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June 25, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy Death

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY PARTICIPATED IN MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, WHICH CAUSED SHOCK AND SADNESS THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. AMBASSADOR REYNOLD E. CARLSON ATTENDED TWO MEMORIAL SERVICES, TWICE MADE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS ON BEHALF OF U.S. U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE PROVIDED ABUNDANT PRESS, FILM AND RADIO MATERIALS TO MEDIA.

The death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy produced an outpouring of sincere grief and sympathy in the press and public here. More than 1000 persons signed their names in two condolence books, placed in the Chancery lobby and in the Ambassador's residence, and over three hundred more wrote letters of condolence.

Memorial church services were held all over Colombia, and Ambassador Reynold E. Carlson and members of his staff attended three such services in Bogotá, at two of which the Ambassador briefly spoke. The most impressive of these was on June 9 at Ciudad Kennedy, where a memorial mass was celebrated on the steps of the church before a throng estimated at 10,000 gathered in the plaza. The others were a mass at the English Speaking Chaplaincy on June 8, and services at the Downtown Presbyterian Church on Wednesday June 12.

The Ambassador twice made statements for the media, on June 5, while hopes remained for Senator Kennedy's survival, and on June 6, after he died. These declarations appeared in most Colombian newspapers, were broadcast by the two television stations, and by all major radio networks. A brief statement was also given out by Mrs. Carlson in response to requests by women's editors of the local press.

During the period of mourning a photographic display of highlights of Senator Kennedy's career was placed in the Chancery lobby, and the flag

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The Ambassador

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hookup with some 150 stations to an estimated 10 million Colombians. Every network in Colombia, as well as several influential, high-wattage individual stations, shared in this connection, beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, and continuing through Sunday, June 9, during VOA's broadcast hours. Supplementing VOA Spanish broadcasts, USIS Bogotá also prepared and broadcast through the hookup a taped biography of Senator Kennedy, as well as the declarations of the Ambassador, and, for individual networks, three special programs on Senator Kennedy.

TV, FILMS.- In addition to films of Ambassador Carlson's two declarations, broadcast over the nation's two TV channels, USIS prepared two TV specials relating to the assassination--a review of Senator Kennedy's career, on June 7, and a portrait of Ethel Kennedy, on June 11, both on the national TV channel. Both of these programs depended pictorially on the artistic use of still photographs. Later, TV and newsreel film arrived from USIA in Washington; these were all placed. They totalled eight news clips for TV, and four 35mm clips for theaters. Two of the clips were given to Novedades, a newsfilm agency with 250 theaters across the country; and two, to Pan American, which services newsreels to a similar number of theaters.

The numerous letters and telegrams received by the Embassy are being answered; as of this date they are still being received. On June 24, the Governor of Cundinamarca delivered to Ambassador Carlson a copy of his Decree of June 6, directing flags to be flown at half mast for three days at all public buildings of the department, as well as expressing condolences to the Government and people of the United States and to the Kennedy family. This Decree, as well as the condolence books and a selection of the letters and telegrams of sympathy will be sent later to the Department for possible forwarding to the Kennedy family, unless the Department indicates to the contrary. Newspaper clippings to date about Senator Kennedy's death have also been assembled and will be forward at that time.


Edmund R. Murphy
Public Affairs Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Approved as is ~~by~~ Mr. Bowdler
by Alice Caubet, 6/29/68:mf
Sent 4:37 p.m. 6/29/68

June 25, 1968

(Mexico 194018)

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Attention MRS. NAASSETT
Keep this study together.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President on the Death
of Senator Kennedy

In response to the telegram of June 8 from Mr.
Arturo Jauregui, Secretary-General of ORIT, the
Department recommends that the standard format of
reply be slightly altered in order to take into
account the sender's position as Secretary-General
of a multinational labor confederation.

A suggested reply is enclosed and the original
correspondence is returned for your files.

Samuel H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Arturo Jauregui,
dated June 8, 1968

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI,
SECRETARY-GENERAL, ORIT

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.

The knowledge that your many fellow workers 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.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI, ORIT:

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2. QTE The knowledge that your many fellow workers 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 Jauregui.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Jauregui's message to the President:

QTE In the name of 23 million workers in America please accept our condolences on the death of Robert F. Kennedy a great American citizen and a true friend of the working people of the world STOP His spirit and ideals will live on. Arturo Jauregui General Secretario ORIT. UNQTE

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN THE NAME OF 23 MILLION WORKERS IN AMERICA PLEASE ACCEPT OUR
CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT F KENNEDY A GREAT AMERICAN CITIZEN
AND A TRUE FRIEND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD STOP HIS
SPIRIT AND IDEALS WILL LIVE ON

ARTURO JAUREGUI GENERAL SECRETARIO ORIT.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 25, 1968

Cleared by White House (FRIED) with one
change per Alice Caubet to Helen Brown 6/26/68

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Death--FRG Ex-Chancellor
Erhard's Letter of Condolence to
the President

In reply to Mr. Smith's request of June 17, I
enclose ex-FRG Chancellor Erhard's letter to the
President of June 8, 1968 sending his condolences
on the death of Senator Kennedy, thanking the President
for a souvenir photo album, and wishing the President
success in his quest for peace in Viet-Nam.

The President has seen ex-Chancellor Erhard on
several occasions since his departure from office in
November 1966, the last time in March of this year,
when the President gave a luncheon for him at the
White House. In view of the friendly personal relations
between the President and the former Chancellor, I would
recommend a personal reply from the President. A
suggested text is enclosed.

Samuel H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter
to the President.
2. Suggested reply.

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Professor Dr. Ludwig Erhard

Bonn, June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

His Excellency
President of the United States of America,
Lyndon B. Johnson,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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TO EUR - Mr. Suchman

DATE 6/21/68

SUBJECT Memo fm WH:SMTH to S/S for action re condolence message on the death of Senator Kennedy fm ERHARD, also expresses thanks for the picture album sent by Pres. Johnson.

~~XXXXX~~ Prepare a Read to ROSTOW

memo enclosing or containing:

____ Draft reply for President's signature.

____ Draft reply for signature by _____.

____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

~~XXXXX~~ Comment or recommendation.

____ Direct reply:

____ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

____ Comeback copy required for S/S.

____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

____ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

~~XXXXX~~ Refer to White House request of Mr. Smith of 6/17.

____ FYI

~~XXXXX~~ Due in S/S by Mon June 25.


NOTES

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REMARKS

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William Shepard
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Ext. 5130

THE WHITE HOUSE Situation Room		LDX MSG. Form	TIME SENT
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FROM: <u>BROMLEY SMITH</u>		DESCRIPTION AND COMMENT: MAY WE HAVE A TRANSLATION AND RECOMMENDED REPLY - IF APPROPRIATE <u>BKS</u>	
TO: <u>SG BEN READ</u>			
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Bonn, den 8. Juni 1968

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Sehr verehrter Herr Präsident,
mein hoch geschätzter Freund !

Mit der Übersendung des Fotoalbums haben Sie mir eine ganz große Freude bereitet. Die Bilder werden mich immer in dankbarer Erinnerung und Verbundenheit der vielen Begegnungen und Gespräche gedenken lassen, die ich das Glück und die Ehre hatte, mit Ihnen führen zu dürfen.

Ich erfülle eine traurige Pflicht, wenn ich Ihnen, dem Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten, zu dem grausamen Tod von Senator Kennedy mein herzliches Beileid ausspreche. Möge Ihr Land von weiteren Wirren verschont bleiben und möge es Ihnen gelingen, noch während Ihrer Amtszeit den Frieden in Vietnam einzuleiten.

Mit besonderer Wertschätzung und herzlichen Grüßen bin ich, Herr Präsident,

Ihr ergebener

Willy Brandt

S.E.
dem Präsidenten
der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika
Herrn Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

PO 6-2 US/KENNEDY, ROBERT F.

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy and your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

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

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ex-Chancellor Erhard's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance

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and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Ludwig Erhard UNQEE

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy and by your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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The Department of State has received the kind
note of June 6, 1968, from the Embassy of the Dominican
Republic conveying the condolences of the Government
and the Embassy on the death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Note has been taken that the President of the
Dominican Republic has decreed an official day of
mourning and that the Dominican flag has been flown at
half mast in tribute to his memory.

The Department of State appreciates the Embassy's
words of sympathy on the death of Senator Kennedy.

Department of State,
Washington

June 25, 1968

Clearances: ARA/CAR-Mr. Green
S/CPR-Mr. Abell (draft)
S/S-Mrs. Denham

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La Embajada de la Republica Dominicana saluda muy atentamente al Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos y tiene el honor de manifestarle el pesar que embarga al Gobierno de la Republica Dominicana y a los miembros de esta Mision con motivo del tragico fallecimiento del Senador Robert F. Kennedy.

El Presidente de la Republica, Doctor Joaquin Balaguer, ha decretado duelo oficial el dia 8 del presente mes y el pabellon de la Republica Dominicana se ha mantenido a media asta como tributo de duelo en memoria del ilustre legislador fallecido.

La Embajada de la Republica Dominicana hace provecho de esta oportunidad para reiterar al Departamento de Estado su mas distinguida consideracion.

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Washington, D. C.

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EMBASSY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
WASHINGTON

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June 6, 1968

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States and has the honor to convey to it the condolences of the Government of the Dominican Republic and of the members of this Mission over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President of the Republic, Dr. Joaquín Balaguer, has decreed an official day of mourning on June 8 and the flag of the Dominican Republic will be flown at half mast in tribute to the memory of the illustrious legislator.

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6-14-68 The Embassy of the Dominican Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its most distinguished consideration.

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Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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1. Please pass following message from President to Senator Manuel Aguirre President Gran Comision:

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 appreciation for your deepest sympathy.

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

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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

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Drafted by:
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Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz

S/S - Mr. ~~XXXXX~~ Brown

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

QUOTE El Senado de la Republica Mexicana suplica a usted recibir la expresion de su mas profunda condolencia por la muerte del Senor Senador Robert F. Kennedy acaecida en las tragicas circunstancias que lamentamos hondamente UNQUOTE

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy CANBERRA

DATE: June 24, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolence Messages Regarding the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Messages of condolence addressed to the Embassy regarding the death of Senator Robert Kennedy are enclosed, along with carbons of the Charge's replies. You may wish to forward them to the Kennedy family.

There are also a number of unopened letters addressed directly to members of the Kennedy family. We would appreciate your forwarding these.

Additional messages of condolence being forwarded to the Embassy by consulates will be transmitted.

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

FROM : Embassy BANGKOK

DATE: June 24, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolence Book - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF

The Embassy is forwarding herewith the Robert F. Kennedy condolence book for transmission to his family.

Condolence books were placed in the lobby of the Embassy and the Ambassador's residence from 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, where they were available to those who wished to pay their respects to Senator Kennedy in this way.

Several memorial services were held in Bangkok. The more important ones were a Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate at the Holy Redeemer Church and a Service at the Christ Memorial Church, Bangkok.

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1 Enclosure: Condolence Book - Senator Kennedy

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Contents and Classification Approved by: ADMIN: Karl D. Ackerman

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June 24, 1968

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The Very Reverend George J. Bacopulos
Chancellor
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Reverend Bacopulos:

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your letter of June 11 in which, at His Holiness, Archbishop Iakovos' direction, you conveyed the condolences of His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I at the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We are thankful for His Holiness' thoughtful message. His Holiness' sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

N. Daniel Brewster
Country Director for Greece

S/S control No. 8711

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TO NEA - Mr. Scotese

DATE 6/17/68

SUBJECT Ltr to Pres from BACOPULOS dtd 6/11/68 re enclosure of tel fm Patriarch ATHENAGORAS I re death of Senator Kennedy. Transferal memo from WH by SMITH.

Prepare a Read to _____
memo enclosing or containing:
_____ Draft reply for President's
signature.
_____ Draft reply for signature by
_____.
_____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply
by White House.
_____ Comment or recommendation.

XXXX Direct reply:

_____ Furnish information copy under
cover of a Read to _____
memo.
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REMARKS

COPIES TO:

H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)

Robert G. Houdek
Secretariat Staff
Ext. 4154

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TO ~~S/CPR - XXX Mr. King~~

5/5-Mr. Houdek

DATE

SUBJECT Ltr ~~MEMO~~ to Pres. from BACOPULOS dtd 6/11/68 re enclosure of tel

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fm Patriarch ATHENAGORAS I re death of Senator F. Kennedy. Transferral

memo from WH by SMITH.

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Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

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XXX Direct reply:

Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

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Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

Refer to White House request of _____.

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Robert G. Houdek
Secretariat Staff
Ext. 4154



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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA
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10 EAST 79th STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 • TEL.: OXford 7-1211 • CABLE: ARCHGREEK, NEW YORK

June 11, 1968

The President, Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

At His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos' direction,
I have the honour to convey the following translation of a
telegram received from His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch
Athenagoras I, in Istanbul, Turkey.

"You are requested to represent us at the funeral
of the late Robert Francis Kennedy, and convey to President
Johnson and the late Senator's wife, parents and family the
following message: ' Most shocked at tragic death of out-
standing man, Robert F. Kennedy, we espress our deepest
sympathy, and share in the great tragedy, which has befallen
you. We pray that the Lord will rest his soul. Ecumenical
Patriarch Athenagoras I. ' "

Faithfully,

Very Rev. George J. Bacopulos
CHANCELLOR

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1968

TO: S.S. Mr. Ben Read

FROM: Bromley Smith

For your direct reply.

Re: Condolence on
death of Sen. Robert
Kennedy

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy HELSINKI

DATE: June 22, 1968

SUBJECT: Embassy Book of Condolence on the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

Following the news of the death of Senator Robert KENNEDY on June 6, the Embassy placed a book of condolence in the Embassy reception room and announced through the press and radio that Finnish Government officials and diplomatic representatives were welcome to sign the book.

Prime Minister Mauno KOIVISTO and the Secretary General of the Foreign Office, Jorma VANAMO, were the first to sign the book on June 6. They were followed by the majority of the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions in Helsinki and other diplomatic representatives, a wide range of Finnish Government officials, Members of Parliament, and representatives of religious, cultural, athletic, educational, political, youth and student organizations.

The Embassy also received a considerable number of messages of condolence from a broad spectrum of the Finnish people. Karl-Erik FORSSELL, the Bishop of the Porvoo Diocese, requested on behalf of the Swedish-language congregation in Finland that his letter be forwarded to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy. The Bishop's letter and an English translation are enclosed. It is requested that this letter and the Embassy's book of condolence be sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Enclosures

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ACTION: Amembassy QUITO

Info:

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1. Following is text of message to President Johnson from
Minister of Health Dr. Guillermo Molina DeFranc: QUOTE

The President
The White House
Washington

A nombre pueblo Ecuatoriano Excmo reciba usted el
sentimiento de intimo pesar por la muerte prematura
del Senador Robert Kennedy. Atte.

Dr. Guillermo Molina DeFranc
Minister of Public Health
of Ecuador

UNQUOTE.

2. Request Chargé make appropriate acknowledgment on behalf
of President in manner deemed appropriate.

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S/S - Mr. ~~Parker~~

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ACTION: Amembassy KINGSTON

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STATE:

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 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 the Governor General.

4. Following, FYI, is text of the Governor General's

message to the President:

QTE The Governor General and people of Jamaica

mourn the tragic death of Senator Robert

Kennedy and beg to convey to the President

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S/S - ~~Mr. Parker~~ Mr. Walker

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of the United States of America, Mrs. Kennedy,
members of their family and all the United
States of America our sincere condolence in
this cruel and wanton assassination of the
Senator. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

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 and your presence at the burial services. 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 the Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of

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attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Government and people of Jamaica send you
their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery.

Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to
Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf. UNQTE

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~~ROBERT F. KENNEDY~~

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ROBERT F.

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ACTION: Amembassy KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your kind message of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. UNQTE
2. QTE As you have requested, 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 Sir Alexander Bustamante.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Sir Alexander Bustamante's message to the President:

QTE I am shocked and horrified at the tragic news of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

This is another blot on civilization. I extend to you, the people of the U.S.A. and the Kennedy

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classification approved by: ARA/CAR - Caspar D. Green

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family my deepest sympathy. It is a shame such
savagery continues. UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

INFO : RAWALPINDI

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FROM : AmConGen DACCA

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT: Transmittal of East Pakistan Assembly Message of Condolence to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy

REF : A-331 Dacca

Attached is the Message of Condolence mentioned in referenced airgram from the East Pakistan Assembly which was received by the Consulate General for transmittal to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy. The message is the text of the Speaker's remarks of June 7, 1968.

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Enclosure No. 1: Message of Condolence (to Washington only)

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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Reply to Message
from Sir Alexander Bustamante
on Death of Senator Kennedy

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If the White House approved draft Presidential message were used in response to a message from Sir Alexander Bustamante, it would be identical to one also being sent to Jamaica's Governor General. To avoid possible embarrassment should the two Presidential messages be compared, the Department recommends slight changes in the message to Bustamante to give it a personal touch. A proposed reply is enclosed.

James Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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1. Message from Sir Alexander Bustamante
2. Suggested Presidential Reply

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ARA/CAR - Mr. Green *W*

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"I am shocked and horrified at the tragic news of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy. This is another blot on civilization. I extend to you, the people of the U.S.A. and the Kennedy family my deepest sympathy. It is a shame such savagery continues."

Message Received from American Embassy Kingston from
Sir Alexander Bustamante.

Pol 6-2 US / Kennedy
Robert J.

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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

"On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deepest appreciation for your kind message
of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

As you have requested, I shall transmit your
message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's
family.


Lyndon B. Johnson"

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

Info : Amembassy ROME (POL, USIS, CSCO)

FROM : Amconsul FLORENCE

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT: Memorial Observances in Florence for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

SUMMARY

The grief of the American and Italian community of Florence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was expressed in memorial services, signatures in a book of condolence, a flood of telegrams and letters, and extensive newspaper coverage.

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The following expressions of mourning for Senator Robert F. Kennedy took place in Florence during the period June 6-15, 1968:

1. A requiem mass, with large attendance was held at the St. James' American Episcopal Church, by the Reverend John Tederstrom, Priest-in-Charge, assisted by the Reverend George Church, Rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

2. A memorial service was also held with large attendance at the St. James' American Church on Sunday, June 9. During the service, the American Consul General in Florence, Joseph C. Wheeler, made the remarks enclosed as Attachment 1.

3. A book of condolences was started at the Consulate, and has been signed by over 1,000 people, including those attending the services noted above. The book is enclosed for forwarding to the Kennedy family, as appropriate.

4. More than one hundred telegrams and letters have been received and acknowledged by the Consulate.

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5. On June 7, the employees of the museums and galleries and other public offices observed five minutes of silence in memory of Senator Kennedy. Employees of numerous private establishments did the same. In one case, the management forbade this and the workers promptly went on strike for two hours.

6. On June 11, 1968, a requiem mass was held under the sponsorship of the Mayor and the city government at the Catholic church, Orsanmichele. The church was full, and among the many authorities present were Avvocato Luciano BAUSI, Mayor of Florence, Eccellenza Manfredi De BERNART, Prefect of Florence, Eccellenza Generale Massimo De PALMA, Commandant of the Tosco-Emiliana Military District, numerous Consuls of other countries, the American Consul General and the staff of the Consulate. During the course of the service, a choral group of Americans sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America".

Following the mass, the City Council devoted the first part of a special session to the memory of Senator Kennedy. Excerpts from the Mayor's remarks, and the original text, are enclosed as Attachment 2.

7. We are aware of memorial services held in San Gimignano, San Marino. Undoubtedly there were many others in the Florence Consular District.

8. The press devoted much space to the tragic event and the various dailies like "La Nazione", "il Resto del Carlino" and "Il Telegrafo" carried detailed descriptions of the reactions which took place in the main centers of Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. The Florence editions of the two socialist papers "Avanti" and "Il Lavoro" devoted prominent space to the event. The best article, however, is the editorial by Enrico MATTEI in "La Nazione" on June 9, in which the writer put in perspective the figure of the two brothers, John and Robert Kennedy.


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Attachments: 1 and 2 as stated in text.



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Summary of Remarks

Attachment 2.
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of

(Attorney) Luciano Bausi, Mayor of Florence

On the Death of Robert Kennedy

City Council Meeting, June 11, 1968

The Mayor began by saying that blood had been shed on the path of those who march toward freedom and peace, and Robert F. Kennedy was the last victim.

Bausi recalled the friendly ties which bind Florence to the Kennedy family for the open hand offered by them at the time of the flood in November, 1966, and that Florence feels an attachment, as the Kennedy brothers did, to the same "new frontiers" to face an historical challenge which could be determining for the destiny of humanity.

Robert Kennedy, continued Bausi, like his brother John, was one of those who advocated a new humanism, "Gaudium et spes" in which man can assume his rightful responsibility toward his brothers and toward history.

Robert Kennedy rejected politics as a small, narrow game of chess, where clever moves and tactical maneuvers frequently become a petty end unto itself. Robert Kennedy, like his brother John, overturned the chess-board and preferred to face the challenge of the years we are living in. He was able to attract the young people of restless America, as he defined, in a very clear manner, the true problems of mankind - misery, racial discrimination, and peace.

Those who die, and by their death cause a renewed faith even in the farthest places of the world, are the ones who make the history of humanity; they are those who pursue a battle which never ends and which is renewed again every day -- the conquest of peace, which is justice, and of freedom, which is also justice. Robert Kennedy was among them. He had moral courage -- the kind of courage which, as he himself said, is rarer than boldness during a battle and rarer than great intelligence, but in any case is essential for every human conquest.

Grief and dismay, however, find their light in hope. Evil and violent forces may temporarily subjugate truth; oppression can suffocate freedom; but in the long run this apparent winner will be defeated.

Remarks of

JOSEPH C. WHEELER
CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

at the

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

read at the

ST. JAMES' AMERICAN CHURCH, FLORENCE, JUNE 9, 1968

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This is the second time within two months that I have stood here to read a Presidential Proclamation after the death, by assassination, of a revered and gifted American leader who dedicated his life to progress and social justice in our country, by peaceful means.

President Johnson spoke for all of us when he said "there are no words equal to the horror of this tragedy", and that "divisiveness and violence must be driven from the hearts of men everywhere".

In too many countries, including our own, voices have been heard in recent years, preaching violence as the only way to achieve political ends. People are being told by extremist leaders that traditional political means are outdated, that fighting the establishment by constitutional means is unacceptable.

This is not to say that this latest act of senseless violence can be blamed on any one of the new anarchistic movements. But it is clear that the theory of violence as a legitimate weapon of political warfare is about the most dangerous phenomenon of our times. Furthermore, these excesses are self-defeating because they cause resistance to urgently needed reforms to achieve civil rights for all, and the elimination of poverty and social injustice from our land -- and may even lead to repressive action from the other extreme end of the political spectrum.

"Those who glorify violence as a form of political action" the President told a student audience last week "are really the best friends the status quo ever had. They inspire among many people a blind allegiance to things as they are -- even when those things should be changed."

It is true that political assassination was not invented in our country or in this age. And we cannot expect security measures to be fully effective in our public life and political campaigns. A candidate, such as Robert Kennedy, who wanted the "feel" and the "touch" of people, and sought close physical contact with crowds every day, can never be fully protected.

Rather, his protection must come from a general realization that violence has no place in our national life.

At the funeral of his slain brother, Senator Edward Kennedy delivered an eulogy to his brother. He said -

"We loved him as a brother and as a father and as a son. From his parents and from his older brothers and sisters, Joe and Kathleen and Jack, he received an inspiration which he passed on to all of us.

"He gave us strength in time of trouble, wisdom in time of uncertainty and sharing in time of happiness. He will always be by our side.

"Love is not an easy feeling to put into words. Nor is loyalty or trust or joy. But he was all of these. He loved life completely and he lived it intensely."

He closed his eulogy by saying -

"My brother need not be idealized or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life. He should be remembered simply as a good and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.

"Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today pray that what he was to us, and what he wished for others, will some day come to pass for all the world.

"As he said many times, in many parts of this nation, to those he touched and who sought to touch him:

"Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say, why not?"

Following the death of Robert Kennedy, the President issued the following statement:

"This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

"Robert Kennedy affirmed this country - affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.