

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

There will not be a Senior Staff Meeting on Monday, June 10th, but there will be one on June 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the USAID Conference Room.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

A fin de facilitar la inscripción de los empleados locales en el Seguro Médico y aclarar preguntas sobre este plan, el Sr. Frank Rudolph, representante de la Compañía de Seguros y Reaseguros "El Pácifico", estará a su disposición durante tres horas, de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., en la Oficina de Personal de la Embajada, el día viernes, 7 de junio. Esta es su oportunidad de inscribirse, le rogamos no esperar el último momento.

AMATEUR RADIO TO BE JUNIOR CHAMBER TOPIC

One of Peru's leading experts on amateur radio will speak at the next meeting of the Lima International Junior Chamber of Commerce. The topic "Ham Radio in Peru" will be presented by Dr. Luis Calderón Valle, Vice President of the Radio Club of Peru, at the regular Jaycee meeting at the Hotel Country Club, Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. All young men under the age of forty (40) are invited to attend this dinner meeting which will cost \$/140.

WITTENBURG UNIVERSITY CHOIR TO PERFORM IN LIMA

The 65 voice choir from Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio, will present a concert in the theater of the Colegio Santa Ursula, Salamanca 125, San Isidro, on June 20 at 8:00 p.m. The concert in Lima is part of a tour through Latin America which will include Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela. The choir has made previous concert tours of Europe and the Far East. The program will include both popular and serious music. The price of admission is \$/25. Tickets are available from Tom Roesch, Room 109, extension 151, and Rudolph Jonke, AID, extension 160, or, at the door.

EL CORO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE WITTENBERG ACTUARA EN LIMA

El coro de 65 voces de la Universidad de Wittenberg de Springfield, Ohio, dará un concierto en el teatro del Colegio Santa Ursula, Salamanca 125, San Isidro, el 20 de junio a las 8 pm. Este concierto es parte de una gira por América del Sur. El coro se ha presentado anteriormente en Europa y Asia. El programa incluirá música clásica y música popular. El precio de la entrada es de \$/25. Los boletos se pueden obtener de Tom Roesch, Of. 109, anexo 151 y de Rudolph Jonke, AID, anexo 160, o a la entrada del teatro.

MISSION BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings (2nd Round)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1	2	Los Miserables	Charles	18	10
2	12	Trampositis	Ross	17	11
3	8	Los Matadores	McCardell	16	12
4	9	Los Locos	Gonzalez	15	13
5	11	Los Naufragos	Alarcon	15	13
6	3	The Shufflers	C.Ellis	14½	13½
7	6	Los Fantasma	Quiroga	14	14
8	1	Fighting Five	Martin	14	14
9	7	Los Resbalosos	Ibarra	14	14
10	10	Los Relampagos	Ortega	12	16
11	4	The Pendowners	Joyce	11½	16½
12	5	Los Invasores	Callejas	7	21

HIGHLIGHTS

June 4, 1968

MEN

High Games

A. Gonzales 234
E. Gutierrez 192
R. Lege 191

High Sets

A. Gonzales 586
R. Lege 513
M. Trevor 508

WOMEN

B. Henry 166
V. Gutierrez 164
E. Camilloni 158
R. Schriefer 158

B. Henry 472
R. Schriefer 438
E. Camilloni 424

THEATERS

COUNTRY - Hipólito Unanue
"Al Borde del Terror"
(Alfred Hitchcock)
18 & over.

EL PACIFICO - Av. Pardo 121
"In Cold Blood"
(A Sangre Fría)
18 & over.

COLMENA - N. de Piérola 519
AMBASSADOR - Pumacahua 2550 Lince
"The Anniversary"
(El Aniversario)
Bette Davis
21 & over.

ARRIVAL

We are happy to welcome Mr. Frank W. DeLano, Economic Officer, who arrived May 30th for a tour of duty in Lima, in replacement of Mr. Frederick Cavaliere. Best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Peru!

DEPARTURES

Our farewell this week goes to three members of our Embassy: Miss Cecilia Muñoz, who has been transferred to Rome, Italy, and will be departing post on Friday June 7th; Mr. Frederick Cavaliere, transferred to the Department and departing post on June 7th; and Mr. Wesley Parsons, who will also be departing on June 7th for an assignment in the Department of State.

NEW HOME ADDRESS

Ernest Gutierrez:
Avenida Tacna 863
Third Floor
Miraflores

COOK/MAID AVAILABLE

Excellent cook/maid available very soon. Contact Mr. Lininger, Valle Riestra 855, tel. 27199.

FURNISHED ROOM AVAILABLE

With private bath. Breakfast only. For further information call Mrs. Luz at 20847. Address: Petit Thouars 4083
San Isidro

TEMPORARY APARTMENT AVAILABLE IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Young married couple coming to Peru for one month (October 68) would like to exchange apartments with someone going to the Washington, D.C. area during the same period of time. Write to Mr. Charles L. Updegraph, Apt. 1024, 2300 S. 24th Road, Arlington, Virginia 22206, or contact Mr. Herrick on ext. 162.

VACATION HOUSE

Fully furnished, two bedrooms, garden, all conveniences, reasonable rent, in nice quiet area. For information call Mr. Chatterton at 75150. Address: Carlos Graña Elizalde
335
San Isidro

VACATION HOUSE

In San Isidro, available July 1st thru January 1st, or for less time if desired. Owners seek couple who will take care of it as if it were their own. Attractive, comfortable, with fireplace, telephone, 2 excellent maids. Reasonable rental. Call 20081.

FOR RENT

New fully furnished lovely apartment with telephone, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper floor overlooking Lima Golf. Owners speak English. Call 29222 or 80396.

LUXURY APARTMENT FOR RENT

With telephone, garage, living/dining room, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, electrical appliances. Fully furnished with European furnishings. For rent to couple with no children nor pets. For information call Sr. Hugo Ferrer to at 44844 from 8 to 10 and from 2 to 3 pm.

Address: La Paz 549, Apt. 201
Miraflores

Rent: \$8,500.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Semi-furnished. Three bedrooms, study. Near the San Isidro Municipality and by the pond in the Olive Grove. Call 28308.

Rent: \$200.

UNFURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT

One story three bedroom house, with two baths, back garden and covered terrace with closed garage. For information call Dr. Belmont at 27208.

Address: Lola Pardo Vargas 181
San Antonio.

HOUSE FOR RENT

One story house, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, 2 bathrooms, servants' quarters, garage, inside and outside garden. Located a block from Bosque de San Isidro. For information call Jorge Gallegos at 24648.

Rent: \$250 or its equivalent.

Address: Av. La República 855,
San Isidro.

FOR RENT

4 bedroom house with ample carport, 2½ baths, excellent garden area, balcony and other comforts. Contact owner at Murillo 216, Urb. San Borja.

Address: Van Gogh 626

Urb. San Borja.

HOUSE FOR RENT

4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, telephone, 2 car garage. To rent unfurnished starting in July. Located in Santa Cruz, Miraflores. Call 83965 or 25569.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Available one year, completely furnished, three bedrooms, garage, maid, TV, and all appliances.

Rent: \$10,000

Address: Mr. Gustavo Casanova
Lord Nelson 171
Miraflores

FOR SALE

In Dollars or Sol equivalent. Early American Maple dining room table, 6 chairs and hutch; early American secretary; end table; bedroom double bed, chest of drawers and vanity; boy's oak bedroom set, single bed, chest of drawers with mirror, desk and chair; baby stroller; solid maple chest of drawers; nylon rug 9' x 12'. For information call Major Harry Niggle, 40110 ext. 100 or can be seen afternoons or evenings at Juan Biellovucic 1498, Lince.

FOR SALE

(In dollars or sol equivalent).
B.B. pellet & dart revolver with trap target, \$18; CO B.B. Pistol with CO powerlets and B.B.s, \$25; Bronze fireplace set, \$25; Sears Silvertone clock-radio with transformer, \$30; large toast-master electric frying pan, \$25; Regina floor polisher, \$25; and living room & bedroom mirrors and furniture.
Call Mr. York, 86000 ext. 213 or at home 51553.

FOR SALE

Zenith Transoceanic short wave radio, battery operated, \$150; set of golf clubs, 4 woods, 8 irons, 1 putter with bag, \$40; RCA clock radio with automatic alarm, \$22; Sony tape recorder, \$160; General Electric vacuum cleaner, \$30; miscellaneous stereo records, \$1 each; Airiquipt magazines for slide projector, \$1.75 each.

Will take Sol equivalent of above Dollar prices.

Contact Ray L. Garison at 27976 or see at Prolongación Arenales 423, San Isidro.

FOR SALE

Violin, youth size (3/4) with case, shoulder rest, and music stand, \$75; set of 22 Tom Swift science fiction books for boys, \$30 each; barbecue grill and smoker, heavy cast aluminum, used only twice, with accessories, \$60.

Phone 23467 or 86000 x 157.

FOR SALE

Singer sewing machine, in blond cabinet, model 328, zig-zag stitching and fashion discs, 110v, \$200; circular outdoors clothes line, \$10; craftsman tool box & tools, \$55; card table, \$8; Westinghouse electric roaster, 110v; electric bathroom heater, 110v, \$7.50. Contact R. Fields, 71915 during day, or see at Roca y Boloña 678, Miraflores.

FOR SALE

3 female Cocker Spaniel puppies, tan, \$1,000 each. Revere monoral tape recorder, \$120 or Sol equivalent. Telefunken Hi-Fi console, AM/FM, shortwave, \$225 or Sol equivalent. Television, 19", portable, \$120 or Sol equivalent.

Items may be seen at 354 Av. del Sur, Chacarilla del Estanque.

FOR SALE

1965 Chevy, Biscayne, 4 door; Saber Saw; 6½" power saw; ½" power drill; aluminum lawn furniture; sofa; large desk; stereo tape recorder; 35mm slide projector; combination super 8, regular eight movie projector; Kenmore washer and dryer. Can be seen afternoons or evenings, Av. del Bosque 128, San Isidro, or call LtCol Brooks 39090 ext. 97 during day.

FOR SALE

KLH Stereo #24 with speakers 110v movie camera - Mansfield; maid's bed and mattress; child's sports car (good condition); child's tricycle (good condition); car seat.

Call G. Flood at 86200 x 129, or see at Santo Toribio 483, San Isidro, tel. 29620.

FOR SALE

Frigidaire refrigerator 10 cu. ft., good condition, \$10,000. Call 22578 or see at Av. El Rosario 260, San Isidro.

FOR SALE

Amateur radio equipment; SB-34 Ratheon sideband engineers transceiver with crystals for cw portions of 15, 20 and 40 meter bands installed; SB-2 microphone; SB-2Y crystal calibrator; SB2-CW codapter; SB-2LA Linear amplifier Ratheon sideband engineers, 1,000 watts PEP; standing wave radio meter; Volt-Ohm meter; 5,000 watt G.E. transformer, sufficient capacity for entire house; G.E. automatic iron; electric heating pad; metal buffet trays; fireplace screen and andirons. Call 23539.

FOR SALE

General Electric solid state portable record player; Kenmore electric dryer, very reasonable. Can be seen anytime Saturday or Sunday (June 8 & 9) at 232-234 Manuel Augusto Olaechea, El Rosedal, Miraflores.

FOR SALE

1 Oster blender, 110v, \$20 or equivalent; Fox stole, two years old, in perfect condition, best offer; ice crusher, crushes in two sizes, \$10 or equivalent. Call Donna Gallahue at 86000, ext. 160.

FOR SALE

1966 Chrysler station wagon, 8 passenger, air conditioned, power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, luggage rack, white and powder blue, duty free, available June 10th. See at Lord Nelson 295, Miraflores, or call 22231, 29914.

FOR SALE TO PERSON WITH IMPORT PRIVILEGES

1965 Rambler, 4-door, automatic, new tires, excellent condition. For further information call MSgt. Hollander x 108.

FOR SALE

A large open front cabinet with partitions, suitable for magazines or an excellent form storage for office. Also a large mahogany desk (antique) for home or office with book shelves on one side, must see to appreciate. 155 Camino Real, Pension Astoria or call Mary at 24406 or 24794.

WANTED

Baby car seat. Contact Mrs. Rene de Gonzalez, PC extension 185/183.

FOR SALE

1 radio transistor Zenith trans-oceanic, AM/FM #3000; 1 portable tape recorder, 5" reels, 2 track, battery or outlet plus tapes; 1 Aladdin kerosene heater; 1 Frigidaire refrigerator; 1 220/110 transformer; clothes; kitchen utensils including Presto pressure cooker and electric pot; complete set with bag Louise Suggs McGregor tourney mtl woman's golf clubs; set of man's Spalding golf clubs, 3 woods and 8 irons and bag; Wilson Staff irons 2-9, non-slip professional grips, all excellent condition.
Please call ext. 184 and leave message and name for Scott Warner.

FOR SALE

1 new lady Pepperell "Nap Fantastic" thermal blanket, 100% acrylic, blue, 72 x 90 for twin or double bed, \$10 or its equivalent.
4 packs Kodachrome II color movie film for double 8MM roll cameras, 25 feet each, \$2 each or its equivalent.
Call ext. 227.

FOR SALE

Must sell now!
freezer; set of white dishes; child's car seat.
Auto 1964 Chevrolet Chevy II.
Call Lininger at 27199 or see at Valle Riestra 855.

FOR SALE

Electrix mixer (hand model)
Hamilton beach mixette, 100 watts, needs transformer, \$/600.
Electric iron (steam & dry, different fabric settings)
Sears Kenmore, 1000 watts, needs transformer, \$/650. Electric fry-pan, Sunbeam vista, thermostat controlled, completely immersible, 1150 watts, needs transformer, \$/550.
Electric floor polisher (2 rotator model) Hoover with polish applicator and all pads, 200 watts, needs transformer, \$/1,500.
Set of everyday dishes (12 place setting) and dinner plates, dessert plates, soup bowls, 1 large heat plate, 1 vegetable plate, salt & pepper shakers, butter dish, sugar bowl, sauce boat with ladle; white with border of blues & greens, \$/3,000.
Set of everyday drinking glasses (five sizes, eight glasses each size) 3 missing, \$/350.
1 insulated picnic box, \$/175.
2 utility bookcases (3 shelves each), \$/350 each.
1 kitchen stool (all wood), \$/100.
1 canary & cage, \$/500.
Miscellaneous paperbacks, mainly fiction \$/3, \$/5, \$/10 each.

For further information phone Bob Van Slooten, ext. 297 or view goods at Calle Erie 155 (off Calle Michigan), Rinconada del Lago, La Molina.



Recuerdo

de la Misa de requiem celebrada

por

ROBERT F. KENNEDY



Parroquia de Sta. Rosa de Lima
(Padres de Maryknoll)
Lince

8 de Junio de 1968

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EL ARZOBISPADO Y CARITAS DE LIMA

OFRECEN UNA:

"MISA DE REQUIEM"

CELEBRADA POR EL ALMA DEL

SEÑOR:

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

8 de Junio de 1968

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA - PADRES DE MARYKNOLL - LINCE

MISA DE REQUIEM

INTROITO:

Dales, Señor el descanso eterno y alumbre tu luz por siempre sobre ellos. A ti, oh Dios, se debe la alabanza en Sión, en tu honor se cumplen los votos en Jerusalén; escucha mi oración, tú a quien se dirige todo ser de carne. Dales, Señor.

ORACION:

Oh Dios, de quien es propio compadecerse siempre y perdonar; humildemente te rogamos por el alma de tu siervo Robert Kennedy, que has hecho salir de este mundo; no la dejes caer en las manos del enemigo para olvidarla por siempre, antes ordena a tus ángeles la reciban y la introduzcan en su patria, el paraíso, de suerte que, habiendo puesto en ti su esperanza y su fé, no tenga que sufrir los castigos del infierno, sino que entre en posesión de la alegría eterna. Por Nuestro Señor...

OFERTORIO:

Oh Señor, Jesucristo, Rey de Gloria, libra las almas de todos los fieles difuntos del castigo del infierno y del profundo abismo; líbralas de las fauces del león. No las suma el abismo, ni caigan en la noche, sino que San Miguel, el abanderado, las introduzca en la santa luz, que en otro tiempo has prometido a Abraham y a su descendencia. Te ofrecemos, Señor, este sacrificio y estas preces de alabanza. Recíbelas en sufragio de las almas cuya memoria hoy celebramos. Haz, Señor, que pasen de la muerte a la vida, que en otro tiempo has prometido a Abraham y a su descendencia.

COMUNION:

Brille, Señor, la luz eterna sobre ellos, Con tus santos en la eternidad, porque eres bueno. Dales, Señor, el descanso eterno y alumbre tu luz por siempre sobre ellos. Con tus santos en la eternidad, porque eres bueno.

EXEQUIAS

P: Señor, ten piedad
T: Cristo, ten piedad, Señor, ten piedad
Padre Nuestro...

P: Libra, Señor, su alma
T: De las penas del infierno
P: Descanse en paz
T: Amen

P: Señor, escucha nuestra oración
T: Y llegue a Tí nuestro clamor
P: El Señor esté con vosotros
T: Y con tu espíritu

OREMUS:

Absuelve, Señor, de todo vínculo de pecado el alma de tu siervo Robert a fin de que, en la resurrección gloriosa, sea contado entre tus santos y elegidos. Por Cristo Por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amen.

No seas severo, Señor, en tu juicio con tu siervo Robert, puesto que nadie puede ser declarado justo en tu presencia, si Tú mismo no le perdonas todos sus pecados.

Te pedimos, pues, que no afligas con una sentencia rigurosa a quien te recomiendan las sinceras súplicas de la fe cristiana; antes bien, con la ayuda de tu gracia, pueda escapar del castigo éste que en vida es tuvo marcado con el sello de la Santa Trinidad.

Tú, que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY
(1925-1968)

El Sr. Robert Francis Kennedy nació en Massachusetts el 20 de Noviembre de 1925, hijo del financiero millonario y diplomático Joseph P. Kennedy y su esposa Rose, miembro de una ilustre familia católica de origen irlandés. En 1951, se graduó de abogado en la Escuela de Derecho de Virginia y después de colegiarse en Massachusetts, fué a Washington, donde ingresó en el Departamento de Justicia como abogado especializado en casos de corrupción y violación del pago de impuestos.

Durante el Gobierno de su hermano John F. Kennedy, "Bobby" desempeñaba el cargo de Procurador General (Ministro de Justicia) y participaba en el Consejo de Seguridad, probando sus grandes cualidades como abogado, investigador y hábil interrogador y polemista. En el año 1964 fué elegido Senador por el estado de Nueva York.

El 6 de Junio de 1968, Robert Francis Kennedy murió asesinado a la edad de 42 años. Hace poco, comentando sobre el asesinato del líder negro, Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy afirmó solemnemente y de manera profética:

"El país sufre cada vez que la vida de un hombre es suprimida sin necesidad por otro hombre, sea en nombre de la ley o sea contra la ley, por un hombre solo o por un grupo, a sangre fría o en el fuego de pasión, en la violencia o en respuesta de la violencia. Todos sufrimos cada vez que destruimos el hilo de vida que otro hombre había trenzado con pena y sacrificio, para él mismo y para sus hijos."

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LIMA, PERU

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT KENNEDY

United States Senator

died 6th June 1968

R.I.P.

TRINITY SUNDAY

9th JUNE 1968

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 370 - verses 1, 2 & 4 only

Tune: Old 100th

"Before Jehovah's awful throne"

Exhortation: On this day, set apart by the President of the United States of America to be a Day of National Mourning for the American people, let us remember before God ROBERT KENNEDY, U.S. Senator for the State of New York, and internationally respected public servant.

A Tribute of Silence

Prayer of Commendation:

O Almighty God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, we commend the soul of thy servant, Robert Kennedy, our brother, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful creator and most merciful saviour, humbly beseeching Thee that it may be precious in Thy sight.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord:

(Response) And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Amen.

Minister: Give rest, O Lord, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Lord, have mercy upon him:

(Response) Christ, have mercy upon him;

Lord, have mercy upon him.

Litany of the Faithful

Minister: O GOD, eternal, immortal, invisible, before Whom are the souls of the living and of the dead,

For all who have served their generation with zeal and courage: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have laboured for freedom, good government, just laws, and respect to human life and homes regardless of colour, creed or class:

WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have sought the public good, working to improve the lives of common men: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have desired social justice and better understanding between their fellows: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have been undismayed by the evils of the times, the tragedies of life, and the hostility of others:
WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have resisted falsehood and wrong; for all who have scorned the way of safety; for all who have been filled with high ideals, and have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

And we humbly pray Thee to help us to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting, in the assurance that our labour is not in vain in the Lord.
AMEN.

A LESSON from the Book of Job, chapter 29 et al.

HYMN 468 - "O Lord, to whom the spirits live
Of all the faithful passed away"

Tune: 202

FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN, chapter 5, verses 24 through 29

HYMN 140 - "Jesus lives, thy terrors now
Can no more, O death, appal us."

AN ADDRESS by the Revd. Canon Ronald W. Pickard, A.L.C.D.

PRAYERS for an end to violence, for those who mourn, & for peace.

HYMN 583 - "Almighty Father, who dost give
The gift of life to all who live"

Tune: 84
"Cannons"

(An Offering will be received)

The Benediction

Organ Recessional

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

Please read, as they will not be announced during the service.

THERE WILL BE NO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 8 a.m. NEXT SUNDAY. The Chaplain will be officiating at 10 a.m.

THE MORNING PRAYER AT 10 a.m. will be conducted by B. Harvey Weeks, Lay Reader.

TOMORROW MONDAY: 4 p.m. A Tea in the Hall, for all ladies who help with the care of the SANCTUARY, or who would like to do so. Please accept this invitation.

ASO TOMORROW at 6.30 p.m.: CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS.

THE LADIES' GUILD meets Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. onwards.

The next project is a BOOK SALE. PLEASE BRING US YOUR BOOKS NO LONGER NEEDED. We can turn them into cash to support our Church & its activities.

"ORSHIP WITH MOTHER" - the pre-Kindergarten class for tiny children - will be held on WEDNESDAY ONLY in this coming week.

4-D-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION:

Tuesday, St. Barnabas, Apostle: 5.15 p.m.
(after the Guild meeting)

Wednesday evening 6 p.m.

Thursday: CORPUS CHRISTI DAY, 9 a.m. in the morning.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday 7.15 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday evening 7.30 p.m.

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El Encargado de Negocios ad interim de los Estados Unidos de América desea expresar a Ud. su sincera gratitud por la condolencia que se ha dignado Ud. presentar en ocasión de la trágica desaparición del que fué Senador Robert F. Kennedy.

Enest V. Juncos aprovecha
la oportunidad para reiterar a Ud. el testimonio de su
consideración y estima.

Lima, 14 de junio de 1968.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

*Research
Memorandum*

RSB-92, June 13, 1968

To : The Secretary
Through: S/S
From : INR - Thomas L. Hughes *Thomas L. Hughes*
Subject: Moscow's Reaction to the Robert Kennedy Assassination

ABSTRACT

The Soviets have reacted to the killing of Senator Robert Kennedy with an outpouring of anti-US propaganda. The propaganda has tried to show that American society is no model for the world and deserves no influence abroad; that the US is rotten and is declining; and that the US is ruled by bloodthirsty reactionaries who oppose everything new and progressive. The Arab origin of Sirhan is awkward for Soviet commentators, and Mayor Yorty's comments about Sirhan's alleged pro-communist sympathies seem to make Moscow uneasy. As for the Soviet leadership, we suspect that the leaders are concerned over the shooting as a possible warning sign that violence -- the recent student actions in Poland and Yugoslavia, for example, having already given Moscow pause -- may be on the upswing in the world at large. To a lesser extent, Moscow presumably would also be troubled by the assassination as widening the margin of unpredictability in the US Presidential election picture, thus probably creating uneasy feelings for the Soviet regime.

An unclassified appendix containing excerpts from Soviet commentary is attached.

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A Plot by Reactionary Circles

Soviet media within hours of the shooting began hammering away at the idea that it was the result of a plot. They have been careful not to identify the supposed plotters with any precision, generally referring simply to "reactionary circles." Some commentaries have lumped several groups together under this rubric -- Southern segregationists, rabid anti-communists, arms manufacturers, and big financiers. The plotters frequently are described as being bitterly opposed to Negro civil rights, "progressive movements," ending or even limiting the Vietnam war, and aid to the poor.

Tied to the plot against RFK invariably are the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, and occasionally the killing of civil rights leader Evers and the trial of Dr. Benjamin Spock are mentioned. Sometimes the plotters are said to enjoy the support of "the reactionary ruling circles of Washington," giving the impression that the plot group stands beyond, or perhaps above, the Federal Government. Dissenters from the views cherished by the plotting ultra-rightists are punished -- through paid assassins if necessary -- because they stand in the way, and that the rightists along with the public "shed crocodile tears." John Kennedy in this connection is called the victim of the "military-financial monopolies and especially a clique of Texas millionaires."

Connivance by US Authorities

A few propaganda blasts have gone far in the direction of implying official connivance. One early broadcast said that "irresponsible" official connivance made the shooting of RFK "possible." The thrust of this remark was that local authorities had not provided proper police protection. Elsewhere, Soviet propaganda has charged that the police in Los Angeles, just as in Dallas and Memphis, were "powerless," implying through this cynical note that local authorities let the three leaders be killed intentionally. Connivance on the part of the Federal authorities was suggested in the comment mentioned above that the ruling circles in Washington support the extreme rightist forces which carry out these political crimes. This idea was refined two days later by a commentary which explicitly stated that connivance on the part of local and also central officials, and even their sympathy, helps rightist organizations to operate and thus constitutes a factor contributing toward political crimes carried out by such rightist organizations.

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A picture of Federal involvement in the JFK and RFK assassinations has also been painted by describing the US as a police state under the control of the FBI and CIA, by recalling allegations at the time of President Kennedy's assassination that these agencies somehow played a role, and by asserting that the Robert Kennedy shooting reintroduces the same set of questions. It has also been suggested that RFK had to be eliminated because he knew, as former Attorney General, the real story behind the killing of his brother and was going to release this information upon being elected President, when the guilty ones would no longer have protection.

Sirhan's Arab Origin

Twenty-four hours passed before Pravda broke the ice for Soviet media on Sirhan's Arab origin. This news item was buried on a back page, separated from the paper's commentary on the RFK shooting. Later that day Izvestiya dealt more boldly with the Arab-origin factor, declaring that any US media which stressed that Sirhan was of Arab origin were only trying "to shield the true culprit, the American way of life."

The next day, June 7, Soviet media acknowledged that Sirhan was detained at the scene of the crime and that he was of Arab origin, but added, variously, that the Attorney General had ordered an investigation to see if there was not a conspiracy, and that Sirhan was a naturalized US citizen. Pravda June 8 said that Sirhan, a Jordanian immigrant, was at first described in all official announcements of the police and other investigative bodies as a fanatical nationalist who had been operating on his own, and that Attorney General Clark had stated officially several times that there was no evidence of the existence of a conspiracy. However, eye-witness accounts had now been released indicating Sirhan may have had at least one and probably several accomplices. When these stories did not pan out, Pravda June 9 turned to the lame contention that US media were talking about Sirhan's Arab origin for the purpose of sharpening the already tense Arab-Israeli situation.

Anti-Communist "Hysteria" in the US

While not going so far as to suggest that US reactionaries had RFK assassinated for the purpose of whipping up anti-communist hysteria in the US, Soviet media have been asserting that American ultra-rightists have exploited the tragedy for this purpose. In the process, the Soviets have attacked the FBI for allegedly persecuting "progressive" groups and individuals instead of combatting the mounting US crime rate, and have added ominously that political crimes in the US like the RFK killing go unpunished. In the course of describing the US as a society devoid of ideals, as shown by the Robert Kennedy murder, one commentator stated that US reactionaries sought to fill the void with "anti-communism and anti-Sovietism." Another commentary renewed the charge that J. Edgar Hoover invented the "slander" that a communist conspiracy lay behind Dr. King's murder, when in fact Hoover had instigated the assassination. The use of the RFK assassination as a pretext to whip up anti-communist hysteria has been described as a cover for a campaign against the anti-Vietnam, civil rights, and poverty movements. And the Soviets have denounced Mayor Yorty's references to Sirhan's alleged DuBois Club connection and pro-communist sympathies as an "absurd invention."

RFK's Stand Concerning Vietnam

Soviet propaganda has repeatedly asserted that Robert Kennedy recently had come around to a "somewhat realistic" view on the subject of Vietnam and was hated for it by the reactionaries, this having contributed significantly to the decision to have him assassinated. As part of this line, it is pointed out that RFK was under no threat to his life when he worked for Senator Joseph McCarthy or served as Attorney General, but only after he changed his Vietnam position. Soviet media add that the change in question was hardly a radical one, since the Senator, although he favored an unconditional halt in US bombing of North Vietnam, had not come out in favor of unconditional US withdrawal. Pravda has generalized that both JFK and RFK were eliminated at that point when they dared disagree with "the reckless foreign course of imperialist reaction."

US Claim to World Leadership

In villifying US society and institutions in connection with the Robert Kennedy assassination, Soviet propaganda has frequently added the comment that this is the same country which poses as a world leader, or tries to act as a moral mentor and democratic example to the world. Izvestiya, for example, exclaimed righteously that this society, "which uses terror in its election struggle," dares "proclaim that the 20th century is the century of Americanism!" Another commentator stated that the US "has no inspiring national aims, no ideals which can capture the minds and hearts of people."

A blatant Soviet effort to exploit the RFK tragedy to show that the US allegedly has lost all moral authority in the world has been a feature as much of domestic as of international Soviet propaganda since the assassination. As such, it may offer insight into the kind of obstacles which Soviet propagandists feel they face in improving the image of the USSR both at home and abroad.

Possible Thoughts on Moscow's Mind

The gross nature of Soviet propaganda about the Robert Kennedy assassination should not obscure the likelihood that the Soviet leadership is disturbed by this development. If Moscow's cautious commentary so far this year on US Presidential election developments is any indication, the Soviets saw in RFK's candidacy the least among evils and were hoping he might win. (At the same time, it is likely that Moscow was not counting on a shift in US Vietnam policy to a direction desired by Moscow, regardless of who won the election.) The Soviet leaders probably view the assassination with some apprehension because they see it as feeding a trend toward violence in the world which could directly affect the USSR.

Thus, the Polish student riots in March with their bloody turn, and the Yugoslav unrest this month which spread to all centers of higher learning, have undoubtedly given the Soviets pause, as they revealed that the communist world is by no means immune from violent, revolutionary spontaneity. Czechoslovak developments have also been a case in point; although they have not involved violence, student pressures contributed substantially to the bringing down of a regime. Even if these events in communist countries had not taken place, Moscow might be alarmed by the violent revolutionary actions of youth recently in West Germany

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and France, since the communists had a disconcertingly hard time understanding and adjusting their line to these movements. The restiveness of youth in both Western and Eastern Europe has been marked by a clear disdain for "establishments," and the Soviet authorities' fear of contagion can only mount with each new outbreak.

Soviet leaders are undoubtedly also disturbed by the fact that the removal of Robert Kennedy from the US Presidential contest increases for them the unknown factors in trying to project possible future trends in US policy. Although Soviet leaders may have welcomed the propaganda windfall for purposes of maligning US society, they must also be sensitive to any events that could increase unpredictability in US policy, which heightens the feeling of insecurity of the Soviet regime.

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SELECTED SOVIET COMMENTS ON THE ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1200 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Text] Another political crime has been committed in the United States, the country which boasts about its democracy, its system--the system of free enterprise. The assassination attempt in Los Angeles was possible because of the irresponsible connivance on the part of the authorities and the notorious freedom of a capitalist society, the freedom to kill.

It is noteworthy that the extreme rightwing forces in the United States enjoy the support of the reactionary ruling circles in Washington and exert a growing influence on the political life of the country. They oppose the granting of equal civil rights to the Negro population. They are in favor of a militarization of the country and of the arms race to please monopolistic capital. The hawks demand a extension of the war in Vietnam, threatening those who dissent from them with punishments and at times use the services of paid assassins. This happened in November 1963, when President Kennedy was killed in Dallas. This happened on 4 April this year when Martin Luther King was killed in Memphis. This is happening today in Boston, at the shameful trial of five representatives of the U.S. intelligentsia led by Benjamin Spock, who openly opposes the aggression in Indochina.

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1330 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Igor Orlov commentary]

What strikes the eye is that the huge and lavishly financed machinery of the FBI is directed not so much at combating crime and political and criminal gangsterism--the latter are interwoven as a rule--as at persecuting progressive organizations and active members of mass antiwar and anti-imperialist movements, all those who are opposed to the country's present "establishment."

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1610 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

Commenting in IZVESTIYA on the new crime in the United States, M. Severov writes: "The end to violence that sweeps the United States from coast to coast is not in sight. More and more often revolver shots accentuate the events in the modern history of the United States."

Severov writes further that the socioeconomic system upon which the United States rests unleashes the basest instincts of an individual. This system, that tries to impose its rule on the world through the use of arms, pays heavily for its crimes. "Its victims are not only Vietnamese women and children, not only campesinos in the Dominican Republic or the Arab fellahs, but also its own citizens no matter whether they are Boston millionaires or political leaders brothers John and Robert Kennedy, the Negro leader Malcolm X, or champion of nonviolent action Martin Luther King. In a word its victim is every man lucky to be born in the country under the stars and stripes.

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"And this society, that uses terror as the usual means of the election struggle, that swears by the green dollar and the steel of the revolver, that praises the gods of gain and violence, dares say through its prophets that it is called upon to give moral leadership to the world, and proclaims the 20th century the century of Americanism.

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1620 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Yuriy Babich commentary: "A Society of Fear and Violence"]

Who guided the hand of the assassin? How could this new crime have been committed? How is it possible that in a country that praises its freedom and democracy a bullet more and more is becoming the most important "argument" in a political struggle? Prominent politician, Sen William Fulbright, called America a sick society. These are not just words. The American bourgeois society is in fact incurable sick. A profound crisis has long affected the entire U.S. social system in all its aspects: its entire ideology, economy, and politics.

The American reactionary ruling classes are trying to fill this political and moral vacuum with anticommunism and anti-Sovietism. What can such bellicose, reactionary ideology give millions of Americans, particularly young ones who, on the very threshold of their conscious life, come across profound dissatisfaction, across the cult of profit that is taking root in the country, and across the cults of business, the dollar, and violence?

Moscow TASS International Service in English 0600 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--The assassination attempt on Robert Kennedy is in the focus of attention of today's Soviet newspapers. S. Vishnevskiy, answering the question "Why was Senator Kennedy Shot?" writes in PRAVDA: "No one planned any attempt on his life when Robert Kennedy, early in his political career, served as adviser to the inquisitorial commission of the notorious Sen Joseph McCarthy. No one was aiming a gun at him when he faithfully served the ruling class as attorney general.

"The extreme ultras came to hate him only when Robert Kennedy, yielding to public pressure, made a certain, not very confident, step toward realism and criticized the most aggressive and reckless aspects of U.S. foreign policy by denouncing the escalation of the dirty Vietnam war without demanding, however, an unconditional withdrawal of interventionist troops from Indochina."

SOVIET RUSSIA has a commentary by Genrich Borovik, New York NOVOSTI correspondent, entitled "Crime in Los Angeles." He calls attention to the fact that the "police, which should have protected Kennedy, proved once again powerless as in Dallas 5 years ago and Memphis 2 months ago." "I do not know if this time the crime will be solved. The only thing clear is that the much-vaunted American freedom is a freedom to kill those who think differently. The much-vaunted American way of life is one of violence. That has become an inevitable companion to capitalist society."

Aleksey Leontyev writes in RED STAR: "Apparently, this time also certain gentlemen of the United States will weep and hypocritically express condolences. Spilling the blood of their victims and shedding tears over their fate have become favorite occupations with the bosses of America. They are steeped in crime and are trying to save face, whether in Vietnam or the United States. But these are vain attempts.

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Paramonov in LIFE ABROAD

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1418 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--

Commenting on the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles, he writes that a "country lauded by bourgeois propaganda as a 'citadel of freedom and democracy' is increasingly becoming an arena of political banditry. For the second time in 2 months a political murder has been committed in the United States.

The author says that "the gunshots in Los Angeles bring to the fore again with new force the sinister role played by the FBI and the CIA, the mainstays of U.S. ruling circles. Whatever the present murderers may say, or whether they say nothing at all, the FBI and CIA remain a grim embodiment of the police state which America has become--the admission even of many bourgeois leaders. The CIA and FBI, many foreign researchers say, were implicated in the assassination of President Kennedy. It was the FBI head, J. Edgar Hoover, who prompted the assassins, calling Martin Luther King a liar, and who, after King's assassination, invented a slanderous version that behind this murder was a "communist conspiracy."

Victor Glazunov Commentary

Moscow in English to South Asia 1600 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

The role of a world gendarme is turning American society into a gangster at home. So it is that America, lauded as an example of Western democracy, appears before the world as a society of brutality and inhumanity. It is rooted in the very essence of the social system in America, in the very foundations of the society based on the dollar and stamping out such notions as honor, justice, legality, and humanity. Capitalism is fraught with violence, just as clouds are fraught with rain. The system of violence and lawlessness, moreover, becomes more and more rotten as political power concentrates in the hands of an ever smaller handful of monopolists.

Valentin Zorin Commentary

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1900 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

The fire of revolver shots which sounded in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel have exposed like lightning the disgusting reverse side of the political life in the leading state of the modern capitalist world. People have been seriously shaken by the realization of the danger brought to them by the state which is pretending to play a leading part in the world and has raised violence to the level of a state doctrine.

Violence reigns supreme in the America of our times not just because any scoundrel there can easily buy weapons and have them mailed to his home, but above all because the whole atmosphere in that country is imbued with a spirit of violence. More than that--this atmosphere has been planned and cultivated for many years: American art consisting of horror books and films; science full of theories justifying the right of the strong; and above all the practical policy of the American state which uses violence and war plunder as a state policy. Such is the soil breeding the poisonous weeds, including the systematic assassinations of politicians for some reason regarded as undesirable by the extreme American reactionaries.

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Vladimir Afonin Commentary

Moscow in English to Eastern North America 2300 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

In the country that the mass media has tirelessly tried to depict as a land of democracy, it now appears that there are forces that prefer bullets to ballots, and frenzied action to sensible (?divisions of opinion). Unlike the lone assassin, the men who commit the murders of the century are bound to be someone's agents; and the prospective organizations to employ them are quite numerous. Never before in U.S. history have there been so many terrorist organizations, semilegal, or even legal. These are a product of the U.S. social system, a policy of weapons. Little wonder no traces are left when the attempt is made to find the conspirators and those who (?commit) political crimes.

It remains to be asked what sort of moral leadership a country can give if it is unable to protect its own political figures from assassination. To the world, the American way of life now looks (?rather) like the American way of death.

Orlov Commentary

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1635 GMT 7 Jun 68 L

Characteristically, the victims of these crimes are, as a rule leaders who in one way or another express their opposition to rabid militarism and racism and are therefore not suitable to extreme reaction. The murder of Robert Kennedy, says well-known Brazilian professor of law Varisto de Moises Filho, shows that in the United States there is apparently a movement of rightwingers who are connected with military circles which are interested in continuing the war in Vietnam. The chief aim of this organization, he says, is to destroy prominent democratic and liberal political leaders.

As is justly observed by many commentators, connivance and even sympathy on the part of certain officials of central and local authorities facilitates the operation of these organizations and is a contributing factor to political crimes.

To judge by quite evident symptoms, the reactionary circles have decided now to use Robert Kennedy's assassination as a pretext for whipping up an anticommunist hysteria in the country to camouflage the launching of a campaign against all progressive and liberal movements including the antiwar movement, the civil rights movement, the Poor People's Campaign, and so forth. The tone for this campaign was set by certain local government officials in Los Angeles, where this villainous crime was committed.

Mayor Yorty hurried to state that the man charged with the murder apparently had contacts with the local Dubois Club, a progressive youth organization, and that he allegedly showed sympathy for the communists. A U.S. Communist Party spokesman denied this absurd invention and described Yorty's statement as a crude attempt to mislead the public in an effort to prevent a real investigation of this dirty affair and the plot behind it.

After the Negro leader Martin Luther King was assassinated, Robert Kennedy many times called for measures to alleviate the plight of Negroes in the United States. He used to say that there will be no peace in the country until this acute problem is settled. His statements received great response among Negroes. So, by assassinating Robert Kennedy, racist elements have shown their resolve to do away with any person who is in their way.

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Korionov PRAVDA Article

Moscow TASS International Service in English 0552 GMT 8 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--"The assassination of President John Kennedy and his brother, Sen Robert Kennedy, vividly demonstrate the foul essence of the world of modern capitalist America," political analyst Vitaliy Korionov writes in today's PRAVDA. "How far the disintegration of the very system of American imperialism has gone when even the remotest symptoms of the appearance in the White House of a person who dared to timidly express his disagreement with the reckless foreign political course of imperialist reaction, including escalation of the Vietnam war and other forms of violence, bring forth paroxysms of fury in certain quarters and set in motion the mechanism of political killings! The directed political crime penetrates the entire life of decaying capitalism just as salt has embued the ocean waters. Robert Kennedy's murder is added proof of this," Korionov writes.

"Political killings, which are shocking America with growing frequency, are the direct result of the well-planned course of monopoly circles aimed at turning the country and the nation into an obedient tool of their far-reaching avaricious intentions. It is now clear to everyone," Korionov writes, "that the shots in Dallas, Memphis, and Los Angeles were not the work of individual terrorists. They were possible first of all because forces are governing the country which stop at nothing in their intention to do away with everything that does not suit them.

Gennadiy Gerasimov, the NOVOSTI political analyst, writes in TRUD that "American history is spattered with blood." Every ninth president was killed, Indians were annihilated, workers were shot, "witches" were hunted, and hysterical fear of communist implanted. "All this has taken place and still exists."

Vladimir Zhukov Commentary

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1550 GMT 9 Jun 68 L

A person who is even slightly familiar with the practice and ideology of German fascism would not have much difficulty in seeing in the actions of the militant American reactionaries the customs of the Nazis.

And it is not only a matter of the murder of political opponents; it is a matter of the direct inclination of the American racists, ultras, and militarists toward fascism.

The familiar smell of Hitler's "writings, "the atmosphere of the burning of the Reichstag, and the night of the long knives come from these leaflets and other incitement literature.

And one must stress that the "program for the suppression of disorders"--that is, a violence against Negro demonstrations and those by their sympathizers, the program set out in the leaflet of the American ultras--found its application in the bloody outrages against Negroes following the murder of Martin Luther King. The army and police authorities acted virtually as one with the racists.

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Moscow in English to Eastern North American 0100 GMT 10 Jun 68 L

[Text] Mikhail Strogovich, eminent Soviet lawyer, has an interesting theory on why Robert Kennedy was assassinated. Here is his recorded statement.

The murderer has been caught. It now remains to discover the mainsprings of the crime. The same task now arises to find the organizers of the assassination, for this second murder in similar circumstances was, beyond a doubt, actuated by the same motives. The idea here was to get the brother of the assassinated President out of the way. It cannot be the accidental deed of an unbalanced person acting on his own.

The murder of Robert Kennedy throws some light on the murder of the President. Had he been elected to the White House, it is certain that he would have taken energetic steps to find his brother's real assassins. We must now wait and see what will happen.

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CHARGED WITH KILLING ROBERT KENNEDY HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY AN
ARAB GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MAKING AN INTENSIVE
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THE UNITED STATES AS A FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN 1948--NOT IN
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HE WAS MARRIED IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AT ES SALT, 15 MILES
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WIFE WAS BROUGHT TO HIM. THE RECORDS OF HIS JOURNEY ARE NOT VERY PRECISE AND PROBABLY NOT VERY IMPORTANT, AS BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE WERE LITTLE MORE THAN CHILDREN. RATHER MORE INTEREST CENTRES ON THREE LATER JOURNEYS WHICH SIRHAN MADE, ESPECIALLY ON THE LST TWO WHICH, ACCORDING TO THIS INVESTIGATION, WERE MADE IN 1964 AND 1966. IN 1964 SIRHAN, ACCORDING TO THESE RECORDS, RETURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR SEVEN MONTHS, FOUR OF WHICH HE SPENT IN DAMASCUS. WHERE HE WAS FOR THE REST OF THE TIME IS NOT STATED. IN 1966 HE IS SAID TO HAVE SPENT AN EVEN LONGER PERIOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING A STRETCH OF FIVE MONTHS IN CAIRO. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, AT THE BEGINNING OF 1967. THE ARAB GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT ITS RECORDS ARE ACCURATE BUT THEY ARE BEING SENT TO THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY CAN BE CHECKED WITH THE INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY THE FBI. THERE IS AN EVIDENT AND INCREASING DISINCLINATION, HOWEVER, FOR WITNESSES TO TALK AND EVEN THOSE WHO SPOKE AT FIRST-- SUCH AS SIRHAN'S FATHER --HAVE NOW ADJUSTED THEIR RESPONSES. LAST WEEK SIRHAN'S FATHER CURSED HIS SON. YESTERDAY HE WAS DENOUNCING KENNEDY AND PREPARING TO GO TO LOS ANGELES TO STAND BY HIS SON.

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The President
The White House

Our hearts are filled with sorrow at the tragedy that has struck the American nation. Senator Robert Kennedy's untimely and cruel demise is a grievous loss not only to America but to the entire world. On behalf of the entire Indonesian diplomatic mission and the Indonesian community in the United States, I extend our deepest sympathies to you and through you to the government and people of the United States.

Soedjatnoko, Ambassador of Indonesia.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the occasion of the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you who have been in our midst during this sad time are aware, this tragedy has come as a great shock to all Americans.

Your message is a source of comfort and consolation, and at the President's request I am transmitting it to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the late Senator's family.

Sincerely,

William P. Bundy

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SUBJECT : Message of Condolence on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy from Roberto Rendon

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The White House has received the following message from Roberto Rendon, President of the Interamerican Committee of the Partners of the Alliance:

"In the Name of the Interamerican Committee respectfully present our sympathies for Senator Robert Kennedy's death."

The Embassy is requested to reply to this message in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

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TO : Department of State

INFO Amembassy PARIS

FROM : Amembassy DAKAR

DATE: 13 June 68

SUBJECT : Mauritanian Coverage of Kennedy Assassination

REF :

The official daily information bulletin of the GIRM, Info-Nouakchott, gave moderate coverage to the assassination of Senator Kennedy. Info-Nouakchott's June 6 issue, in addition to describing the circumstances surrounding Senator Kennedy's death, reported on Arthur Schlesinger's June 5 speech at New York City College. The article on Schlesinger contained his statement that "Americans are the most frightening people on this planet." Other quotes from the speech were those which attacked U.S. Vietnam policy and which claimed that the history of white America was characterized by violence and racial prejudice.

The same issue of Info-Nouakchott carried the following editorial (Embassy's translation):

"The American Regime Wants to Mislead Public Opinion"

"According to an Agence France Presse report datelined Los Angeles, the American police have identified Robert Kennedy's assassin as a Palestinian who has resided in the United States since 1957. The police have even supplied his name: SERHAN SERHAN!

"This accusation can only be incorrect since Palestinians involved in their just struggle do not aim their guns at progressive leaders in the United States. Their problem remains the liberation of their homeland, a problem limited to the area of the Middle East.

"Even if the fidayins were disposed to hunting down American pro-Zionists their first victim would be Johnson.

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"Robert Kennedy could only have been assassinated by the same hand which struck down his brother and Pastor Martin Luther King without pity. This hand, as William Manchester pointed out in his book Death of a President, is none other than the American regime."

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TO : Department of State

FROM : American Embassy Vienna

DATE: June 13, '68

SUBJECT : Austrian Reaction to the Assassination of
Senator Kennedy

REF :

Beginning on the day of the shooting of Senator Kennedy, Austrian information media gave what can only be described as "total coverage" to the tragedy and subsequent developments. Not since the assassination of President Kennedy have the Austrian press, radio and television devoted their resources so exclusively to one event.

Radio: Radio and TV were the quickest to react. Interrupting scheduled broadcasts with bulletins on developments June 5 and 6, Austrian radio devoted its major scheduled newscasts ("noon journal" and "evening journal") exclusively to coverage of the tragedy, plus the life history, policies and accomplishments of Senator Kennedy (with frequent references to his close association with President Kennedy). Following the announcement of the Senator's death, Austrian radio observed a minute of silence and altered schedules to broadcast serious music as a token of respect.

Television: Austrian television coverage relied heavily on satellite transmission and analysis by its chief commentator, Hugo Portisch, who set the tone for a mood of sympathy with the American people and the advocacy of a world-wide spirit of tolerance. In both radio and TV, this priority coverage continued through Sunday June 9.

Press: Vienna and provincial dailies devoted page after page to coverage of latest developments, with many human-

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interest features, both on the basis of international wire service copy (including speculation of a possible conspiracy) and of U.S.-based correspondents' stories. Some papers even dispatched special correspondents to the U.S. for on-the-spot coverage.

Initial editorial reaction to the news of the attempt on Senator Kennedy's life was marked by shock and doubts about America's moral qualifications for free-world leadership. This attitude soon changed, however, with more balanced comments pointing out that America is certainly "no nation of assailants," that one should guard against arrogant generalizations exemplified by a "wholesale condemnation of America," and that violence is not unique in the U.S. but exists in many countries.

Official Reaction: On the morning of June 5 Chancellor Klaus commented via an Austria News Agency release on the "terrible attempt" on Senator Robert Kennedy's life, expressing "regret and grief at this evil deed." He availed himself of the opportunity to condemn "the physical annihilation of a political opponent, no matter how hard political differences may clash, as wholly unjustified." Chancellor Klaus cabled messages of condolence to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey on June 6, assuring them of the Government's sincere sympathies with the cruel loss sustained by the United States and the Kennedy family, and extolling the late Senator's fight for the noble causes of humanity, peace, freedom and justice.

In another public statement on June 6 Chancellor Klaus delivered the following eulogy:

In the past few hours we Austrians have entertained grave fears for Senator Robert Kennedy's life and we are now mourning the major loss suffered by his family and the whole American people. Like his brother, Robert Kennedy represented for the youth of the free world the ideals of democracy and of progress. With profound reverence we bow at the bier of this great cosmopolitan. However, as friends of the American people we wholeheartedly wish that the reputation of this biggest democracy be not tarnished by acts of violence. We do hope that the grave

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sacrifices by a single family will not have been in vain but will be instrumental in a return to those assets all of us will have to defend irrespective of political antagonism. The grieving sympathy of millions of Austrians these days amounts to a major demonstration of condolence.

On June 7 Chancellor Klaus, in speeches in the provinces, praised Robert F. Kennedy's espousing of genuine democracy, of the modern law-abiding and social-welfare state, and of the cause of peace. He reminded the Austrians that law and democracy must be upheld and defended against disrespect and abuse at a time of fundamental political change. In a previously scheduled speech to the Austro-American Society to report on his recent official visit to the U.S., he opened with an expression of sympathy and a eulogy.

Messages of condolence were also sent to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk by Foreign Minister Waldheim and SPOe chairman Kreisky. On June 5 Kreisky went on record as deploring the incomprehensible shooting, and stating that in order to prevent the world from going again through a phase of violence in political life, all people active in public life, i.e. both politicians and all others engaged in the shaping of the views and character of man, should live up to their increasing responsibility toward disseminating a climate of tolerance.

Reaction of the Man-in-the-Street: Austrians reacted with a sense of shock and personal loss as well as a wave of spontaneous sympathy to the news of the assassination which was a constant topic of conversation. Restaurants turned on television sets for satellite transmissions from New York and Washington (a rarity usually reserved for news events touching Austria and Austrians directly). Americans in Vienna were left with the impression that Austrians were reacting as though "they had lost one of their own."

American Activities: The Embassy opened books of condolence at the Chancery and at the Consular Section which were signed by a steady stream of Austrian officials, the diplomatic corp and ordinary citizens. The Embassy was also deluged with telephone calls of condolence. The Vienna Community Church held special prayers during the regular service Sunday June 9 and Christ Church (Anglican) held a memorial service on Monday June 10.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, MADRAS

FROM : Amembassy NEW DELHI

DATE: June 13, 1968

SUBJECT : Embassy Tribute to Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The Embassy invited public participation in its memorial tribute to the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy by lowering the flag to half staff from Thursday through Sunday, and opening a condolence book for three days in the foyer of the Chancery.

The Charge' received high GOI officials, including the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and chiefs of diplomatic missions.

An Embassy circular suggested that Mission personnel attend church services of their choice on the day of mourning, June 9, as a mark of respect. A Solemn Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral was attended by representatives of the GOI, various missions, and members of the American community.

More than one thousand people signed the condolence book, including the Prime Minister (in the Devanagari script), Minister of State for External Affairs B. R. Bhagat, the Chief of Protocol, many chiefs of mission and diplomatic colleagues, including two Ambassadors from countries with which the USG does not have diplomatic relations -- Syria and Cambodia. A large proportion of the signers wrote tributes to the late Senator in glowing and affectionate terms.

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Letters of condolence continue to pour into the Embassy, and appropriate acknowledgments are being sent in reply.

Assume Embassy will be informed of any particular desires of Kennedy family in regard to letters received and disposition of condolence book.

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE

1. MEMORIAL REQUIEM MASS WAS HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL IN DAR JUNE 11 AND WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 PEOPLE. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS WELL REPRESENTED, AS WAS AMERICAN COMMUNITY. ONE THIRD TO ONE HALF OF CONGREGATION WAS TANZANIAN. NO RPT NO UPPER-LEVEL TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FIGURES WERE RECOGNIZED AMONG THOSE ATTENDING SERVICE, THOUGH EMBASSY WIFE REPORTS SHE SAW JUNIOR HEALTH MINISTER LUCY LAMECK.

2. JUNE 12 ISSUE OF "NGURUMO" CARRIES ARTICLE BITTERLY DENOUNCING AMERICA, AMERICAN POLICY, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ITS ROLE IN "BESTIAL" MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

3. EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK AS OF JUNE 12 HAD 112 ENTRIES. EIGHTEEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE REPRESENTED AMONG SIGNATURES, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, AND U.S.S.R. ZANU AND PRELIMO OFFICIALS HAVE SIGNED BOOK, AS HAS ONE TANZANIAN M.P.A.S. MASKINI, AND AREA SECRETARY OF KISARAWA DISTRICT. USIS BOOK HAD 328 ENTRIES AS OF JUNE 12. NINE ARE NON-TANZANIAN (INCLUDING ONE EAST GERMAN), WITH ALL OTHERS BEING NAMES OF ORDINARY TANZANIAN PEOPLE, PLUS ONE

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TO : Department of State

INFO: PARIS (hectograph)

FROM : Amconsul MARSEILLE

DATE: June 13, 1968.

SUBJECT Mass for Senator Kennedy

REF : --

A requiem mass arranged by the Consulate General was held at Marseille's Abbaye de Saint Victor on Sunday, June 9, at 5:00 P.M. The archbishop of Marseille presided. Some 2000 very sad persons attended including Mayor Defferre and most of Marseille's ranking officials.

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