSE, MEANWHILE, SUMMARIZE LOCAL REACTIONS DIRECTLY TO DEPT BY AIRGRAM. ROUNTREE

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FROM : Anconsul TANISALI NEKI

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Assassination

REF :

For the first time local reaction to the death of a prominent American contained strong elements of hostility as well as the suspicion of conspiracy which was also present here at the assassination of the Senator's brother, President Kennedy. Of some 50 telephone calls received by the Consulate General on the day Senator Kennedy was shot down, 30 were hostile, but of course anonymous. Such epithets as "murderers" were scrawled on cars parked around the Consulate building. These were the first overt manifestations of anti-American sentiments since pre-coup days when parades of small bands of crypto-communists along the Consulate's waterfront were an unfailing weekend feature.

A frequent comment was to the effect that the death represented a real blow to Greece, a view based on the belief common here that the Senator was pledged to assist Greece when he became President.

The conviction that the death was the result of a conspiracy is even more widely held, including nearly all of the Consulate's Foreign Service Locals, who found supporting evidence in the speed with which Attorney General Ramsey Clark denied this possibility.

On the other hand, there were a great many sincere expressions of sympathy from all classes of Greeks and, despite the coincidence of Sunday and the Whit Monday holiday, many called at the Consulate to sign a Book of Condolences made available.

The British Consul General held the annual Queen's Birthday Reception, but prefaced the traditional toast to the Queen with a surprisingly moving tribute to the Senator and the Kennedy family.

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WE FEEL IT OUR DUTY REPORT DEVELOPMENT WHISPERING CAMPAIGN HERE TO EFFECT HIGHEST LEVELS U.S. GOVT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER SENATOR KENNEDY. THESE REPORTS COME TO US FROM RELIABLE U.S. AND UGANDAN OBSERVERS AND WHILE WE FEEL STORY WILL DIE OUT IN TIME, IT PRESENTLY APPEARS BE WIDELY CIRCULATED HERE UGANDAN AND ASIAN CIRCLES. EVIL SPECULATION THIS SORT NOT UNCOMMON IN UGANDA WHERE MALICIOUS GOSSIP AND SLANDER COMMON: EDITORIAL IN JUNE 11 NAIROBI DAILY NATION WILL NOT HELP ALLAY RUMORS.

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. JAPAN RECEIVED NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WITH DEEP REGRET AT THE LOSS OF A FRIEND. FROM THE TIME OF HIS VISIT IN 1962, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GOOD-WILL VISIT JAPAN HAS EVER HAD, KENNEDY HAD BEEN FOR JAPAN THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL THAT IS MOST POSITIVE ABOUT AMERICA, AND JAPAN SOMEHOW FELT THE ESTEEM WAS MUTUAL. THE SENATOR THUS HAD MORE POPULARITY THAN THAT WHICH HE INHERITED FROM HIS ELDER BROTHER.

2. IMMEDIATE REACTIONS: (A) JAPANESE HAVE LINED UP BY THE HUNDREDS AT OUR EMBASSY AND CONSULATES TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES--TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS CONTINUE TO FLOW IN. EVENTS SURROUNDING SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULL AND IMMEDIATE COVERAGE BY ALL MEDIA. IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, MEANING OF EVENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO DRAW ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS. (B) SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH IS SEEN BY SOME JAPANESE AS THE SLAYING OF A DOVE. THEY

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QUESTION WHETHER THERE WILL BE A NEW STANDARD-BEARER TO REPLACE HIM AND FEAR ANOTHER BARRIER HAS BEEN ERECTED ON ROAD TO PEACE IN VIETNAM.

3. ASSASSINATION WILL SOMEWHAT WEAKEN OUR INFLUENCE IN JAPAN. EVEN OUR FRIENDS SEEM TO BE ASKING US TO REMEDY SOCIAL ILLS THAT THEY ASSUME PRODUCED THE ASSASSINATION BEFORE THEY CAN AGAIN HAVE FAITH IN U.S. AS LEADER OF FREE WORLD. RELEVANCE TO ASSASSINATION OF ILLS THEY ARE ASKING US TO REMEDY IS FAR-FETCHED, AND MANY ASTUTE OBSERVERS WILL COME TO REALIZE THIS. HOWEVER, POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF U.S. IN JAPAN IS IN GOOD PART A MATTER OF OUR POPULAR IMAGE, AND THIS HAS RECEIVED A NEW SHOCK. ADDITIONALLY, SENATOR KENNEDY WAS CONSIDERED BY MANY JAPANESE AS SYMPATHETIC PUBLIC FIGURE, SORT OF "FRIEND AT COURT", AND HIS LOSS THUS WEAKENS ANOTHER SENTIMENTAL BOND. KENNEDY ALSO PROBABLY HELPED OVER-ALL BALANCE OF EMOTIONS ABOUT VIETNAM. THOUGH SOME HAWKS IN JAPAN WERE UNEASY ABOUT KENNEDY'S POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE, HIS VOICE WAS REASSURING TO MANY. TO THIS EXTENT ASSASSINATION HAS PERHAPS SLIGHTLY HEIGHTENED UNREAL FEARS OF AMERICA'S "MILITARY ADVENTURISM" IN ASIA. HOWEVER, OVER LONG RUN, AS WE AND JAPAN MOVE TOWARD MORE COLDLY RATIONAL RELATION BASED ON REAL CALCULATIONS OF COMMON NATIONAL INTEREST (AND THIS SEEMS TO JS DIRECTION WE MAY BE HEADING), POLITICAL AND SENTIMENTAL ELEMENTS MAY COME TO HAVE LESS WEIGHT. SEEN FROM SUCH LONG-RANGE STANDPOINT, ASSASSINATION WILL STILL HAVE BEEN A BAD THING FOR JS-JAPAN RELATIONS, BUT NOT MAJOR DETERMINANT.

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FROM : Amembassy MONTEVIDEO

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT :Venomous Marcha Editorial on Robert Kennedy AssassinationREF : Montevideo A-705 *pol 2 UR*

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The June 6 edition of the Montevideo weekly Marcha (intellectual, extreme left) carried an extraordinarily venomous, anti-U.S. editorial on the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It was written by Carlos QUIJANO, Marcha's director.

Quijano concedes that the assassin of Robert Kennedy may not have been the specific agent of a conspiracy, but he declares that the assassination is a reflection of United States society, "which is itself a conspiracy." It is a society of "gangsters," of "lynchers of Negroes," of "Mafia thugs," of "pointless life and pointless death." It is a society which has made possible the "genocide of Viet Nam," the "lies of McNamara," "the invasion of the Bay of Pigs," the "slaughter of Santo Domingo," the "support of dictators" throughout the world. Since Americans are "taught to kill abroad," Quijano says, they quite naturally kill at home. He declares: "The United States--that diabolical power--is today the greatest danger to humanity."

Quijano says Americans are dehumanized shadows whose lives are filled with emptiness from the cradle to the grave. It is quite natural that they should resort to "drugs, alcohol, and violence."

There are occasional Americans like Robert Kennedy, Quijano says, who raise their heroic voices against certain aspects of the American system, but they tend to fall victims of its "fire," of its "violence and madness." The only possible consolation is that the American

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system is "condemned to disappear" as a result of its own "monstrous contradictions." Only if Robert Kennedy's death speeds the fall of the system, Quijano says, will he not have died in vain.

Quijano concludes: "Our enemy is the United States and we are at war with it. Regardless of who its next President is, that war will continue."

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Comment: The Embassy has long considered Quijano a Marxist (see airgram under reference). His article on the Kennedy assassination not only confirms this evaluation, but reveals him as a psychopathic enemy of the United States. A Prensa Latina or New China News Agency blast could hardly contain more vitriol than his editorial.

The Embassy has been increasingly concerned of late over the possible long-range impact of Marcha on the minds of educated Uruguayans. Since it is well written and the only intellectual weekly in the country, many responsible, non-Marxist people read it and are no doubt swayed by its extreme leftist, anti-U.S. fare. If anything, it appears to have veered further to the left in recent months under the baton of an ever more anti-American Quijano.

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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of note
No. 8336 dated June 5, 1968 from the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago,
which conveyed a message of sympathy to Mrs. Robert Kennedy from the
Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

This kind message has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy as
requested.

Department of State,

Washington,

June 12, 1968

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Mrs. Robert Kennedy:

"Greatly distressed at news of attempt on
life of Senator Robert Kennedy.
Fervently hope for his speedy recovery.

Eric Williams
Prime Minister "

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 5, 1968
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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT AS BEING CONCEIVABLY OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. ON JUNE 8 US CITIZEN JOHN A. SWEDE (PASSPORT [REDACTED]) CALLED ON EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER TO REPORT CONVERSATION MAY 17, 1968 WITH WAITER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL BAGDAD. DURING DINNER HOTEL WAITER APPROACHED SWEDE AND WIFE TO ASK IF THEY HAD HEARD SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WAITER ASSERTED HE HAD POSITIVELY HEARD KENNEDY SHOT IN HEAD BUT NOT YET DEAD. SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORT ON SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST THAT DAY.

2. SWEDE INDICATED HE HAD NO REASON BELIEVE THIS PREMATURE REPORT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAGEDY BUT WORTH MENTIONING TO US AUTHORITIES. IF REPORT OF ANY INTEREST HE CAN BE CONTACTED IN LOS ANGELES AFTER HIS RETURN ABOUT JUNE 20. ADDRESS GIVEN AT 1631 CAMDEN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90025, TELEPHONE 4771989. ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE REACHED AT PARENTS' HOME 12751 MARLBORO STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90049, TELEPHONE 4720972.

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PRIMIN LEVI ESHKOL OPENED JUNE 9 CABINET SESSION WITH FOLLOWING EULOGY OF LATE ROBERT KENNEDY:
 QUOTE A HORRIFYING THING HAS HAPPENED TO THE WORLD: THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

TWO SENTIMENTS POSSESS US: HORROR IN VIEW OF THE ACT ITSELF, AND GRIEF AT THE LOSS CAUSED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE MULTI-BRANCHED DEEP-ROOTED FAMILY WHICH HAS SERVED HUMANITY IN SUCH A GLORIOUS MANNER.
 I MET HIM DURING MY LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. IN HIM MERGED A HEARTENING SIMPLICITY OF MANNER WITH GRAVENCESS AND SERIOUSNESS. WE DISCUSSED WORLD EVENTS AND ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS. ONE COULD SEE FROM THE OUTSET THAT THESE MATTERS WERE NOT FOREIGN TO HIM YET HE DISPLAYED A TREMENDOUS INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY CONCERNING THE FORGING OF A NATION OUT OF THE FRAGMENTS OF EXILES. HE FELT A SENSE OF MISSION ALSO ABOUT HUMAN PROBLEMS AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS PERSONAL ACT OF MURDER FROM AMBUSH IS INDICATIVE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SOCIAL AND MORAL FRAMEWORKD OF MAN AND HIS CULTURE.

TO THE FAMILY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND ITS DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT WE SEND FROM HERE, FROM THE CABINET MEETING, THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CABINET AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN THEIR TRAGEDY AND GRIEF. UNQUOTE.

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