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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

**Subject: Condolence Message from Bundestag
President**

I enclose a message from Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, President of the Federal German Parliament (Bundestag) in the name of that body, extending condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy and expressing sympathy for the Kennedy family. A suggested reply for transmission to Dr. Gerstenmaier through our Embassy in Bonn is also enclosed.

**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply to Dr. Gerstenmaier.
2. Condolence message from Dr. Gerstenmaier.

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Clearances: GER - Mr. Puhan
EUR - MR. BEARD
S/S - Mr. Parker

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Dr. Gerstenmaier:

Please accept my own heart-felt thanks and the
thanks of my Senate colleagues for your thoughtful
condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Dr. Gerstenmaier:

Please accept my own heart-felt thanks and the thanks of my Senate colleagues for your thoughtful condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

My dear Mr. Vice President:

The President of the German Bundestag has asked me to transmit to you in your capacity as President of the United States Senate the following message of condolence of the German Bundestag:

"Tiefbewegt spreche ich Ihnen, Herr Präsident, und dem Senat der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika die aufrichtige Anteilnahme des Deutschen Bundestags aus zu dem überaus schmerzlichen und tragischen Verlust, den Sie und die Vereinigten Staaten durch den Tod von Senator Robert Kennedy erlitten haben. Der Deutsche Bundestag trauert mit Ihnen um eine große Hoffnung Ihres Landes. Er gedenkt in herzlicher Anteilnahme auch der zweifach schwer geprüften Familie Kennedy.

Ihr aufrichtig ergebener Gerstenmaier,
Präsident des Deutschen Bundestags."

The English translation reads as follows:

"Deeply moved, I express to you, Mr. President, and to the Senate of the United States of America, the sincere participation of the German Bundestag in the painful and tragic loss which you and the United States have suffered through the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The German Bundestag is in mourning with you over a great hope of your country. It also is thinking with heartfelt sympathy of the again so severely tried Kennedy family.

Very sincerely yours,
Gerstenmaier,
President of the German Bundestag".

Respectfully yours,
sgd. Knappstein

The Vice President
The Capitol
Washington, D.C.

ROBERT F.



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VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE MR RIELLY

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT GERSTENMAIER:

QTE DEAR DR. GERSTENMAIER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY OWN HEART-FELT THANKS AND THE THANKS OF
MY SENATE COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONDOLENCES ON THE
TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SINCERELY,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQTE

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

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF GERSTENMAIER'S MESSAGE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEEPLY MOVED, I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SINCERE PARTICIPATION
OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IN THE PAINFUL AND TRAGIC LOSS WHICH
AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH THE DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IS IN MOURNING
WITH YOU OVER A GREAT HOPE OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT ALSO IS THINKING
WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE AGAIN SO SEVERELY TRIED KENNEDY

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VERY SINCERLY YOURS,
GERSTENMIER,
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG UNQTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER BAROUM:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE
3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Having learned of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy, I have the honor to express my very sincere condolences and beg you to convey to the Kennedy family that with deep sorrow I share their grief. Dr. Jacques Baroum, Minister of Foreign Affairs UNQTE

END

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Drafted by:

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Clearances:

S/S - AParker

AF - Mr. Hadsel

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Attention *W. J. [unclear]*
Keep this study together.MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Message From the President to the King of
Afghanistan Acknowledging His Condolences on
the Death of Senator Kennedy

The King of Afghanistan has sent a telegram to the President expressing, on his own behalf and on behalf of Queen Homaira, condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. A copy of the King's message is enclosed.

A suggested message of acknowledgement is also enclosed. The standard language for messages of acknowledgement which was previously cleared by the White House was not considered appropriate in this case because it has already been employed in a message from the President to the Afghan Prime Minister.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. King's message to the President
2. Suggested Message

Clearances:

NEA/PAF - Mr. Prescott
S/CPR - ~~Mr. Abell~~ Mr. Sancho-Bonet
NEA - Mr. Handley *WJ* (draft)
S/S - Mr. ParkerS/S *WJ*
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Kabul
June 12, 1968

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

Deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Queen and I would like to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the bereaved family the expression of our personal heartfelt sympathies and condolences.

Mohammad Zaher
King of Afghanistan

For L. B. Johnson, Kennedy

SUGGESTED MESSAGE

His Majesty
Mohamad Zaher
King of Afghanistan
Kabul

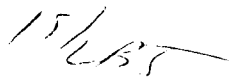
Your Majesty:

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for Your Majesty's kind words of sympathy over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been profoundly shocked by his sudden and tragic passing. The knowledge that you and Her Majesty, Queen Homaira, share in our sorrow will help sustain us in these grievous days.

I shall transmit Your Majesties' message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,


Lyndon B. Johnson

For L.B. of Kennedy, 11/22/63

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Executive Secretary

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NEA - Mr. Handley *WR* (draft)
S/S - Mr. Parker

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from John McEwen
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message to the President from the Acting
Prime Minister of Australia, John McEwen conveying the text
of a message of condolence he sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

The Department's recommendation is that no reply need
be sent to the message. Direct messages to the President
have been received from Prime Minister Gorton in Saigon and
from Lord Casey, Governor General. Replies to these have been
sent.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message from John McEwen.

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Concurrences:

EA - Mr. Blackburn

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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

6th June, 1968

Dear Mr President,

I have been asked by the Acting Prime Minister, The Right Honorable John McEwen, M.P., to convey to you the terms of the message he has sent to Mrs Robert Kennedy:

"On behalf of the Australian Government and people I convey our deepest sympathy to you in your tragic loss. All Australians pray that you and your family will be strengthened at this time. I wish you to know that your late husband's social achievements, public works and high moral courage have been held in the highest esteem. We in this country are greatly saddened by his passing."

Yours sincerely,

(Keith Waller)
Ambassador

The President,
The White House,
WASHINGTON D.C.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Attention: *[Signature]*
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Sympathy from
Vice President Ky

Attached is a suggested message from the President to Vice President Ky of South Viet-Nam, replying to the latter's message of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A similar message of sympathy from President Thieu has also been received, for which the standard reply has already been prepared. While the President may not ordinarily reply directly to a Vice Presidential message as well, we think in this case it would be highly desirable, given the present delicate situation between Thieu and Ky and our own somewhat delicate position in the matter. The President last week sent messages to both expressing condolences on the accidental killing of six Vietnamese officers by a rocket from a U.S. helicopter June 2.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Message from Vice President Ky

S/S *[Signature]*
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Clearance: EA/VN-Mr. Burke
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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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EA-Amb. Leonhart

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Suggested Reply

Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deep gratitude for your message of
sympathy on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Our loss has indeed been great, and we
welcome your kind thoughts in our time of grief.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Nguyen Cao Ky,
Vice President of the
Republic of Vietnam.

POC 6-20/KRM/vf, Saigon

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY HAD FALLEN VICTIM OF A WANTON AND SENSELESS
ASSASSINATION. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY DEVOTED ALL HIS ACTIVE
LIFETO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

AT LARGE. HE NOURISHED GREAT AND GENEROUS DREAMS ABOUT
A BETTER WORLD, AND EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE HIS
CONCEPTS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE LOFTY AIMS, RESPECT AND
ADMIRE HIS IDEALISM, DEDICATION, AND COURAGE.

ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU,
AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN
NATION, MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING AWAY OF
A GREAT AMERICAN, AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD
CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY STOPEND

SINCERELY,

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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Instructions
attached for
replying

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

June 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL BUREAUS

SUBJECT: Messages to the President on the Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

Messages to the President from Foreign Dignitaries

Where appropriate, action offices will prepare telegraphic replies incorporating the language shown in attachment I. All such replies will be cleared in S/S by Mr. Parker, Rm. 7239, X 7552, or the S/S Duty Officer.

Where action offices propose alternative language, such language should be submitted to S/S, cleared by S/CPR, typed on white bond paper, (double spaced, and including proper salutation) on a green outgoing telegram form complete with delivery and public affairs guidance. All such messages should be submitted to S/S under a Read-Rostow memorandum transmitting the message. A copy of the message to which the language responds should be attached.

In addition, action offices are asked to type a copy of the incoming message on white bond paper as shown in attachment II to be submitted to S/S together with the telegram of reply. These copies, in the original language of the message, should be perfectly typed.

Telegrams of reply are due in S/S at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 11.



Alan Parker
S/S-S
Ext. 7552

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(Attachment II)

Helsinki
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Deeply grieved by the great loss to the United States
and to the world incurred by the tragic death of
Senator Robert Kennedy. I extend to you and the
American people my warmest sympathy.

Urho Kekkonen
President of the
Republic of Finland

Put 6-2 v. Kennedy, Robert F.

VP's off (Mr. Rielly) approved
(Donna Cunningham to jmj, 6/20/68)

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Reply by Vice President to Message
from Acting President of Turkish Senate on
Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message dated June 10 from Sirri Atalay,
Acting President of the Turkish Senate, expressing his
condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The
Department recommends that the enclosed reply by the Vice
President be sent to Mr. Atalay's message. If you agree,
we will transmit the approved reply to our Embassy at Ankara
for delivery.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed reply to
Mr. Atalay's June 10
message.
2. Mr. Atalay's June 10
message.

NEA - Mr. Hendley

Clearances: S/CPR - R. Johnston
S/S-S - E. Denham (substance)
H - K. Folger
NEA - J. M. Howison

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Suggested Reply

Dear Senator Atalay:

I am grateful for the expression of sympathy which you and your fellow Senators have conveyed to me on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you have been kind enough to observe, he was one of the most eminent of the members of our legislature, and he championed the ideals for a better world in which we all believe. My fellow Americans share with me profound grief over his loss and over the suffering it has caused his family.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

His Excellency
Sirri Atalay,
Acting President of the
Senate of the Turkish Republic.

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TO NEA - Mr. Scotese

DATE 6/11/68

SUBJECT Ltr from Sirri Atalay re the death of RFKennedy transmitted fm Melih Esenbel, Ambassador. 6/10/68

X Prepare a Read to Rielly

memo enclosing or containing:

_____ Draft reply for President's signature.

X _____ Draft reply for signature by Vice President *

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

_____ 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.

_____ Refer to White House request of _____.

_____ FYI

_____ Due in S/S by By 6/14.

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the address of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

*Read/Rielly memo suggested 6/11/68
reply drafted 6/11/68
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NEA*

REMARKS

* ~~XXXX~~ Prepare draft reply with Read/Rielly memo for Vice President's approval; explain that Dept would cable message if approved; also prepare telegraphic green containing message, public affairs guidance,

COPIES TO: and text of Turkish message.

S - Mr. Steigman (w/att)
H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)

Alan Parker
Alan Parker 7552
Secretariat Staff
Ext.

TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 10, 1968

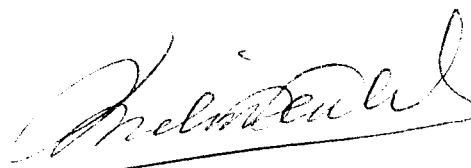
Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to the Vice President of the United States from the Acting President of the Senate of the Turkish Republic.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to Vice President Humphrey.

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

encl.



Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

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His Excellency
Hubert H. Humphrey,
President of the United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

It is with profound sorrow that I have learned of the tragic death of eminent Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an ardent champion of mankind's highest ideals and of hope for peace and well-being in our world. It is one of the ironies of our age that, while Senator Kennedy was campaigning in the Primaries, seeking the highest office in the United States from which to further these very ideals, he should be struck down by a brutal, senseless slaying.

The best guarantee of the future of mankind is the democratic way of life made safe from acts of hatred, prejudice and brutality.

The United States of America stands bereft of an outstanding leader, the United States Senate of an illustrious member and people everywhere aspiring for a better world face a less hopeful future.

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the Turkish Republic and myself, I offer my deepest sympathy.

Sirri Atalay
Acting President
of the Senate of the
Turkish Republic.

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Attention *Mrs. Mullitt*
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement by the President of
the Condolence Message Received from
the Acting President of Costa Rica on
the Occasion of the Death of Senator
Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of the condolence message sent
to the President from the Acting President of Costa Rica on
the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The
Senator's death occurred during the visit to Washington of
President Trejos of Costa Rica. For that reason, the official
Presidential expression of condolence from Costa Rica was re-
ceived from the First Vice President of Costa Rica during his
exercise of the Presidency in the absence of President Trejos.
A suggested reply to the Costa Rican message is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from the Acting
President of Costa Rica

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S/CPR - Mr. Sancho-Bonet
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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Republic of Costa Rica has seen and shared our grief at the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

On behalf of all the people of the United States, I want to tell you how much we were strengthened and consoled in a difficult time by your distinguished President, and by your own gracious message.

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LBT
Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency,

Jorge Vega Rodriguez,

First Vice President of

The Republic of Costa Rica,

San Jose.

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Translation

The President
The White House
Washington

In the name of the Costa Rican Nation, I
beg your Excellency to accept our sympathy over
the tragedy that has befallen the United States
of America in the death of the illustrious
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Jorge Vega Rodriguez
First Vice President
Acting President
of the Republic



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Attention *Mac Millan*
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June 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW

THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Condolence from Belgian Vice
Prime Minister, Willy de Clercq

The approved reply to expressions of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy was used to acknowledge a message from the King of Belgium. A proposed alternative reply to the message from the Vice Prime Minister is submitted for your approval. De Clercq, a key NATO supporter and former Fulbrighter, was received by President Johnson in March, 1967.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Vice Prime Minister's Message to the President

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The attached
is a copy of the report of the
investigation of the

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Executive Summary
of the report

The report of the investigation of the
incident of June 11, 1968, at the
Washington Field Office, is being
forwarded to you for your information.
The report contains a detailed
description of the incident and the
actions taken by the field office.
The report also contains a list of
recommendations for the future.

The report of the investigation of the
incident of June 11, 1968, at the
Washington Field Office, is being
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCO NOGUEIRA:

1. QUOTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQUOTE

2. QUOTE I shall, as you requested, ~~xxxx~~ transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQUOTE

3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Franco Nogueira.

4. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QUOTE Having just been informed of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy under tragic circumstances I wish to convey to you the expression of my deepest sympathy for the sorrow the whole American nation feels over such a violent crime which deserves the condemnation of all men. I would ask you to be kind enough to present to Mrs. Robert Kennedy and family the expression of condolences. Please accept the assurances of my high consideration.

Franco Nogueira, Foreign Minister of Portugal

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Attention: *[Signature]*
Keep this study together.

Subject: Proposed Presidential Reply to Message
from Turkish Prime Minister on Death of
Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message dated June 7 from Prime
Minister Demirel of Turkey expressing his sorrow over
the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The standard
reply which has already been approved by the White House
is being sent to Turkish President Sunay in answer to
his condolence message of the same date to the President.

The Department recommends that the enclosed Presidential
reply be sent to Prime Minister Demirel's message.

We propose to send both messages simultaneously,
following approval of the Demirel message.

[Signature]
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Reply to Prime Minister
Demirel's Message
2. Prime Minister Demirel's June 7 Message

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**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

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2. Prime Minister Demirel's
June 7 Message

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL
OF TURKEY

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am deeply moved by your kind message on
the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
All Americans are grateful for the sympathy which
you and your Government have extended to us.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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

I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing this morning
of distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of
the Government of the Republic of Turkey and myself I offer
you my deep and heartfelt sympathy on this grievous loss to
the American Nation.

Süleyman Demirel

Prime Minister of
Turkey.

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TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1968

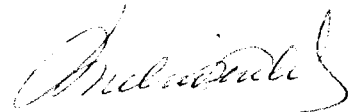
My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson from the Prime Minister of Turkey, Süleyman Demirel.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to its high destination.

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

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Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Department of State,

Washington, D. C.

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TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1968

My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson from the President of the Republic of Turkey, Cevdet Sunay.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to its high destination.

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

Melih Esenbel

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Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

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

We are deeply distressed that one of the most outstanding
sons of America, in the prime of life, and on the threshold
of a great and dedicated service to his country became the
victim of a hateful assassination.

On behalf of the Turkish people and myself I offer to you
and to the friendly and allied American nation my deepest
sympathy and condolences.

Cevdet Sunay

President of the
Republic of Turkey

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from Governor General
Casey on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a telegram to the President from Governor
General Casey expressing condolences on the assassination
of Senator Kennedy. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram to the President
from Lord Casey.

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Dear Lord Casey:

I was deeply grateful for your telegram. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief at the tragic loss of Senator Kennedy is a source of great comfort and consolation to me and to my fellow Americans.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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