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FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8612

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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

1. OBSERVANCES AT STATE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENTS IN GERMANY IN CONNECTION WITH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE FLAGS AT THE RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY WERE PLACED AT HALFMAST; A CONDOLENCE BOOK WAS PLACED ON A TABLE IN THE CHANCERY'S ENTRANCE HALL WITH A PICTURE OF SENATOR KENNEDY, FLANKED BY FLOWERS AND TWO LIGHTED CANDLES. ALMOST 1,200 PERSONS SIGNED

THE BOOK. AMONG THEM WERE MINISTER SCHILLER, THE AMBASSADORS FROM APPROXIMATELY 50 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE USSR, AND THE MAYOR OF COLOGNE.

3. THE SEVERAL AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM ITALY, SWEDEN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, PHILIPPINES, AND JORDAN SENT PERSONAL LETTERS TO THE AMBASSADOR. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED THE MINUTE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS WOUNDED AND CALLED PERSONALLY AT THE RESIDENCE AFTER HIS DEATH. SEVERAL LEADING GERMAN PERSONALITIES ALSO WROTE PERSONAL MESSAGES TO THE AMBASSADOR. INCLUDED IN THIS

GROUP WERE DR. FRANZ-JOSEF STRAUSS, THE RIGHT REVEREND HERRMANN KUNST (REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF GERMANY), DR. HERMANN ABST (CHAIRMAN, DEUTSCHE BANK), DR. GEORG-AUGUST ZUNN (MINISTER PRESIDENT OF LAND HESSEN) AND THE MAYORS OF FRANKFURT, WIESBADEN, AND WUERZBURG.

4. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND REQUIEM MASS WERE HELD ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS AT THE AMERICAN CHAPEL. THE AMBASSADOR ATTENDED BOTH AND MADE STATEMENTS ON GERMAN TELEVISION AND RADIO.

5. CONDOLENCE BOOKS WERE PLACED IN THE ENTRANCE HALLS OF ALL

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CONSTITUENT POSTS. ALL FLAGS WERE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST, AND  
SPECIAL MEMORIAL CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED IN BERLIN AND  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2499

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. AMONG LITERATE PORTION OF FREETOWN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN GENERALLY ONE OF SHOCK, GENUINE REGRET, AND PERPLEXITY AS TO WHY MURDERING OF POLITICAL FIGURES HAS BECOME SO COMMONPLACE IN US. NAME IS WELL-KNOWN HERE AND PEOPLE CONSIDERED HIM CHAMPION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MINORITY GROUPS.

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3. PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND ACTING GOV-GEN ALL EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO ASST. SECY. PALMER DURING HIS CALLS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7.

4. NEW FREETOWN DAILY AWOKO WHICH MADE APPEARANCE LAST WEEK CARRIED, WITHOUT COMMENT, TEXT OF PEACE CONGRESS OF SL STATEMENT ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. STATEMENT REFERS TO KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE AND CALLS MURDER "PLANNED" WITH TRAILS LEADING "UNMISTAKABLY TO

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WHITE HOUSE" AND "OTHER CITADELS OF CIA-MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-POLITICAL COMPLEX IN WASHINGTON." STATEMENT SIGNED BY MONTY COLE, SECGEN OF PEACE CONGRESS, SAYS PEOPLE FOR WHOM KENNEDY FIGHTING HAS BEEN ALIENATED BY "AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF A MAN AND HIS BAND OF MURDERERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2792

UNCLAS TRIPOLI 3913

SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 17674, 17678; TRIPOLI 3879, 3898

1. BOOK SIGNING CONTINUED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 WITH 86  
SIGNATURES ENTERED. THESE INCLUDED MOST AMERICAN AND  
LOCAL STAFF OF EMBASSY.

2. DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS AMONG  
SIGNERS. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES AND A  
FEW PRIVATE LIBYANS ALSO CALLED.

3. GOL OFFICIAL CALLERS INCLUDED MOHAMAD AL-KHWAILDI,  
DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
AHMAD FAHMI AL-HAMMALI, UNDERSECRETARY OF CIVIL  
SERVICE.

4. AT BEHEST OF GROUP ARAB AMBASSADORS BOOK RE-OPENED  
JUNE 8 FOR TWO HOURS. AMBASSADORS OF SAUDI ARABIA,  
JORDAN, KUWAIT AND HEAD AUSTRIAN LEGATION CALLED TO  
SIGN.

5. MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD WHEELUS AIR BASE JUNE 9.  
CONDUCTED ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN ASSISTED BY  
PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS. SERVICE ATTENDED BY ACTING  
FOREIGN MINISTER; UNDERSECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS;  
DEPUTY CHIEF ROYAL DIWAN; JORDANIAN AND FRENCH  
AMBASSADORS; FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND DCM; BELGIAN ATTACHE;

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MALTESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND FRENCH POLITICAL OFFICER.  
SERVICE, WHICH WAS OPEN TO PUBLIC, CROWDED  
WITH MANY STANDING IN AISLES. NEWSOM

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FROM : Amconsul AMSTERDAM

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT: Memorial Services for Robert F. Kennedy in Amsterdam

REF : -----

The City of Amsterdam and the private John F. Kennedy Foundation held a memorial service for Robert Francis Kennedy on Saturday, June 8th at the John F. Kennedy Memorial on Kennedylaan in this city. Despite a driving rain at least one thousand persons were in attendance, with hundreds more standing on roof tops and observing from open windows in the neighborhood.

Wreaths were laid at the monument by Mayor Samkalden, the Director of the Netherlands-America Institute, this Consul General, and groups of Amsterdam school children. Speakers were: the Mayor, this Consul General, a Protestant Minister and a Rabbi. A Catholic priest led the assembled group in prayer.

Significantly, telegrams of condolence from Peter COHEN, Preident of the General National Student Association, and from the students of the Free University of Amsterdam were read at the services.

The Mayor then led the entire assemblage past the monument and the wreaths in a silent march. Later, hundreds of those in attendance visited the Consulate General to sign the register expressing condolences to the Kennedy family. (Incidentally, a steady stream of visitors to the Consulate General throughout Thursday, Friday and Saturday signed the register, filling several books which will be included among those to be sent to the Kennedy family from the Embassy.)

A lighted oil lamp was placed at the monument. It is the intention of the John F. Kennedy Foundation to replace the symbolical oil lamp with a permanently flaming torch.

Enclosure: <sup>all 70. 20</sup> Copy Consul General's remarks

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The program was covered by press and radio reporters and by television cameramen.

Enclosed is a copy of the Consul General's remarks.



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TEXT OF SPEECH HELD BY CONSUL GENERAL HAROLD E. HOWLAND DURING  
COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE FOR ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY ON SATURDAY,  
JUNE 8, 1968 IN AMSTERDAM  
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Mijnheer de Burgemeester, Dames en Heren:

Voor mijn aanstelling in Amsterdam woonde ik dicht bij de Robert Kennedy familie. De tragiek van zijn dood is voor mij een persoonlijk verlies. Ieder van zijn tien kinderen betekent iets voor ons. Hij was een goed, medelevend en trouw dienaar van ons volk. En nu is Robert Kennedy dood, in de kracht van zijn leven.

Mag ik een telegram voorlezen, dat ik van President Johnson ontving en dat naar mijn mening het beste uiting geeft aan wat er in onze harten leeft:

"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.

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy.

"Yet, he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women.

"He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence -- and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

"Our public life is diminished by his loss. Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family. I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

En vandaag, hier in Amsterdam, sluiten wij ons aan bij President Johnson, Mevrouw Kennedy en het Amerikaanse volk in hun rouw over Robert Kennedy. Ik dank allen die aan de voorbereiding van dit herdenkingsuur hebben meegewerkt, al onze Hollandse vrienden die hun condoleances hebben aangeboden, en al de inwoners van dit land, waarvan wij weten dat zij in ons zware verlies delen.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8205  
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UNCLAS KINSHASA 9713

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONGO (B) STATEMENT OF ASSASSINATION  
SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: KINSHASA'S 9627

1. THE A.C.I. BULLETIN FOR JUNE 8 FEATURES TEXT OFFICIAL GRC  
DECLARATION OF JUNE 7 ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION,  
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

2. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT, CONVENING THIS MORNING UNDER THE CHAIR-  
MANSHIP OF BROTHER DAVID-CHARLES GANAQ, ACTING CHIEF OF STATE,  
LISTENED TO A BRIEFING BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON  
THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND NOTABLY ON THE INCIDENT WHICH  
HAS JUST PLUNGED AMERICAN SOCIETY INTO MOURNING WITH THE ASSASSI-  
NATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

3. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS MOST PROFOUND INDIGNATION  
AT THIS OUTRAGE AND REAFFIRMED ITS COMPLETE CONDEMNATION (ABOVE  
AND BEYOND ANY IDEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS) OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATION  
AS A MEANS TO PERMIT THE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THAT CAN BESET  
A COUNTRY.

① 3. QTE. WITH THIS ODIIOUS ASSASSINATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC UNHAPPILY TURNS TO THE EVIDENCE, ONE MORE TIME, THAT  
THE POLICE AND HANGMAN'S ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA VIS-A-VIS OTHER PEOPLES OF THE WORLD IS THE SADLY  
FAITHFUL ECHO OF INTERNAL AMERICAN IDEOLOGY BASED UPON MONEY,

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THE SELFISH ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH WHEREBY MIGHT MAKES RIGHT.

4. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH DEEP CONCERN THAT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT COEXISTS, ALAS, WITH ANGUISH-CAUSING SCORN FOR MAN, WHO SHOULD BE AT THE CENTER OF ALL EFFORTS TOWARD THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETIES, THEREBY PLACING DANGEROUSLY IN PERIL THE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE.

5. THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS CONVICTION THAT PROFOUND CHANGES WILL COME ABOUT IN THIS MENTALLY SICK COUNTRY THANKS TO THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY VOICES THAT WILL CALL FORTH FROM THE AWARENESS OF THE ASHES OF THEIR SONS FALLEN YESTERDAY AND TODAY FOR THE STRUGGLE TO THE DEATH, ALAS, FOR THE ADVENT OF A SOCIETY WHERE MAN WOULD BE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING.

6. QTE. FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY ITS MOST DEEPLY FELT CONDOLENCES. END QTE.  
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1. NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE HEAVY, ALMOST ENTIRELY STRAIGHT NEWS PLAY.
  2. GOVERNOR GENERAL TELEPHONED CONDOLENCES. HANDFUL OF OTHER BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ALSO PHONED, VISITED OR WROTE CONGEN EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES.
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FROM : Amconsul CASABLANCA

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT : Views of the Casablanca Left on the Assassination of  
Senator Kennedy and the American Presidential Election

REF :

Beneath a surface reserve and embarrassment -- the product of apprehensions over Sirhan's identification as an Arab and over the possible political use the Istiqlal Party domestically and virulently pro-Arab groups abroad may make of the affair -- members of the Casablanca Left have shared a deep sorrow and concern over the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The sorrow reflects their profound and longstanding sense of identification with the Kennedy family. They greatly admired the late President Kennedy, were immensely flattered when Senator Edward Kennedy visited Casablanca in late 1966 and met with leaders of the local Left, and took a direct and personal interest in the presidential candidacy of Senator Robert Kennedy (a small but typical example has been a secretary at the Union Marocaine du Travail (UMT) who has repeatedly told the drafting officer that she prayed each night for Senator Kennedy's election).

The impact of the murders of Senator Kennedy and Dr. King coupled with the press accounts of racial and student disorders have raised concern over the viability of American society and over the future personal safety of any American political leader like the Kennedys.

If the Casablanca leftists are convinced that the outcome of the 1968 American presidential election is of grave consequence for the world and for Morocco, they have little conception at present of what the outcome and its consequences might be and, indeed, have displayed surprising ignorance of American politics and the current candidates for the presidency.

For example, there has been a prevalent belief (shared by former Prime Minister Ibrahim) that Senator Kennedy had already won the Democratic

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nomination. The other Democratic candidates have been scarcely known and held in low regard: Vice President Humphrey because he is locally believed to be Jewish and Senator McCarthy because he is thought to be related to the late Senator Joseph McCarthy and his views. On the Republican side, Mr. Nixon is slightly better known but only in the historic context of the Eisenhower Presidency. The personal background and particular views of each of these candidates, as well as other dark horse presidential aspirants, are unknown to the Casablanca Left.

If the astonishing ignorance of persons, policies, and politics in the current U.S. presidential election by the leaders and members of the Casablanca Left is typical of political figures in other countries, there is an evident need for considerable background material, translated into local languages, on the election and its candidates. The Consulate General would particularly recommend the translation and use of campaign biographies, or excerpts thereof, as a means of describing and bringing to life the individual presidential candidates for foreign target audiences.

  
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FROM : Amembassy SEOUL

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT : Reaction to Kennedy Assassination

REF :

Public and private reaction within the Republic of Korea to the assassination of Senator Kennedy was highly emotional, and such substantive comment as did appear was devoted largely to questioning the ability of the American society to surmount the challenges it faces at home and abroad. Amidst all these expressions of doubt, a columnist for the Choson Ilbo saw fit to use this occasion to express in eloquent terms a reaffirmation of Korean faith in the United States. Text of this column is enclosed.

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ANOTHER PRAYER

By Korean standards, few seemed more blessed than Joseph P. Kennedy was. To speak of longevity, he has lived eighty years. As for wealth, he is one of the wealthiest men in the world's richest country. He has nine children, and tens of grandchildren. He himself was once the Ambassador to England, and his sons have been or are the U.S. President, Cabinet member, and U.S. senators. But a storm of misfortune is blowing against his family. His eldest son was killed in World War II; his second son was assassinated at the summit of glory; and his third son has just been shot down while campaigning for the presidency.

What the old man must feel now is apprehensible enough to anybody. But we should note that his way of thinking is entirely different, in some aspect, from that of ours. Faced with a similar tragedy, some of us might feel like ascribing it, say, to the geomantically unlucky situation of their ancestral tombs. Others might let the rest of their sons wash their hands of politics. But the Kennedys apparently would not yield to all these mishaps. The younger brother rose where his big brother had fallen. If the younger brother is also downed, his little brother will come forth. If he, too, should fall, his sons and grandsons would show up. This is the pioneer spirit of America. It is the die-hard will of American struggle.

In the Kennedys we see a symbol of the American spirit. Their country has been blessed--blessed with wealth, prosperity, and power. But she has come to face serious troubles of late. More than once, the Goddess of Liberty has shed tears, staining her clothes. But America never resigns, nor falls down for good. She will rise again and spring out of the quagmire of violence, plot, and depravity. May her liberty and peace always overwhelm the forces of injustice! So pray all her allies.

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1. I AGREE WITH REFTEL COMMENTS AND CAN CONFIRM THAT SITUATION HERE REGARDING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WHICH MANY SEE AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN SENEGAL.

2. RADIO CONAKRY YESTERDAY CARRIED STORY OF ARREST SIRHAN'S BROTHER IN IRAQ FOR ESPIONAGE STATING NETWORK FOR WHICH HE OPERATED HAD HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON. THIS IS KIND OF REPORT WHICH EXCITES FURTHER SPECULATION.

3. AS REPORTED TO USIA JUNE 10 (CONAKRY 1804) PEOPLE HERE ARE HORRIFIED AT IDEA ASSASSIN MIGHT BE RELEASED ON BAIL AND WE SUGGESTED VOA DO ITS UTMOST EXPLAIN LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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KENNEDY'S DEATH. STATEMENT REFERS TO KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE AND CALLS MURDER "PLANNED" WITH TRAILS LEADING "UNMISTAKABLY TO WHITE HOUSE" AND "OTHER CITADELS OF CIA-MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-POLITICAL COMPLEX IN WASHINGTON." STATEMENT SIGNED BY MONTY COLE, SENATOR OF PEACE CONGRESS, SAYS PEOPLE FOR WHOM KENNEDY FIGHTING HAS BEEN ALIENATED BY "AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF A MAN AND HIS BAND OF MURDERERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9141

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: STATE 178273

1. FOLLOWING MEASURES TAKEN TO COMMEMORATE DEATH OF  
 SENATOR KENNEDY:

A. US FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF AT CIVILIAN AND  
 MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THROUGH JUNE 9. TURKISH  
 GOVERNMENT ORDERED TURKISH FLAGS SIMILARLY LOWERED  
 AT JOINT FACILITIES.

B. BOOK OF CONDOLENCES OPENED IN EMBASSY ROTUNDA  
 SIGNED BY HIGH RANKING TURKISH OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF  
 DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

C. MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN JUSMMAT AUDITORIUM JUNE 9.  
 AFTER REQUIEM MASS BY TUSLOG CHAPLAINS, AMBASSADOR  
 DELIVERED EULOGY.

D. SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN BY THREE CONSTITUENT POSTS AND  
 MILITARY FACILITIES.

E. PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ATTESTING TO POPULARITY  
 PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND SENATOR KENNEDY IN TURKEY. STATEMENT  
 ISSUED BY AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING CARRIED  
 WIDELY BY PRESS.

F. COMPLETE REPORT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. EAT

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TO : Department of State

INFO: Lisbon, Luanda

FROM : Amcongen LOURENCO MARQUES

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT: Local Reactions and Events Concerned with Assassination of Senator Kennedy

REF : Lourenco Marques 772, 6/7/68; State 176747, 6/5/68.

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## SUMMARY

In compliance with the Department's reftel this airgram discusses the classified aspects of the assassination, excluding as much unclassified material as possible without sacrificing coherence. A separate unclassified airgram will be transmitted shortly.

While local news coverage of the assassination was extraordinarily extensive, editorial comment has been meager, and only one editorial used the tragedy for an unqualified attack on the U.S. Condolences from officials and private citizens have been sparse, with most such expressions coming from consular corps colleagues and the Anglophone community. I thought it best not to notify officially the host government of our condolence book or our modest memorial service, although the latter was advertised in the funeral notices section of the local press. The local citizenry has been intensely interested but very few share our sense of loss or regret our troubles.

## NEWS MEDIA

As noted in our reftel, local press coverage of the attack on and death of Senator Kennedy was extraordinarily extensive and essentially factual. No editorials appeared until June 7, and there have been only three since then. Only one editorial-- that in the June 7 edition of Diario, the Church-owned daily in Lourenco Marques -- took advantage of the tragedy, through

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expressions of sorrow, to announce the final failure of democracy and raise the spectre of conspiracy as a reflection of a "sick nation". This editorial, on the left-hand side of the page, was signed only with the initial "A".

Significantly, the editor (and second-in-charge) of Diario made a condolence call on me only a few hours after the paper appeared, stayed for some thirty minutes, and was especially sympathetic. I asked him who wrote the editorial, and he said that he did not know but that he would find out and let me know. He has not called back. I think it probable that the editorial was written either by the director of the newspaper, by the Archbishop, or by a senior official of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino (co-owner of the paper with the Church), as these are the only people outside the secular government whom the editor could neither edit nor identify to me. I view the editor's visit as an attempt to personally disassociate himself from the editorial.

Translations of these editorials, and any more of substance that may come in, will be transmitted as enclosures to the subsequent unclassified agram.

#### HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND PROTOCOL

Most of the elite in Lourenco Marques no doubt have been hoping that Kennedy would not be the next President, if for no other reason than that he has been closely associated in their minds with President Kennedy's African policy and with Governor Williams. It is also a reasonable assumption that most of them read the extensive factual coverage of the assassination as further evidence of the weakness of our system of government and the dangerous immaturity of Americans.

Under these circumstances, and of course lacking precedents, the Consulate General sought appropriately to reflect national sorrow, cohesion, dignity and faith without violating local protocol, embarrassing host country or foreign consular officials, or risking local rebuff. We opened a condolence book without public or official notice, even to the Dean of the Consular Corps, although the entire Consular Corps was made aware informally of its existence. As we received no condolences or expressions of regret from any Portuguese clergyman, and as there was no American Catholic parish priest here, we felt it inappropriate to request a memorial service (which would have been in Portuguese) that could

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have placed the local Catholic Church in the position of turning us down or at least might have caused the local government to feel it appropriate to tell its own officialdom not to attend.

However, the rector of the local Anglican Church, a British subject who by chance is the senior Anglican clergyman in Mozambique at the moment in the absence of the Bishop, on June 7 volunteered to give a memorial service. I accepted and we placed a black-bordered advertisement among the funeral notices of both local newspapers on June 8, for a service on June 9. Again I thought it best not to bring this formally to the attention of either the local government or the foreign consular corps through its dean. However, we did notify by telephone or in person all members of the small American community who were in town at the time. The service, which will be described more fully in the subsequent unclassified airgram, was in good taste, attended primarily by Americans and British with a few South Africans, but virtually no Portuguese. Fortunately the church was small, holding only about 80 people, and it was therefore full.

The few host country officials who have either signed the book or sent written condolences -- mostly the latter -- are among those whom I might have expected to do so out of courtesy to me, as they are mostly people I know quite well. Perhaps more significant is the fact that many other officials with whom I and/or other officers have frequent official and social contact, and virtually all the local citizenry who are supposedly anti-establishment, have made no gesture or remark whatever. Included in this group are several people who have talked to us on other matters since the assassination. Only two ConGen local employees (out of 9) expressed their condolences to me or otherwise. One was the Consulate General's African receptionist/chauffeur, who sought me out and spoke to me almost immediately after the Senator's death, and the other was our most junior secretary (of Greek rather than Portuguese origin), who attended the church service. Conversely, our entire household staff -- all Africans -- did give us their condolences.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

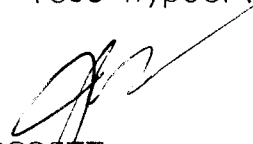
The typical personal reaction of the elite here no doubt was about what one might expect: Great interest, further support for the Portuguese belief that theirs is an older and more civilized society that has no obligation to listen to us or

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to sympathize with our troubles, and somewhat improved hopes that the next U.S. Administration will at least not be still less sympathetic to them. Many of our personal acquaintances are obviously less courteous or less hypocritical than I would have expected.



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TO USINFO WASHDC  
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1. WHILE MONDAY PAPERS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH CABINET CHANGES, COVERAGE OF KENNEDY TRAGEDY CONTINUED HEAVY WITH MANY DJAKARTA PAPERS PUBLISHING NUMEROUS PICTURES NOT ONLY OF A WOUNDED KENNEDY BUT ALSO HIS FAMILY AND BURIAL CEREMONY.

2. HARIAN KAMI (STUDENTS) PAPER IN CORNER COLUMN UNDER HEADING 'AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY' DESCRIBES IMAGINARY ARRIVAL OF BOB KENNEDY IN HEAVEN AND MEETING BROTHER JOHN AND M.L. KING THERE. "BOBBY," EXCLAIMED JOHN, 'I DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO BE HERE SO SOON. DON'T CRY, A KENNEDY NEVER CRIES. WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING THERE IN OUR COUNTRY?' 'I DON'T KNOW,' ANSWERED BOBBY, 'I DON'T KNOW, FULLBRIGHT TOO WAS ASKING THE SAME QUESTION WHEN I WAS SHOT.' THEN DR. KING SAID: 'I HEAR JOHNSON HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE . . . AMERICA IS IN THE DARK, PEOPLE CHOOSE BULLETS INSTEAD OF BALLOTS.'" ARTICLE GOES ON "THE THREE MEN STOOD IN SILENCE, TRYING TO GUESS THEIR FATE. PERHAPS IN A SHORT TIME SOMEBODY ELSE WILL KNOCK ON DOOR TO HEAVEN, NOT ONLY SOLDIER WHO DIED IN VIETNAM, BUT PERHAPS ANOTHER PROMINENT MAN."

3. IN FRIDAY EDITORIAL SINAR HARAPPAN (PROTESTANT) UNDER HEADING 'OTHERS WILL CARRY ON' OPENS BY SAYING "BOB KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION FOLLOWING THAT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, MAKES WORLD WONDER IS THIS AMERICA WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ASPIRING TO UPHOLD PEACE IN WORLD AND TO ELIMINATE INJUSTICE AND CURBING OF HUMAN RIGHTS? IT REMINDS

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US OF AMERICAN BY NAME OF JOHN RANDOLPH OF ROANOKE WHO RE-  
AMRKED THAT 'I LOVE LIBERTY BUT I HATE EQUALITY'...  
AMERICAN PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY, YET  
AMERICA FAILS TO REALIZE THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE PERFECT  
WITHOUT EQUALITY. WORLD KNOWS THAT THESE THREE MEN WERE  
KILLED BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO ENDOW DEMOCRACY WITH THE  
EQUALITY FOR WHICH COLORED AND POOR IN AMERICA ARE  
STRUGGLING SO TENACIOUSLY."  
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REF: STATE 176747; IBADAN 491 AND 489

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. CONSULATE AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS CONTINUE RECEIVE EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BUT CONSPIRACY THEORY LINKING HIS ASSASSINATION WITH THOSE OF OTHER PROPONENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS BELIEVED BY MANY INCLUDING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS LIKE PETER ODUMOSU, HEAD OF WESTERN NIGERIAN CIVIL SERVICE. ON OTHER HAND, SAM ASABIA, PERMSEC MIN. OF FINANCE, RECENTLY IN US AS LEADER GRANTEE, SAID DURING SYMPATHY CALL ON VICE CONSUL HE DISBELIEVES CONSPIRACY BUT ATTRIBUTES KILLING TO WORLD-WIDE ATMOSPHERE OF VIOLENCE.

2. CONDOLENCE BOOK IN USIS LIBRARY SIGNED BY NUMBER OF NIGERIANS INCLUDING NOVOSTY PRESS REPRESENTATIVE NIYI ONI. CONDOLENCE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM VICAR GENERAL IBADAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE AND SMALL UNIBADAN STUDENT GROUP. VOICE VOTE OF CONDOLENCE ADOPTED BY IBADAN DINING CLUB (NIGERIANS AND EXPATS).

3. HOWEVER, HARSH COMMENT CONTINUES IN PRESS. COLUMNIST IN SUNDAY SKETCH CONSIDERS IT "NOT UNLIKELY KENNEDY VICTIM OF ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY OF WHITE EXTREMISTS" AND LETTER IN JUNE 10

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SKETCH DESCRIBES US AS "NATION OF GANGSTERS,  
ANARCHISTS AND STONE-AGE MEN."  
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FROM : Amembassy MONTEVIDEO

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : GOU Senate Message on Shooting of Robert Kennedy

REF :

Enclosed for transmittal to the United States Senate is the original and an English translation of a message from the Senate of Uruguay expressing the latter's "horror and shock" over the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The message was delivered to the Embassy prior to Senator Kennedy's death. It is signed by Alberto E. ABDALA, President of the Senate and Vice President of Uruguay.

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## Enclosures:

1. Message from Uruguayan Senate
2. English translation

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CAMARA DE SENADORES

Señor Presidente del Senado de los Estados Unidos de América

El Senado de la República Oriental del Uruguay manifiesta su horror y desconcierto ante el doloroso atentado contra el Senador Robert Kennedy, y transmite sus expresiones de solidaridad en esta trágica circunstancia.

ALBERTO E. ABDALA  
Presidente

JOSE PASTOR SALVAÑACH  
Secretario

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Enclosure No. 2  
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THE SENATE

To the President of the Senate of the United States of America

The Senate of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay expresses its horror and shock at the lamentable attack on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy, and transmits its expressions of solidarity on this tragic occasion.

ALBERTO E. ABDALA  
President

JOSE PASTOR SALVAÑACH  
Secretary

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~~APA - Miss Roberson~~

DATE

July 2, 1968

SUBJECT

Message from Uruguayan Senate on the Assault on Senator Robert F. Kennedy

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\*Prompt handling is essential. Return basic correspondence with reply. If delayed call telephone extension below.

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Prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Refer to White House request of \_\_\_\_\_.

Due in S/S by \_\_\_\_\_.

For your information.

**REMARKS**

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1. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE URUGUAYAN SENATE:

QUOTE DEAR PRESIDENT ABDALA:

THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE. YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH US IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF COMFORT AND CONSOLATION.

SINCERELY,

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQUOTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY URUGUAYANS. RUBK

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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UNCLAS DURBAN 295

SUBJECT: NATAL REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

1. THE GENERAL SYMPATHETIC REACTION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC, REPRESENTING ALL POLITICAL, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS, TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS NOTHING LESS THAN ASTONISHING. THE BOOK OF CONDOLENCES CONTAINED 350 SIGNATURES AFTER THE FIRST DAY.

2. INTER-RACIAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICES WERE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, DURBAN, INITIATED AND PRESIDED OVER BY ARCHBISHOP DENNIS HURLEY.

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PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED TEN MINISTERS OF ALL FAITHS. APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MOURNERS, INCLUDED THE MAYOR, THE MAYORESS, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, MOST OF DURBAN'S CONSULAR CORPS, AND MRS ALBERT LUTHULI. A REQUIEM MASS WAS CELEBRATED IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S HONOR IN PIETER-MARITZBURG JUNE 8. THE MASS WAS WELL ATTENDED, THE MAJORITY OF THE MOURNERS BEING STUDENTS.

3. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE AND COMMENT CONTINUED OVER THE FIVE-DAY PERIOD. THE NATAL WITNESS EDITORIALIZED ON JUNE 6.

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GOYIC ZIT BRINGS A TERRIBLE PRICE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR THE PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS WHICH THEIR SONS HAVE SHOWN IN THEIR DESIRE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY". THE DAILY NEWS JUNE 7 EDITION FEATURED EXTRACTS FROM THE SENATOR'S SPEECHES DURING HIS 1966 TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH REITERATED THE SENATOR'S VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT ONE MAN ONE VOTE THAT WAS IMPORTANT, BUT AN INDICATION OF A CHANGE OF DIRECTION IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICIES THAT WOULD HELP TO CHANGE SOUTH AFRICA'S IMAGE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. THE NATAL MERCURY, IN ITS EDITORIAL OF JUNE 7, 1968, NOTED THATS "HIS LUNATIC KILLING HAS ROBBED CONTEMPORARY OPINION AND THE

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JUDGMENT OF HISTORY OF A VALID VERDICT. HAD HE LIVED THE COURSE OF AMERICAN AND WORLD EVENTS MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN CHANGED. WHATEVER THE IMPACT OF HIS FUTURE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAN ONLY BE CONJECTURED. BUT THE MANNER OF HIS GOING MUST BE A SOURCE OF UNIVERSAL MOURNING AND DISMAY". THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE EDITORIAL OF JUNE 9, 1968 NOTED THAT IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY'S "BELIEF IN THE ABILITY OF YOUTH TO EXCEL, HIS CONFIDENCE IN THEM THAT EVOKED A WARM RESPONSE.... HIS SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND UNDERPRIVILEGED GAVE HIM A MASSIVE FOLLOWING.... THESE TWO QUALITIES EXPLAIN THE ATTITUDE OF SOUTH AFRICANS TO BOBBY KENNEDY. HE WAS WELCOMED AND RESPECTED BY THE YOUNG, BY THE STUDENTS, BY THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, AND BY ALL SOUTH AFRICANS WHO OPPOSED APARTHEID AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. HE WAS DISLIKED, EVEN HATED, BY THOSE WHO RECOGNIZED IN HIM A LIVING CHALLENGE TO PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION. NOW HE IS DEAD, THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT SOCIETY. THE TWIN TOMBSTONES OF JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY ARE A TRAGIC REPROACH TO A WORLD SOURED AND CORRUPTED BY INTOLER-ANCE, RACIALISM AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE". DUGGAN

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SUBJECT: CONTINUING MEDIA REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: BRUSSELS 7090 AND 7134

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1. PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE, FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO FUNERAL SERVICES AND BURIAL AT ARLINGTON AND BOTH FRENCH AND FLEMISH LANGUAGE TELEVISION CARRIED FUNERAL SERVICES VIA SATELLITE.

2. MANY PAPERS CONTINUED TO USE OCCASION TO PRODUCE CRITIQUES OF ALLEGED ILLS AMERICAN LIFE AND SOCIETY. WASHINGTON DISPATCH TO LA DERNIERE HEURE (LIBERAL) HELD THAT A "CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE" WAS NOW "PART OF DAILY AMERICAN LIFE." PAPER REMARKED THAT IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REALIZE OUTSIDE OF US THE "CLIMATE OF HATE" SURROUNDING LATE SENATOR AND THAT HIS "DISAPPEARANCE WOULD BRING SENTIMENT OF RELIEF TO CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICANS."

3. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF PLOT. WRITING IN INFLUENTIAL DE STANDAARD (CATHOLIC), EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SAID "IMPRESSION WAS LEFT" THAT MURDERS OF TWO KENNEDYS AND MARTIN LUTHER KING FORMED "PART OF ONE GREAT CONSPIRACY." FREQUENT LINE IN PRESS IS THAT SUCH CONNECTION ONLY "LOGICAL."

4. INFLUENTIAL LA LIBRE BELGIQUE (CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC) AND LA CITE (LABOR CATHOLIC) BOTH RAN SPECULATIVE PIECES ON CONSPIRACY THEME WITH LATTER PAPER HOLDING THAT "PREVAILING OPINION" IN US IS THAT PLOT INVOLVED. LA CITE WENT ON TO CONDEMN WARREN COMMISSION FOR COVER-UP AND MEMPHIS POLICE FOR "STRANGE"

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INACTIVITY." PAPER ALLEGED THAT SIRHAN WITH HIS ANTI-JEWISH VIEWS WAS "USED" BY SECRET GROUP WHICH HAD OTHER REASONS FOR HATING KENNEDY. LA LIBRE LINKED RECENT REMARKS OF BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY ABOUT SUPPOSED PAYMENT FOR SHOOTING MARTIN LUTHER KING WITH THIS WIDER PLOT THEORY. KNIGHT

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

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KENNEDY MEMORIAL MASS HELD THIS MORNING AT BOMBAY'S HOLY  
NAME CATHEDRAL. VALERIAN CARDINAL GRACIAS, CATHOLIC PRIMATE  
OF INDIA, OFFICIATED. IN CONCLUDING A SHORT EULOGY IN WHICH  
HE PAID TRIBUTE TO ROBERT KENNEDY ESPECIALLY AS MAN OF  
RELIGION AND EXEMPLARY FAMILY MAN, HE REQUESTED CONSUL  
GENERAL TO CONVEY HIS DEEP SYMPATHY AND THAT OF ALL CATHOLICS  
IN INDIA TO BEREAVED FAMILY.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2041

SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 179480

1. GRATEFUL YOUR TALK WITH AMBASSAFOR BANDA.

2. ALTHOUGH KAUNDA SPEECH (LUSAKA 2026) REPLAYED ON RADIO ZAMBIA SUNDAY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MORE ZAMBIAN REACTIONS OF NOTE. VICE PRESIDENT KAPWEPWE, FOREIGN MINISTER KAMANGA AND NATIONAL RESOURCES MINISTER KONOSO ATTENDED MEMORIAL REQUIEM MASS HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OVER 430 ENTRIES IN CONDOLENCE BOOK WHEN CLOSED SUNDAY NOON INCLUDED WIDE VARIETY LOCAL PEOPLE. NO SIGNS DEMONSTRATION AND SINCE ATTENTION MOST PARTY OFFICIALS DIRECTED AT CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AND YESTERDAY'S SABOTAGE OF LUANGWA BRIDGE ((REPORTED SEPARATELY), NONE EXPECTED.

3. AMBASSADOR ISSUED STATEMENT FRIDAY REFUTING SUGGESTIONS OF USG COMPLICITY (TEXT SENT USINFO, WILL ALSO BE POUCHED) AND EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONCERN ABOUT SUCH SUGGESTIONS IN SUBSEQUENT LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER. FURTHER REPORTS AND TEXTS BY AIRGRAM.

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FM AMEMBASSY BENGHAZI  
TO USIA WASHDC  
SECSTATE WASHDC 101  
INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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JOINT USIA/STATE MESSAGE

1. ALL PUBLICATIONS BENGHAZI THIS WEEKEND CARRIED AS THEIR LEAD FRONT PAGE STORY SENATOR KENNEDY AND THE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND TRIBUTE FROM WORLD LEADERS.

2. THE ENGLISH DAILY THE LIBYAN TIMES IN ONE OF ITS RARE COMMENTS STATES IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY WILL NOW BE USED BY ANTI-ARAB ELEMENTS IN U.S. TO SHATTER REMAINING TIES ARAB-U.S. FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. ONE PARAGRAPH STATES THAT "DWELLING ON THE FACT THE ASSASSIN CAME FROM JORDAN, MANIPULATORS OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION HOPE TO CREATE A WAVE OF EMOTIONAL HYSTERIA TO LIQUIDATE WHATEVER IS LEFT OF AMERICAN GOOD WILL TOWARDS THE ARABS -- AN EASY TARGET DUE TO THE TREMENDOUS ZIONIST INFLUENCE IN THAT COUNTRY." EDITORIAL CONTINUED "IT INCONCEIVABLE, EVEN MONSTROUS TO THINK AN ARAB COULD DO SUCH A THING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PLOT WAS AS MUCH ANTI-KENNEDY AS ANTI-ARAB. WE HOPE AND PRAY OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS WILL NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO WIDEN THE SHISM BETWEEN THE ARAB AND AMERICAN PEOPLES".  
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SUBJ: SA POLICE INTEREST IN KENNEDY MOURNERS

1. FRIDAY JUNE 7, MR. TOULANE GCABASHE, PINE TOWN LAWYER AND SON-IN-LAW ALBERT LUTHULI, APPEARED AT CONGEN TO SIGN KENNEDY CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SPECIAL BRANCH POLICEMAN STATIONED PINE TOWN VISITED CONGEN, EXAMINED CONDOLENCE BOOK AND SIGNED IT AS DICK SASY, PINE TOWN. HE ALSO INTERESTEDLY OBSERVED VISITORS FOR SHORT TIME.

3. MORNING JUNE 8, SPECIAL BRANCH REP VISITED GCABASHE AT HIS PINE TOWN OFFICE AND ADVISED HIM AND MRS. LUTULI NOT TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED THAT DAY CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL DURBAN. SB ADVISED GCABASHE THAT IT WOULD "GO HARD" WITH HIM IF HE ATTENDED, AND IF HE MOURNED REF HE COULD DO SO IN PRIVACY HIS HOME. TO THIS THREAT GCANASHE RESPONDED HE AND HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW WOULD INDEED ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE SINCE THEY RESPECTED REF AS PERSONAL FRIEND AND GREAT HUMANITARIAN, ADDING "YOU CAN BUILD A PRISON FOR ME IF YOU LIKE, BUT I REFUSE TO BUILD ONE FOR MYSELF".

4. PICTURES MRS. LUTHULI AND MR. GCABASHE ATTENDING MEMORIAL

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SERVICE PROMINENTLY FEATURED DURBAN SUNDAY TRIBUNE JUNE 9.

5. CONGEN STAFF OBSERVED SB VISIT TO OFFICE JUNE 7. GIST CONVERSATION PARA 3 GIVEN BY GCABASHE AS HE AND FAMILY INCLUDING MRS. LUTHUL PAID PERSONAL CONDOLENCE VISIT CONGEN RESIDENCE JUNE 9. DUGGAN

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