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REF: STATE 178273; ROME 6113

SUBJ: VATICAN DELEGATION TO KENNEDY FUNERAL

1. POPE PAUL VI HAS ASKED CARDINAL ANGELO DELL'ACQUA, APOSTOLIC VICAR FOR ROME, TO BE HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT KENNEDY FUNERAL.

2. CARDINAL DELL'ACQUA, ACCCOMPANIED BY FATHER FELICE, RECTOR LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ROME, AND SECRETARY FATHER MALAGOLA ARRIVE NEW YORK TODAY JUNE 7 AT 1720, VISIT ST. PATRICKS THIS EVENING AND ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE TOMORROW.

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ALSO TRAVELLING TO NEW YORK ABOARD FLIGHT EI-105 JUNE 7.
ARRIVING 1810 TO ATTEND SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL WILL BE:

1. LAIM COSGRAVE LEADER OF FINE GAEL, PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY IN IRISH PARLIAMENT
2. BRENDAN CORISH, LEADER OF LABOR PARTY, SECOND OPPOSITION PARTY IN IRISH PARLIAMENT
3. ANDREW MINEHAN, WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT TIME OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S VISIT TO IRELAND IN 1963. DUNGANSTOWN, HOME OF RYAN FAMILY AND PLACE FROM WHICH KENNEDY GREAT GRANDFATHER IMMIGRATED TO US IS IN NEW ROSS JURISDICTION, AND MINEHAN IS PERSONALLY WELL KNOWN TO KENNEDY FAMILY, PARTICULARLY TO MRS. SHRIVER, WHO WAS WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON IRISH TRIP. MINEHAN HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE ENSURING ADMITTANCE TO FUNERAL IN ST. PATRICKS CATHEDRAL.

PLEASE EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. GUEST

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2177

UNCLAS BLANTYRE 1521

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

REF: DEPCIRTEL 176747

1. NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE IMPACT IN BLANTYRE AND ZOMBA. LARGE NUMBER (BY LOCAL STANDARDS) OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES HAVE SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK AND EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TO MEMBERS EMBASSY STAFF. THESE EXPRESSIONS HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUAL AND NO RPT NO PUBLIC GATHERINGS OR DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.
2. GENERALLY, REACTIONS HAVE BEEN OF SYMPATHY TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND TO U.S. AS NATION. IN MANY CASES THIS HAS BEEN COUPLED WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER TREND TOWARD VIOLENCE IN EVENTS IN U.S. MOST EXPRESSIONS HAVE BEEN LOW-KEY.
3. MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY NEWSPAPER, MALAWI NEWS, DEVOTED EDITORIAL TO ASSASSINATION IN JUNE 7 EDITION. EDITORIAL TITLED "THE WORLD CANNOT BE RULED BY BULLETS," WITH MAIN THEME ONE OF SHOCK AND CONCERN THAT VIOLENCE IS CONTAGIOUS AND ON INCREASE IN U.S.

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SUBJECT: FURTHER BERLIN REACTION TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: BERLIN 1615

1. ABOUT 1500 PERSONS, MOSTLY YOUTHS, JOINED IN A SILENT MARCH FROM DOWNTOWN BERLIN TO RATHAUS SCHOENEBERG ON JOHN F. KENNEDY PLATZ THE EVENING OF JUNE 6. AN OFFICIAL OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (RING OF POLITICAL YOUTH) MADE A SHORT MEMORIAL STATEMENT ABOUT SENATOR KENNEDY, AFTER WHICH THE CROWD OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE AS THE FREEDOM BELL WAS RUNG. REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE BERLIN SENAT (INCLUDING THE ACTING GOVERNING MAYOR) AND THE US MISSION (OUR LIAISON OFFICER AND I) WERE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

2. MANY BERLINERS AND FOREIGNERS HAVE SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT THE US CONSULATE AND AMERIKA HAUS. MAYOR NEUBAUER (ACTING GOVERNING MAYOR) WAS ONE OF THE FIRST VISITORS TO THE CONSULATE AFTER THE BOOK WAS OPENED.

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS DIETRICH SPANGENBERG WILL REPRESENT BERLIN (AS PART OF THE OVERALL GERMAN REPRESENTATION) AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE AND BURIAL JUNE 8.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

REF: ALGIERS 1742-1064

1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY LAST NIGHT JUNE 6 TO TALK TO HALF-DOZEN ALGERIAN FONOFF OFFICIALS. THEY ACTED AS IF UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT SEN KENNEDY'S DEATH, NO CONDOLENCE, NO EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET, NO QUESTIONS ON IMPACT IN AMERICA OR ON IDENTITY OF ASSASSIN AND POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS. ONLY EXCEPTION WAS ONE OFFICIAL MARRIED TO AMERICAN GIRL, WHO TOOK ME ASIDE TO SAY HOW PERSONALLY SORRY HE AND WIFE WERE. PAO REPORTS SAME COOLNESS AND EXTREME RELUCTANCE TO TALK ABOUT ASSASSINATION ON PART OF ALGERIAN PRESS PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PRESS AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

2. ALGERIAN PRESS JUNE 7, NOTABLE FRENCH-LANGUAGE "EL MOUDJAHID" PLAYS STORY BOTH WAYS, STRAIGHT AND EMOTIONAL-EXTREMIST. ONE INSIDE ARTICLE, OVER ONE-QUARTER PAGE IN SIZE AND BORDERED IN BLACK, GIVES FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF SENATOR'S LAST HOURS; AND THEN CARRIES LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT'S JUNE 6 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROCLAMATION TO NATION. ARTICLE STATES SIRHAN BORN IN

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JERUSALEM, AND ALTHOUGH NOT IDENTIFYING HIM AS ARAB, PROVIDES ENOUGH COLLATERAL INFORMATION SUCH AS NAMES OF HIS BROTHERS SO AS TO LEAVE NO DOUBT IN MINDS OF TYPICAL ARAB READERS. STRESSED L.A. POLICE CHIEF REDDIN'S STATEMENT ABOUT NO EVIDENCE POINTING TO INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY.

3. OTHER ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL ALMOST CONSTITUTE CASE STUDY OF COMPLEXES, FEARS, GRIEVANCES AND PREJUDICES BESETTING WHOLE ARAB WORLD. EDITORIAL ATTACKS CERTAIN EUROPEAN PRESS AGENCIES AND RADIOS FOR UNDERLINING "ASSASSIN'S ARAB NATIONALITY" AND HIS "ARAB FANATICISM". DESCRIBES THIS TENDENCY AS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE PROBLEM FROM ITS PURELY AMERICAN CONTEXT AND LINK IN INTENTIONALLY TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. ASKS IF SIRHAN NOT KILLER HIRED BY ZIONISTS FOR PURPOSE DISCREDITING ARABS IN EYES OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND PROVOKE ANTIARAB HYSTERIA IN USA.

4. ALGIERS OFFICE OF PALESTINE LIBERATION MOVEMENT "EL FETH" HAS ISSUED RELEASE ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S PRESS AND TAKING SIMILAR LINE. AFTER TAKING SEN. KENNEDY TO TASK FOR RECENT PRO-ISRAELI STATEMENTS, EL FETH CALLS ASSASSIN "INSTRUMENT OF WORLD ZIONISM, CAPITALISM AND CIA". DOUBTS THAT KILLINGS OF JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY COULD HAVE BEEN WORK OF SINGLE INDIVIDUALS. NONE-THE-LESS, "EL FETH" "CONDEMNS ANY PERSON USING THIS ARM (ASSASSINATION) IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND AGAINST A FOREIGN CITIZEN OVER POLITICAL DIFFERENCES." ALSO MAINTAINS FETH MOVEMENT HAS "AFFIRMED MANY TIMES ITS DECISION NOT TO EMPLOY REPRISALS AGAINST CIVIL POPULATIONS OF OUR ENEMIES."

5. ONE THEME PLAYED PROMINENTLY BY RADIO ALGIERS IN COMMENTARY ON KENNEDY DEATH IS THAT INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR LINK WITH ARAB WORLD, ANSWER IS TO BE FOUND IN PAST OF AMERICAN HISTORY, ESPECIALLY HISTORY OF VIOLENCE TOWARDS INDIANS, NEGROES, LATIN-AMERICANS AND ASIANS.

6. WE HAVE HAD GREAT NUMBER OF LETTERS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE FRENCH COMMUNITY; FROM OTHER EUROPEANS, BOTH EAST AND WEST; AND FROM ASIANS, LATIN AMERICANS AND AFRICANS. ARAB DIPLOMATS BY CONTRAST CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT MATTER. EXCEPTION HAS BEEN TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR. WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT OFFICIAL GOA CONDOLENCES BUT WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY. AS FOR COOLNESS AND RESERVE BY ALGERIAN OFFICIALS, THERE MAY BE SEVERAL REASONS:

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FACT THAT SHOOTING OCCURED ON JUNE 5, WHICH IS ANNIVERSARY OF SHAME AND DISGRACE TO ARABS; ARAB ORIGIN OF ASSASSINI AND ALGERIAN APPREHENSIONS ABOUT WHAT INVESTIGATIONS MIGHT UNCOVER; VERY REAL ALGERIAN RESENTMENT OVER SENATOR'S PORTLAND, OREGON SPEECH (COMPOUNDED BECAUSE OF HITHERTO IMMENSE POPULARITY OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY AMONG ALGERIANS); CURRENT ALGERIAN-TUNISIAN CRISIS, WHICH GCA APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTES TO BOURGUIBA'S U.S. VISIT; AND FINALLY, FACT THAT U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS REMAIN BROKEN AS RESULT LAST JUNE WAR.

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UNCLAS GUAYAQUIL 1544

SUBJ: GUAYAQUIL MEDIA GIVE MUCH ATTENTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

1. THERE HAS BEEN VERY EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE IN GUAYAQUIL OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. BEGINNING ON JUNE 5, THE FRONT AND MIDDLE PAGES OF ALL FOUR OF THE LOCAL PAPERS WERE FILLED WITH PHOTOS AND STORIES OF THE SHOOTING AND ITS AFTERMATH. IN ADDITION, EL TELEGRAFO PUT OUT A SPECIAL EDITION IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 ANNOUNCING THE SHOOTING OF THE SENATOR.

2. ALL DAILIES MOURN DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND THE LOSS OF "THE HOPE OF THE WORLD." FURTHER, MANY WRITERS SEE THE ASSASSINATION AS "PLOT" BY AN "ALL-POWERFUL GROUP (IN THE UNITED STATES) THAT IS DETERMINED TO PREVENT PEACE." TO SUCH EDITORS, KENNEDY, THE PEACE CANDIDATE, WAS KILLED BY BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS WHO WANTED HIM OUT OF THE WAY SO THAT THE WAR WOULD GO ON AND THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO EARN ENORMOUS PROFITS.

3. WHILE BOTH TELEVISION CHANNELS AND ALL RADIO STATIONS HAVE GIVEN PLAY TO THE STORY, LOCAL TELEVISION HAS PAID SPECIAL HOMAGE TO THE SLAIN SENATOR WITH THIRTY MINUTE PROGRAMS ON JUNE 6 OVER CHANNEL 2, AND ON JUNE 7 OVER CHANNEL 4. THE CONSUL GENERAL HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED TWICE, WITH EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO STATEMENTS AND PROCLAMATION

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4. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED MANY LETTERS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND
SEVERAL VISITS BY PROMINENT CITIZENS EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES.

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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

REF: IBADAN 489, LAGOS USINFO 9743

1. IBADAN DAILY SKETCH AND NIGERIAN TRIBUNE TODAY CARRIED STRONG CRITICAL EDITORIALS. SKETCH IN "AMERICA, SHAMELESS AMERICA" USED SUCH WORDS AS "REVOLTING, REPULSIVE, WOEFUL, DISGUSTING, SENSELESS, FUTILE, UNFORTUNATE." TRIBUNE COMMENTED ON VIOLENCE IN AMERICA AND FOUND IRONIC "THIS ROAD TOWARDS BARBARISM IN US WHICH CLAIMS BE TORCH BEARER OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION."

2. CONSUL RECEIVED LETTER FROM NIGERIAN WHO SAYS: "I AM ASHAMED OF USA, NATION OF MURDERERS..... I HAVE RESOLVED NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH AMERICAN NATION. IMMEDIATE STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN FLARE UP AGITATION FOR EXPULSION FROM THIS COUNTRY OF SO-CALLED AMERICAN PEACE CORPS."

3. SEVERAL PERSONS, INCLUDING JUSTICE PIPER, JAMAICAN WHO HEADS WESTERN NIGERIAN ELECTORAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION; SAKA FAGBO OF WNBC AND H. NABHAN, LEADER OF LEBANESE COMMUNITY, HAVE CALLED TO OFFER CONDOLENCES. VICE CONSUL RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC LETTER FROM JUSTICE CRAIG OF IBADAN HIGH COURT WHICH CONCLUDED BY SAYING "THAT NOBLE IDEALS FOR WHICH SENATOR KENNEDY LIVED AND WAS ACCLAIMED MAY NEVER PERISH."

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4. WNTV LAST NIGHT CARRIED HALF-HOUR TRIBUTE TO ANOTHER KENNEDY" WHICH INCLUDED PATCH-WORK OLD FILM CLIPS PLUS ONE OF ASSASSINATION. COMMENTATOR MODERATE THOUGH HE QUESTIONED WHETHER GOVT OF, FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE REALLY MEANS ANYTHING, PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDED INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR LAMBO, VICE CHANCELLOR UNIBADAN, AND PSYCHIATRIST, WHOSE COMMENTS GENERALLY REASONABLE AND MEASURED. DESCRIBED AMERICAN SOCIETY AS RELATIVELY RECENT COLLECTION DIVERSE ETHNIC AND RACIAL GROUPS, "AN ARTIFICIAL, HYBRID SOCIETY "WITHOUT SET BEHAVIOR PATTERNS OF OLDER SOCIETIES AND THEREFORE UNSTABLE." FELT HOWEVER PRESENT TURMOIL MEANT AMERICAN SOCIETY WOULD IMPROVE AND GO THROUGH PERIOD "SPONTANEOUS RECTIFICATION." PUT FORWARD QUESTIONABLE THESIS THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS LESS COMPETITIVE THAN DEVELOPED, THAT DEEP DIVISIONS AND HATREDS IN LATTER NOT YET PART OF FORMER, WHICH STILL HAD TIME AVOID PITFALLS OF VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

5. IN DISCUSSION ASSASSINATION AT IBADAN ROTAL CLUB LAST NIGHT GENERAL CONCENSUS CONDOLENCES AND REGRETS SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER CRITICISM. CHAIRMAN, ABUDYI WILLIAMS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ALSO WARNED AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN US DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. ALL EXCEPT COMMISSIONER FOR LANDS AND HOUSING OMISADE SUSCRIBED TO "LONE MADMAN" THEORY. OMISADE SAW PATTERN IN MURDER TWO KENNEDYS AND KING, WHO ALL WELL-KNOWN FOR CONCERN WITH PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND RACE RELATIONS. CONCERNED OVER AFFECT SUCH VIOLENCE ON US POSITION OVERSEAS AND POSSIBLE IMITATION ELSEWHERE. PROFESSOR BASSIR OF UNIBADAN, SOMETIME MARXIST SYMPATHIZER. DEPLORED GENERAL SPREAD OF VIOLENCE IN WORLD AND LACK OF SCHOOL AND PARENTAL DISCIPLINE. APPLAUDED PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ESTABLISHMENT COMMISSION INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE. (RESTRAINT SHOWN BY USUALLY CRITICAL BASSIR MAY BE RELATED TO HIS OWN CONCERN OVER FAILURE OF UNIBADAN VICE CHANCELLOR LAMBO TO DISCIPLINE ORGANIZERS APRIL 17 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST TANZANIAN RECOGNITION BIAFRA.)

6. AMERICAN AT UNIBADAN'S INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES AWARE OF NO ATTEMPT ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATION AT UNIVERSITY AND FOUND MIXTURE OF SYMPATHY AND AMAZEAMENT THAT SUCH THING COULD HAPPEN IN US.

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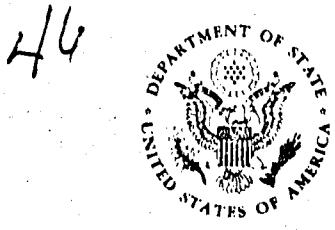
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7. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM PRESS, WE CONTINUE GET MORE SYMPATHETIC
THAN HOSTILE REACTIONS. POSSIBLE THAT CONCERN WITH NIGERIAN
PROBLEMS HAS DILUTED CRITICISM OF US.
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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

REFID: DEPTEL 176747 — *Re: US KENNEDY, ROBERT*

1. UPON RECEIVING NEWS PRESIDENT AHIDJO IMMEDIATELY CABLED CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY. ALSO ON DAY DEATH MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEC GEN FOREIGN MIN, DIRECTOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND CHIEF PROTOCOL VISITED EMBASSY PAY RESPECTS AND SIGN BOOKS. MIN FUR AFF GAVE SHORT EULOGY KENNEDY TO CHARGE.

2. NUMEROUS AMBASSADORS AND OTHER DIPLOMATS PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CALLED AND SIGNED BOOKS, SENT LETTERS CONDOLENCE AND/OR TELEPHONED. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ENTIRELY OVERCOME BY GRIEF ON ARRIVAL.

3. MANY CAMEROONIANS CAME TO EMBASSY, SOME PREFERRED NOT SIGN BOOKS. OTHERS WROTE STATEMENTS IN TRIBUTE TO KENNEDY AND/OR DEPLORING VIOLENCE IN U.S. IRONIC STATEMENTS MADE REGARDING AMERICA BEING A POLITICAL MODEL FOR REST WORLD.

4. NEWS PROGRAMS RADIO CAMEROON ALMOST CONFINED TO KENNEDY DEATH. USUAL LONG RUN-DOWN WORLD REACTIONS ON 8 P.M. NEWS. RADIO CAMEROON EDITORIAL ECHOED EARLIER SENTIMENTS QUOTE WHY DOES VIOLENCE REIGN SO STRONGLY IN THE UNITED STATES? POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS GROWING IN THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. DENNIS.

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SEOR SITE IN CEYLON WOULD ADD A QUALITY AND DIMENSION
TO US-CEYLON RELATIONSHIP WHICH I BELIEVE MAY NOT BE
POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AT THIS TIME. OUR CURRENT RELATIONS
WITHIN A RATHER CIRCUMSCRIBED FRAMEWORK ARE FRIENDLY,
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, AND POTENTIALLY SUSCEPTIBLE OF
FURTHER EXPANSION AND STRENGTHENING. WE HAVE ACHIEVED
THIS POSITION THROUGH CAREFUL, DISCREET SUPPORT OF THIS
GOVERNMENT AND UNDERSTANDING SENSITIVITY OF ITS PRESENT
NEED TO MAINTAIN

A CONVINCINGLY REALISTIC NON-ALIGNED
IMAGE. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH
OUGHT TO BE PROTECTED BY EXERCISING GREAT CARE TO
AVOID SEEKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FACILITIES WHICH WOULD
ALTER SUBSTANTIALLY THE BALANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THE
POSSIBILITY THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE PROPOSED
FACILITIES (SECUR, ACCORDING TO INFO CONTAINED IN
CA-1794) MAY BE PARTIALLY STAFFED BY US MILITARY
PERSONNEL. EVEN WERE THE GOC TO AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL,
WHICH I AM PRESENTLY DISPOSED TO THINK HIGHLY UNLIKELY,

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UNCLAS RABAT 4576

SUBJ: PUBLIC REACTIONS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SEN ROBERT KENNEDY.

1. SUMMARY - ALL MOROCCAN PAPERS HEADLINED REPORTS OF SHOOTING OF SEN KENNEDY AND HIS DEATH JUNE 6. COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE, DRAWN MOSTLY FROM AFP AND AMERICAN WIRE SERVICES. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE "LA VIGIE" AND "PETIT MAROCAIN" COVERAGE OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION GAVE PROMINENT PLACE TO STATEMENTS OF FONMIN LARAKI AND KING HASSAN EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AND SYMPATHY (SEE RABAT 4545 AND 4557) AND ALSO INCLUDED NUMEROUS NEWS SERVICES REPORTS ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF ASSASSINATION, REACTIONS OF PROMINENT PEOPLE, BACKGROUND OF ACCUSED SIRHAN SIRHAN, AND STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK. "PETIT MAROCAIN" JUNE 7 HEADLINED QUOTE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY - AN ISOLATED ACT UNQUOTE AND EMPHASIZED THAT NO FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IMPLICATED. PAPER ALSO CARRIED 1) STATEMENT BY MOHAMMED MEHDI, SECRETARY, ACTION COMMITTEE ON ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS, SAYING THAT WHILE ACT OF SIRHAN IS APPALLING AND INDEFENSIBLE, IT QUOTE REFLECTS THE FRUSTRATION OF A GOOD NUMBER OF ARABS VIS-A-VIS AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURES WHO HAVE SOLD ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE TO ZIONIST JEWISH VOTERS UNQUOTE; 2) DECLARATION BY PLO PRESIDENT YEHIA HAMMOUDA DENYING ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS ORGANIZATION AND SIRHAN; AND 3) INQUIRING-REPORTER TYPE STORY ILLUSTRATING WIDE-SPREAD SHOCK AND SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY IN CASABLANCA.

3. ISTIQLAL FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY "L'OPINION" SUGGESTED IN FRONT PAGE STORY JUNE 6 THAT KENNEDY WAS VICTIM OF MAFFIA OR CRIME SYNDICATE.

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CATE PLOT. ON JUNE 7, HOWEVER, AFTER IDENTIFY OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN CONFIRMED, PAPER SHIFTED ITS LINE BY GIVING PROMINENT PLAY TO AFP STORY FROM NEW YORK SUGGESTING THAT KENNEDY'S PRO-ISRAEL SPEECH IN OREGON MAY 26 MAY HAVE BEEN REASON FOR SIRHAN'S ACTION. L'OPINION ALSO CARRIED STATEMENTS BY MEHDY AND HAMMOUNDA CITED ABOVE.

4. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES "AL ANBA" (SEMI-OFFICIAL) AND "AL ALAM" (ISTIQLAL) HAVE ALSO REFRAINED FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR. "AL ANBA" AND RTM HAVE CARRIED STRAIGHT FACTUAL ACCOUNTS PUT TOGETHER FROM NEWS SERVICE STORIES. ALTHOUGH ALL PAPERS HAVE INCLUDED STORIES IDENTIFYING ACCUSED ASSASSIN AS COMING FROM PALESTINE, ONLY "AL ALAM" HAS HEADLINED THIS INFORMATION, INCLUDING FACT THAT SIRHAN'S FATHER BISHARA IS A "CATHCLIC ARAB". "AL ALAM" JUNE 7 ALSO CARRIED COMMENTS BY NEW ORLEANS PROSECUTOR JIM GARRISON AND POLISH NEWSPAPER IMPLICATIONS THAT ROBERT KENNEDY MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BECAUSE HE KNEW TO MUCH ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.

5. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN MAJOR TOPIC OF PUBLIC INTEREST, COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWING CURRENT VISIT OF LIBYAN PRIMIN BAKKUSH AND ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE 5 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AS SUBJECT OF GENERAL DISCUSSION. UNIVERSAL REACTION HAS BEEN SHOCK, DISMAY, SADNESS, AND SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY. TASCA

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1. AS FAR AS WE AWARE, TWO MOST SENIOR GOM OFFICIALS NOW IN US ARE PASHAS OF KENITRA AND SAFI, WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE 30 DAY LEADER GRANTS ON JUNE 8.

2. AID HAS TWENTY-FIVE PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY IN US OR SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WITHIN A WEEK, INCLUDING FIVE AT INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE TWENTY STUDENTS IN US UNIVERSITIES UNDER ASPAU AND AF GRAD PROGRAMS AND 10 STUDENTS UNDER AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM.

3. MOST IMPORTANT OF 84 MOROCCAN MILITARY STUDENTS IN US ARE FOUR AT US COMMAND & GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL, FORT LEAVENWORTH, ONE AT NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND COMMANDANT BOUBKER SKIREDJ, LIAISON OFFICER AT LACKLAND AFB.

4. APART FROM PASHAS MENTIONED ABOVE, BELIEVE DEPT IN BEST POSITION DETERMINE IN LIGHT LOCAL CONDITIONS WHETHER AND WHAT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY. TASCA

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SUBJECT: ULRICHT SENDS CONDOLENCE TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY

REF: BERLIN 1615

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JUNE 7 PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF A CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM SENT TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY BY ULRICHT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE GDR GOVERNMENT. AFTER ASURING HER OF "SINCERE SYMPATHY," THE MESSAGE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR HAD REACTED WITH INDIGNATION AND HORROR TO THE NEWS THAT HER HUSBAND -- AFTER THE "POLITICAL MURDER OF HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND THE SIMILAR MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING -- HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF THOSE POWERFUL EXTREME REACTIONARY CIRCLES WHICH PRACTICE TO AN INCREASING EXTENT THE MURDER OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS TO GAIN THEIR ANTI-HUMANITARIAN AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GOALS AND WHO HAVE INTRODUCED MURDER AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL DEBATE IN US DOMESTIC POLITICS." THE TELEGRAM DESCRIBED SENATOR KENNEDY AS ONE WHO SHOUGHT A BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL, AND MORE JUST US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY.

2. COMMENT: WITH THE TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNDY, ULRICHT EXCEEDED HIS ALREADY HIGH STANDARDS OF CYNICISM AND ARROGANCE. THE SAME ISSUE OF ND IS FILLED WITH COMMENTARY OF THE MOST VICIOUS KIND CARRYING ON THE LINE REPORTED IN THE REFTEL, FEATURING A LEAD EDITORIAL TITLED "WHAT A SYSTEM!"

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1. NEWS OF WOUNDING AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS HAD DEEP IMPACT ON GUINEAN OFFICIALS AND GUINEAN POPULATION GENERALLY AND CAST A PALL ON LAST DAYS OF VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY ASST. SEC. PALMER TO GUINEA. PRES. TOURE, FONMIN BEAVOGUI AND NUMBEROUS OTHER HIGH GUINEAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING GUINEAN AMB. TO US KARMI BANGOURA WHO KNEW SENATOR KENNEDY PERSONALLY, CONTINUALLY EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND CONCERN TO PALMER AND EMBASSY BEFORE THE SENATOR'S DEATH AND HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR INDIGNATION AT THIS WANTON ACT OF VIOLENCE. PRES. TOURE HAS SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRES. JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY. GUINEAN RADIO HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS IN REPORTING ASSASSINATION AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS. IT HAS REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S BACKGROUND, EMPHASIZING HIS SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND PEACE IN VIETNAM.

2. AT AIRPORT A FEW MINUTES AGO MINISTER OF STATE, AJFOULAYE DIALLO, AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DIALLO ALPHA ABDULAYE, BOTH EXPRESSED TO PALMER AND TO ME THEIR PROFOUND GRIEF AT THE SENATOR'S DEATH AND THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY.

3. PRES. TOURE CHERISHES THE PERSONAL TIES HE CONSIDERS HE HAD ESTABLISHED WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND FEELS GREAT SYMPATHY AND ADMIRATION FOR ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. HE RECALLS SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY VISIT TO GUINEA IN 1960 AND

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AMBASSADOR SHRIVER VISIT IN 1961 AND 1963. DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY WILL GENUINELY GRIEVE TOURE AND OTHER GUINEAN OFFICIALS. THEIR ATTACHMENT TO KENNEDYS HAD UNDOUBTEDLY LED GUINEAN LEADERSHIP TO HOPE THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE NEXT US PRESIDENT AND WOULD ADOPT POLICIES WITH WHICH THEY WOULD BE IN SYMPATHY. THESE WOULD INCLUDE US WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM, FULL ACHIEVEMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS, AND PROBABLY INCREASED AID TO AFRICA AND OTHER LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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JOINT USIA/STATE MESSAGE

TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES LOS ANGELES RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA. FRONTPAGE ALL PUBLICATIONS REPORT ON THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

THURSDAY'S ARABIC DAILY AL HAKIKA SAYS IN ITS HEADLINE "CRIME AGAINST ROBERT KENNEDY IS OUTRAGEOUS".

ENGLISH DAILY THE LIBYAN TIMES REPORTS ON ASSASSIN AND HEADLINES STORY "KILLER WAS A POLITICAL FANATIC" - THAT HIS DEED WILL LOSE THE ARABS WHATEVER SYMPATHY THEY HAD IN THE U.S. AND IN TURN WILL FURTHER THE CAUSE OF ZIONISTIC DESIGNS IN ARAB WORLD.
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GOI CONTEMPLATING ATTEMPT TO GET B.R. BHAGAT, MINISTER OF STATE, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO ARLINGTON IN TIME FOR KENNEDY BURIAL. MEA SECRETARY T.N. KAUL ASKS URGENTLY WHETHER WE HAVE INDICATION MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SENDING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES.
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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: ABIDJAN USINFO'S DTG 3334 1581145 AND DTG 3342 1581600

JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MSG

1. ABIDJAN DAILY FRATERNITE-MATIN ISSUED SPECIAL NOON EDITION JUNE 6 ANNOUNCING DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. WE INFORMED THIS FIRST TIME SUCH EDITION EVER ISSUED.

2. JUNE 7 EDITION DEVOTED HALF OF FRONT AND BACK PAGES TO FURTHER COVERAGE OF ASSASSINATION. FRONT PAGE HEADLINES ENTITLED "WHY SO MANY MURDERS IN THE USA?" WERE EXCERPT FROM ARTHUR SCHLESINGER SPEECH AT CCNY WHICH GIVEN WIDE AFP DISTRIBUTION. HEADLINE THEN FOLLOWED BY OTHER EXCERPTS SCHLESINGERI SPEECH, INCLUDING REFERENCES TO VIET NAM AND IDEA THAT VIOLENCE HAS ITS ORIGIN IN U.S. PAST. OTHER FRONT PAGE COVERAGE DEVOTED TO TEXT OF MESSAGE TO CONDOLENCES FROM PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET BOIGNY TO MRS KENNEDY AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR AHOUA AND IVORIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN SIMEON AKE WOULD REPRESENT IVORY COAST AT FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

3. BACK PAGE INCLUDED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE REACTIONS IN U.S. AND ABROAD, BRIEF LISTING OF SUCCESSFUL AND UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN U.S. BEGINNING IN 1865 WITH LINCOLN, AND ARTICLE ON PERPETRATOR ENTITLED "WHO IS SIRHAN SIRHAN?".

4. PAPER CARRIED AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT EXPRESSING REAL SORROW

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ALL AMERICANS AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR MANY MARKS OF LOCAL SYMPATHY.

5. GENERAL REACTION IN IVORY COAST ONE OF DEEP SHOCK. SENATOR KENNEDY ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED HERE BECAUSE OF FACT HE WAS PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO IVORY COAST'S FIRST INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES 1961.

6. TEXTS PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET'S MESSAGE AND OTHER REACTIONS BEING SENT USINFO. MORGAN

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY CONDOLENCE

AMBASSADOR RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM
JAMES R. MANCHAM, PRESIDENT OF SEYCHELLES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND MEMBER OF GOVERNING
COUNCIL. J "PLEASE CONVEY TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND
YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR SENSE OF PROFOUND SHOCK AND
SADNESS AT THE VILE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF
SENATOR KENNEDY. WE PRAY GOD FOR HIS QUICK
RECOVERY." J
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LETTER FROM LLOYD, PERMSEC, MINEXTAFF, DELIVERED TO AMB, STATED PRIMIN FEELS EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY USG TO HAVE STATEMENT OF LA POLICE CHIEF IMPLYING JAMAICAN INVOLVEMENT IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONTRADICTED AND EXPRESSED PRIMIN'S HOPE FOR APOLOGY FROM AUTHORITIES CONCERNED. TO THIS LETTER, WE PROPOSE TO SEND FOLLOWING SIGNED BY COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11:

" THE AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 6, 1968.

" AS THE WORLD NOW KNOWS AND KNEW BEYOND ALL SHADOW OF DOUBT WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE SHOOTING, THE INDIVIDUAL NOW CHAGED WITH THE MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS NOT A JAMAICAN. IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE IMPLICATION THAT A JAMAICAN MIGHT POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED, SO QUICKLY CORRECTED BY OVERWHELMING PUBLICITY AS TO THE TRUE NATIONALITY OF THE SUSPECT, NECESSITATES ANY FURTHER ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SINCE, AS YOUR ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO JURISDICTION OR CONTROL OVER EMPLOYEES OF A MUNICIPALITY.

"AS YOU MUST KNOW, REGRETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN VOLUNTEERED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY. FURTHER WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT REGRETS WERE SIMILARLY VOLUNTEERED BY AN OFFICER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE JAMAICAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON."

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. BECAUSE OF KENNEDY DEATH, LABOR MP MCKAY ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION JUNE 9 TRAFALGAR SQUARE RALLY ON BEHALF OF JORDAN REFUGEES. "MAYOR OF JERUSALEM" RAUHI KHATIB WAS TO HAVE BEEN AMONG SPEAKERS.

2. OTHER JORDAN REFUGEE WEEK ACTIVITIES HERE, "LIVING EXHIBITION" AND CHURCH SERVICES, UNAFFECTED. BRUCE

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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION.

GROUP APPROX TWO HUNDRED SECONDARY STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF CONSULATE SHORTLY AFTER NOON
THURSDAY, MAY 6. SPEECHES AND BANNERS CLAIMING
SENATOR KENNEDY KILLED BY "NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM".
DISBANDED QUIETLY AFTER ADDRESS BY MEMBER CONSULATE
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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

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1. ALL JUNE 7 DAR PAPERS HEADLINE SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH: STORY WAS LEAD ITEM ON JUNE 6 RADIO NEWSCASTS. NEWS COVERAGE IS STRAIGHT AND FACTUAL. THREE OUT OF FOUR DAILY PAPERS RUN ROMAIN GARY ASSASSINATION PREDICTION STORY.

2. PRESIDENT NYEERERE SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM JUNE 6 TO MRS. KENNEDY, " WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH PROFOUND SHOCK AND HORROR THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC AND CRUEL DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, I SEND YOU AND THE WHOLE KENNEDY FAMILY MY PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES."

3. EDITORIAL IN JUNE 7 " NATIONALIST" (FULL TEXT BEING SENT USINFO) IS QUITE TEMPERATE, THOUGH IT DECRIMES VIOLENCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND SAYS IT IS " SICK." EDITORIAL IN " UHURU" IS MORE STRIDENT, " WHITE AMERICANS AND THE ENEMIES OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY" ARE SAID TO BE " REJOICING" AT HIS DEATH. " LHURU" SAYS SENATOR KENNEDY WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE OPPOSED OPPRESSION OF NEGROES AND OPPOSED WAR IN VIET-NAM. " NGURUMO" CHARGES AMERICA WITH USING " THE VOTE OF THE GUN" TO REMOVE ITS LEADERS AND SAYS THAT U.S. " STINKS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD."

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT BY NUTA

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GENERAL SECRETARY MICHAEL KAMALIZA TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY. KAMALIZA SAYS KENNEDY DEATH WAS " CAUSED BY BARBARIC ACTION OF VIOLENCE ORGANIZED BY SELFISH PEOPLE WITH HOOLIGANIC ATTITUDE WHO DEFENDS (SIC) THE REIGN OF CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM IN THE WORLD AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKING CLASS. BELIEVE ME THE WAY YOU AMERICANS HAVE CHOSEN OF CHANGING YOUR LEADERS BY ASSASSINATION SHOULD BE CONDEMNED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS".

5. EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS WHICH ARE BEING SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF DIPOMATIC CORPS AND BY ORDINARY PEOPLE. FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT URIAH SIMANGO CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

6. STORY HAS BEGUN TO CIRCULATE IN SOME AREAS OF DAR THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HIRED ASSASSIN TO KILL SENATOR KENNEDY SO THAT LATTER WOULD NOT BECOME PRESIDENT.

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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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SUMMARY: BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCASTING MEDIA HAVE OVERFLOWED WITH REPORTS AND COMMENTARY, ALMOST TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER NEWS, AS TRAGEDY OF ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION HIT SHOCKED AND UNBELIEVING BRITAIN. RESPONSE HAS BEEN OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY FOR AMERICA, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, HORRIFIED RECOIL FROM VIOLENCE AND EVIL REVEALED IN COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY FEEL SO CLOSE. DEBATE OVER SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

AND FOR FUTURE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IS WIDESPREAD BUT INCONCLUSIVE, SAVE IN ONE RESPECT -- A UNIVERSAL DISGUST WITH AND CONDEMNATION OF AMERICAN REFUSAL TO PASS ADEQUATE AND CIVILIZED LEGISLATION TO CONTROL DISTRIBUTION OF GUNS.

1. BRITISH PRESS RESPONSE TO MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY MUST HAVE CLOSELY RIVALLED AMERICAN PRESS IN IMMEDIACY, DETAIL, AND EMOTIONAL IMPACT. FROM MOMENT NEWS BROKE, PAPERS AND TV HAVE REPORTED REPETITIVELY AND IN ALL ITS CONTRADICTORY MINUTIAE THE SHOOTING AND EVERY SCRAP OF NEWS RELEVANT TO IT. ON EMOTIONAL LEVEL, BRITAIN HAS REACTED ALMOST AS EXTENSION OF US AND PARTICIPANT IN TRAGEDY. AS BRITAIN TAKES BREATH, PRESS IS ATTEMPTING OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF REAL MEANING OF KENNEDY'S DEATH FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE CONDITION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. WHILE DIFFERENCES ALONG POLITICAL LINES ARE EVIDENT, THERE IS A GENERAL TENDENCY TO ATTRIBUTE AMERICAN PROPENSITIES TO VIOLENCE TO SOCIAL INEQUALITIES, AND AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT THAT WHATEVER ITS SOURCE,

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VIOLENCE IS NEEDLESSLY AND CRIMINALLY ENCOURAGED BY LAX GUN LAWS.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN LARGELY DEVOTED TO THE DEBATE WHICH PRESS REPORTS IS CURRENTLY OBSESSING U.S.: IS POLITICAL VIOLENCE SYMPTOM OF SICK SOCIETY OR FLAW IN AMERICAN CHARACTER, OR SIMPLY BAD LUCK THAT POLITICAL LEADERS BECOME VICTIMES OF DERANGED MINDS? POPULAR PRESS TENDS TO ASCRIBE VIOLENCE TO FRONTIER MENTALITY AND OUTDATED WILD-WEST MYTHOLOGY OF AMERICA, AND TO DEPLORE ITS CONTINUANCE IN MODERN WORLD. QUALITY PRESS TENDS MORE TO TRACE IT TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES LEADING TO ALIENATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS.

3. TIMES LEADER JUNE 6 FOUND TENDENCY TOWARD VIOLENCE UNIVERSAL, BUT EXAGGERATED IN US BECAUSE OF HAVE VS. HAVE-NOT SPLIT. "FOR WHATEVER REASONS VIOLENCE IS GROWING POWER IN U.S. ... IN ALMOST EVERY OTHER COUNTRY SAME PATTERN OF GROWING VIOLENCE CAN BE DETECTED EVEN THOUGH IN BRITAIN IT HAS NOT REACHED ANYTHING LIKE SAME LEVEL". POLITICAL VIOLENCE NORMALLY CONCENTRATED UPON BEST MEN BY ALIENATED, AND ALIENATED FOUND IN LARGE NUMBERS ONLY IN SOCIETY WHERE ALIENATION IS COMMON. "IN US PROSPERITY HAS BECOME AN INSULT TO THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE IT ... VIOLENCE IS REVENGE ON SOCIETY OF THOSE WHO ARE LEFT OUT". PARADOX IS THAT CHIEF AIM OF KENNEDY WAS TO END SOCIAL ALIENATION IN US. LOUIS HEREN IN TIMES PLAYED SAME THEME. " THERE IS NOTHING PECULIARLY AMERICAN ABOUT HATE AND ENVY, BUT THEY FESTER AND LUXURIATE IN LAND OF EXTREME WEALTH AND POVERTY ... AND INSECURITY OF EXCLUDED MINORITY GROUPS. IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY'S CRUEL FATE THAT NEITHER WORLD OF STAINED SWEATSHIRTS, JEANS AND TATTERED SNEAKERS WAS ONE OF HIS NATURAL ALLIES IN HIS BID FOR PRESIDENTIAL POWER".

4. GUARDIAN SAID SHOOTING "JUST ONE MORE INDICATION OF EXTENT TO WHICH VIOLENCE HAS BECOME PART OF AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE". ALTHOUGH GUARDIAN ON 6TH GOT IN ITS LICKS ON VIETNAM -- "IF GOVERNMENTS CAN USE VIOLENCE, PEOPLE FEEL FEWER RESTRAINTS" -- LEADER NEXT DAY TOOK BROADER VIEW, DOUBTING THAT PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION CAN HELP OF SAY ANYTHING NOT ALREADY KNOWN; NEED NOW IS FOR ACTION TO HELP DISPOSSESSED AND ALIENATED.

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5. DAILY TELEGRAPH DENIES AMERICAN SOUL FLAWED WITH VIOLENCE. "IN FEW COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IS STYLE AND TEMPER OF POLITICS MORE CIVILIZED"; IT UNFAIR TO BESMIRCH AMERICAN REPUTATION FOR CRIMES OF FEW. DAILY EXPRESS SAYS IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO PULLED TRIGGER; HE WAS MERELY HYPNOTIZED VICTIM OF POISONED SYSTEM. DAILY MAIL AGREES REAL REASON FOR VIOLENCE OF MINORITIES IS THAT THEY DENIED PROMISE OF AMERICA.

6. BUT BRITISH PRESS IS UNANIMOUS, AND BITTERLY EMPHATIC, IN ITS CONDEMNATION OF FAILURE TO CONTROL INDISCRIMINATE SALES OF FIREARMS, AND SPECIFICALLY OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, WHICH SEEN HERE AS CHIEF IMPEDIMENT TO SENSIBLE LEGISLATION DESIRED BY BULK OF PEOPLE. EVERY MAJOR PAPER HAS COMMENTED AT LENGTH AND IN STRONGEST LANGUAGE UPON NEED FOR PROMPT AND MEANINGFUL GUN LAWS. CARTOONS AND REPRODUCED GUN ADS FROM AMERICAN MAGAZINES DRIVE POINT HOME. A FEW SAMPLES: FINANCIAL TIMES: "ONE MUST CONCLUDE THAT POLITICAL MURDERS MUCH LESS LIKELY IF GUNS LESS EASILY AVAILABLE AND SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE". TELEGRAPH: "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IS CONCEPT FROM A BYGONE ERA WHEN IT WAS ALLY OF ORDER; NOW IT IS ITS MORTAL ENEMY". SUN: "RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BUY A GUN MORE JEALOUSLY GUARDED THAN LIVES OF PUBLIC MEN". EXPRESS: "POWER OF THE NRA IS AN EXTRAORDINARY DEFECT OF AMERICAN POLITICS". DAILY MAIL: "THERE ARE NO WORDS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONDEMN REFUSAL OF US CONGRESS TO PASS STRICT LAWS CONTROLLING SALE OF GUNS". MIRROR: "NO LAW CAN STOP FANATICS, BUT THEY CAN HELP. THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IS NOW A WRONG".

7. ELECTION. ALTHOUGH PRESS BEING VERY CAUTIOUS IN ANALYZING PROBABLE EFFECTS UPON ELECTION, INITIAL REACTION IS THAT SENATOR McCARTHY NOW A MUCH STRONGER THREAT, BUT THAT DELEGATES RELEASED BY KENNEDY'S DEATH MAY FLOCK TO HUMPHREY BEFORE McCARTHY CAN CONSOLIDATE NEW POSITION. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT NEGROES AND ETHNIC AND POOR VOTERS LIKELY FEEL DISENFRANCHISED AND AT SEA, AND THEIR EVENTUAL CHOICE NOW INDETERMINABLE AND CRUCIAL. FEAR OF HARDENING NEGRO ATTITUDE IS WEDESPREAD AND CONSEQUENCE EXPECTED TO BE MORE CITY RIOTS. LOUIS HEREN OF TIMES THINKS SUCH HARDENING LIKELY SWING NEGRO VOTE BEHIND HUMPHREY, WHEREAS IF REACTION IS WIDESPREAD

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REVULSION FROM FORCE, LIKELY BENEFIT MCCARTHY. MANY ARTICLES ON EDWARD KENNEDY HAVE APPEARED THIS MORNING, WITH STRONG IMPLICATION HE MAY PICK UP TORCH. THE EXPRESS SUGGESTS THAT NIXON MAY NOW BE SWEPT INTO OFFICE ON NATIONAL DEMAND FOR LAW AND ORDER.

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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

8. REACTION OF SOVIET AND BLOC MEDIA TO ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN NOTED BY BOTH PAPERS AND TV, AND DEPLORED AS OPPORTUNIST PROPAGANDA.

9. THIS MORNINGS TIMES PROBABLY SUMS UP THE PRESENT BRITISH MOOD AS WELL AS ANY COMMENT. "THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE TEMPTED TO TURN AWAY FROM AMERICA TOO ... FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS SHE HAS EXERCISED LEADERSHIP WITH RESTRAINT AND GENEROSITY ... BUT NOW? THE HABIT OF ASSASSINATION DESTROYS THE AUTHORITY OF ANY COUNTRY ... CERTAINLY AMERICA WILL SURVIVE ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AS IT SURVIVED HIS BROTHER'S. BUT THE MAIN QUESTION FOR 1968 IS NOW NO LONGER WHO IS TO BE NEXT PRESIDENT, BUT HOW THAT SURVIVAL IS TO BE ACHIEVED".

10. COMMENT: AS NOTED, THERE ARE TWO DEFINITE TRENDS IN PRESS COMMENT: A TENDENCY TO GENERALIZE FROM A SPECIFIC EVENT TO CHARACTERIZATION OF AMERICA AS INCREASINGLY DOMINATED BY VIOLENCE, ALIENATION, ETC; AND CRITICISM OF AMERICAN FAILURE CONROL GUN SALES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE FAILURE BLAMED ON ALLEGED MINORITY POLITICAL PRESSURE OF QUOTE: GUN LOBBY UNQUOTE WITH NRA SINGLED OUT AS CHIEF VILLAIN. RESULT IS TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER AND SUBSTANTIALLY TO ANTI-AMERICANISM ALREADY PREVALENT HERE. WE REALIZE ISSUE OF GUN-SALE LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE DECIDED BY FOREIGN OPINION, BUT IF, AS WE SUSPECT,

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SIMILAR REACTIONS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE (WE HAVE
SEEN ONLY FEW REPORTS FROM OTHER POSTS), THIS ADDS
APPRECIABLY TO ALREADY SERIOUS PROBLEM. A REPRESENTATIVE
SELECTION FROM PRESS TREATMENT HERE BEING SENT SEPARATELY
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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION - REACTION

1. SHOOTING AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BLANKED OUT MOST OTHER NEWS IN JUNE 6 AND 7 TURK NEWSPAPERS. PRIMIN DEMIREL'S MESSAGE TO FAMILY REPORTED. ASSASSIN IDENTIFIED AS PALESTINE ARAB.

2. EDITORIAL REACTION IN PAPERS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASION DEPLORES ACT, NOTES US SOCIETY "VIOLENT," IN THROES OF "ARMED HATRED." SEVERAL EDITORIALS COMMENT UPON "FURTHER LOSS OF PRESTIGE BY US." FAR LEFT PRESS NOTES SENATOR KENNEDY "VOICE OF PEACE IN VIETNAM" AND THIS WHY HE SHOT. LEFTIST PRESS ALSO IGNORES NATIONALITY AND BACKGROUND OF ASSASSIN, SEES HAND OF "VESTED INTERESTS" BEHIND DEATH.

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SUB: PRESS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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1. NEWS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROMINENTLY FEATURED TRIPOLI PRESS AGAIN JUNE 7, DRAWING BANNER HEADLINES, MULTI-PAGE COVERAGE AND MAJOR EDITORIALS IN TRIPOLI DAILIES AL RA'AID AND AL YOOM AND AL ALAM ONLY ARABIC PAPERS PUBLISHED TODAY.
2. LOCAL PAPERS HAVE REPORTED BUT NOT HIGHLIGHTED STORY SARHAN DIARY ENTRY THREATENING ASSASSINATE SENATOR KENNEDY BY JUNE 5 AND OTHER ALLEGATIONS SARHAN HATRED OF ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITISM.
3. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN AL YOOM MENTIONED PRIME MINISTER BAKKUUSH'S STATEMENT TO PRESS DURING CURRENT VISIT TO MOROCCO EXPRESSING REGRET OVER ASSASSINATION AND CONVEYING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY. WRITER CONFRONTED FACT SARHAN OF ARAB EXTRACTION AND STRONGLY DENOUNCED ASSINATION "NO MATTER WHAT PUSHED SARHAN TO HIS ACTION". WRITER STATED, QTE ZIONISM HAS NOW FOUND GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ITS UGLY CRIMES IN PALESTINE. UNQUOTE EDITORIAL ASSERTED "ALL ARABS DENOUNCE ASSASSINATION; SUCH AGGRESSIVE ACTS ARE NOT IN ARAB INTERESTS." EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, "WHILE EXPRESSING OUR GREAT REGRET AND CONDOLENCES TO AMERICAN PEOPLE, WE PRO-

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FOUNDLY HOPE THIS INCIDENT WILL NOT AFFECT UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ARABS AND AMERICA."

4. AL ALAM EDITORIAL OBSERVED THAT ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY MET BY LIBYAN PUBLIC OPINION WITH SENSE OF SHOCK AND CONDEMNATION. WRITER ADDED THAT THERE IS FEELING "THAT A MEAN ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE PLOT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN ORDER SPREAD THE SEEDS OF HATRED IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE ARABS. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT ALL NEWS COVERAGE OF THE EVENT CONCENTRATES ON MENTIONING THE REPORTED ASSASSIN'S DESCENT." ALL ARABS, THE COMMENTARY POINTED OUT, HAVE CONDEMNED THE KILLING, INCLUDING THE AL FATAH ARAB COMMANDO ORGANIZATION.

5. IN BACK PAGE EDITORIAL, AL RAA'ID OFFERED PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY, THE NEGROES, AND THE POOR. WRITER SAID ALL ARABS STRONGLY CONDEMNED ACT, AND THAT "WE SPIT ON ASSASSIN". EDITOR ASSERTED ASSASSINATION AN INDIVIDUAL ACT, UNCONNECTED WITH NATIONAL MOTIVE OR SPECIFIC PLOT, BUT ADDED, ZPERHAPS ZIONIST MOVEMENT BEHIND THE CRIME AND HOPING TO BENEFIT FROM IT". AS PROOF, WRITER ADDUCED "TWO FACTS": FIRST, ZIONISM WORKS BY VIOLENCE AND CONSPIRACY AS EVIDENCED BERNADOTTE ASSASSINATION AND EICHMANN JWCUTION. SECONDLY, ARABS THROUGHOUT HISTORY UNFAMILIAR WITH ASSASSINATION AND AGAINST VIOLENCE. WRITER CONCLUDED BY PRAISING KENNEDY FOR HIS CONDEMNATION VIETNAM WAR, CONCERN FOR NEGRO RIGHTS AND REGARD FOR POOR AND SUFFERING OF ALL COUNTRIES. "WORLD WEEPS FOR HIS HONORABLE STANDS AND ALL PEOPLE SORROW AT HIS DEATH. KENNEDY WILL REMAIN ALIVE IN HEARTS OF MAN AND WILL HAVE WHITE PAGE IN HISTORY. WORLD HAS LOST A MAN WHO CALLED FOR PEACE, WHO CARRIED MESSAGE OF JUSTICE AND WAS AMERICAN CITIZEN, LOYAL TO HIS COUNTRY AND TO WORLD." NEWSOM

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. AMMAN TELEVISION'S FIRST FIVE ITEMS NIGHT JUNE 6 DEVOTED COVERAGE MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

2. DUSTOUR, WHICH IS ONLY DAILY PUBLISHED ON FRIDAYS, DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE FRONTPAGE SPACE JUNE 7 TO TRAGEDY, SAYING: "...NO MATTER WHAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CRIME, IT CAUSES GRIEF AND RESENTMENT." THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED: "KENNEDY, SENATOR, POLITICIAN AND A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, IS NOT IN THE ARAB VIEWPOINT WORSE THAN OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ADOPTED THE POLICY OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL....SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A LIBERAL AMONG THE US LEADERS - HE WAS MOST STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF NEGROES -- WHO SINCERELY FEEL WITH THE ARAB RIGHT IN PALESTINE. HE WAS 'PROGRESSIVE' IN HIS IDEAS IF COMPARED TO McCARTHY, REAGAN AND OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.. ARABS WHO KNEW THE REALITY OF THE US SITUATION WERE HOPING THAT KENNEDY'S VICTORY..WOULD LEAD TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARAB RIGHT IN PALESTINE. FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVES

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BEHIND SIRHAN B. SIRHAN'S SHOOTING OF THE YOUNG SENATOR. IT IS PREMATURE TO ACCUSE SIRHAN OF MURDER, AND WE AWAIT CLARIFICATION. MEANTIME, WE EXPRESS OUR GRIEF AND CONDEMN THE ACT. ARAB MORALS REJECT THE POLICY OF ASSASSINATION NO MATTER WHAT THE JUSTIFICATION. ANTI-ARAB PROPAGANDA MEDIA WILL TRY TO USE THIS TERRIBLE INCIDENT TO DEEPEN THE GAP OF DOUBT AND MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ARAB AND AMERICAN NATIONS. THE AMERICANS ARE MISTAKEN TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO FALL IN THIS EVIL TRAP. WHICH IS IN NEITHER THE ARAB NOR AMERICAN INTERESTS. NO SANE ARAB WOULD SUPPORT THE CRIME. AND THE AMERICANS ARE CALLED TO PONDER THE CRIME. ANALYZE THE MOTIVES, DEVOID OF EMOTIONS. THEN THEY WILL DISCOVER THAT BOTH ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WHICH IS CONSPIRING AGAINST BOTH THE ARABS AND AMERICANS."

3. FEELINGS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS JORDANIAN REFLECTED FOLLOWING COMMENTS HEARD DURING DINNER OFFERED BY JORDANIAN FOR ABOUT 40 FRIENDS (TEACHERS, CONTRACTORS, PHARMACISTS, DOCTORS) ON EVENING JUNE 6. "WE ARE SORRY ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION. THIS DOES NOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEM. WE DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING PERSONAL AGAINST SEN. KENNEDY. HIS STATEMENT ABOUT GIVING THE ISRAELIS ADDITIONAL AMERICAN FIGHTER JETS PROBABLY JUST ATTEMPT TO GET VOTES. SORRY THAT FATHER OF BIG FAMILY CUT DOWN LIKE THIS." CONSENSUS THIS PARTICULAR GROUP: JORDANIANS THAT THE REASON FOR WHICH PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS SLAIN 5 YEARS AGO WAS HIS INTENTION "SOLVE OUR PROBLEM." SEVERAL SUGGESTED THAT SEN. KENNEDY MAY HAVE MET HIS FATE FOR SIMILAR REASONS. ALSO GENERAL FEELING AMONG THIS GROUP THAT "ARAB CAUSE WILL BE HURT BY THE ASSASSINATION; THE ENEMY WILL USE THIS AGAINST THE ARABS."

4. EDITOR AND OWNER OF ONE OF AMMAN'S WEEKLY NEWS-PAPERS SAID "WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY, I WAS ALARMED AND COMPLETELY SHOCKED, ESPECIALLY WHEN I HEARD THAT THE ASSASSIN WAS AN ARAB FROM THE JERUSALEM AREA. SUCH AN ACT WILL HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE ARAB WORLD WAS HOPING AND EXPECTING SENATOR KENNEDY'S ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY WOULD HELP SOLVE THE

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PALESTINIAN PROBLEM."

5. MANY JORDANIANS WENT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
TODAY TO SIGN THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL BOOK. ITEM

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: FURTHER REACTIONS

1. OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS AND CITIZENRY OF ALL RACES SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK IN STEADY FLOW. PRESS COVERAGE OF WORLD REACTION, FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC., COMPLETE, AND EDITORIAL ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE. BEYOND TELEGRAMS AND PHONE CALLS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC, AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS PERSONAL CONDOLENCES FROM SOUTH AFRICANS.

2. RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD BY ROMAN CATHOLICS AND ANGLICANS, AND REMEMBRANCE OF FAMILY IN PRAYERS TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY AT METHODIST, PRESBYTERIAN AND DUTCH REFORMED CHURCHES. I ATTENDED CROWDED RC REQUIEM MASS YESTERDAY AT WHICH ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN, OWEN CARDINAL McCANN, MADE PUBLIC REQUEST I TRANSMIT CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY.

3. CT MAYOR FERRY, SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK, SAID HE HAD SENT TELEGRAM ON BEHALF PEOPLE OF CT TO MRS KENNEDY.

4. CAPE TIMES CARRIES TRIBUTES OF COLIN EGLIN AND R. HURLEY, CAPE LEADERS OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY; TOM SWARTZ, CHMN COUNCIL FOR COLORED AFFAIRS; AND MRS MARIA MALAN, WIFE OF FORMER PRIMIN. MRS MALAN, WHO MET SENATOR ON VISIT HERE TWO YEARS AGO, NOTED THEIR DIFFERING OPINIONS

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BUT SAID "I WAS FORCED TO RESPECT HIM" FOR COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS. SHE MOURNED "NOT ONLY LOSS OF GREAT MAN, BUT LOSS OF FATHER AND HUSBAND".

5. TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM DIR COMMUNITY CENTER AT GUGULETUS COMMUNITY (AFRICAN LOCATION CT) READS AS FOLLOWS: "GUGULETU DEEPLY MOURNS DEAT OF AMERICA'S ROYAL SON ROBERT KENNEDY".

6. BURGER STORY "TWO YEARS AGO AT STELLENBOSCH" RECALLS KENNEDY VISIT THERE AND REPORTS PREFECT OF MEN'S HOSTEL, SIMONSBURG, WILL SEND CONDOLENCE CABLE TO MRS KENNEDY ON BEHALF RESIDENTS.

7. CAPE TIMES ROUNDED UP COMMENTS ON CAUSES OF ASSASSINATION FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS, WHO VOICED IDEAS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: TOO MANY PEOPLE REACHING "FRUSTRATION TOLERANCE" TOO EASILY, EAST HAVE INCREASING INFLUENCE ON WEST, SPIRIT OF RECKLESSNESS AND IRRESPONSIBILITY PERMEATING WORLD, AND PEOPLE BEING LED INTO VIOLENCE IN SEARCH OF NEW MEANING IN LIVES. THOSE COMMENTING WERE PAUL VAN DER MERWE, D VAN DEN HEVER AND D CARR OF NP; CATHERINE TAYLOR, DR G JACOBS AND A HOPEWELL OF UP, AND SUZMAN OF PROGRESSIVES.

8. EDITORIAL REACTIONS JUNE 7:

A. CAPE TIMES ASSESSED ABILITY OF MEN OF KENNEDY FAMILY TO "LOOK AT THINGS AFRESH" IN GRAPPLING WITH NEED FOR "DYNAMIC CHANGE", AND SUGGESTED THAT SENATOR KENNEDY CARRIED EVEN "MORE HOPES" FOR THIS THAN PRESIDENT KENNEDY. "THIS KIND OF THINKING WAS CLEAR; HE WAS ON THE SIDE OF PEOPLE-- NOT "THE PEOPLE" ... BUT PEOPLE, HUMAN BEINGS, MEN AND WOMEN, BLACK OR WHITE, POOR OR RICH". NOTED PROFOUND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS OUTLOOK AND THAT OF "MANY POLITICIANS ... FOR TENDENCY AMONG MEN WHO HAVE BEEN IN POWER FOR SOME TIME IS TO CONSIDER THE SYSTEM IMPORTANT, ALMOST SACRONSANT. SOME CONSERVATISM IS ALWAYS NECESSARY, BUT IN REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD LIKE PRESENT IT IS PERILOUS IF OVERDONE... MANY OF US EXPECTED ENOUGH (OF KENNEDYS) TO MAKE US BEWEP THESE MURDERS, EVEN BEYOND THEIR POIGNANCY AS HUMAN TRAGEDIES."

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B. ARGUS POINTED OUT FEAR OF MANY SAFRICANS AT MOUNTING SUPPORT FOR SENATOR'S CANDIDACY, BUT SAID "EVIDENCE SUGGESTS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE PRESIDENT WHO WOULD HAVE RESISTED PRESSURES FOR IMPRACTICABLE "SOLUTIONS" TO RACIAL PROBLEMS". ILLUSTRATED THIS CONTENTION BY FACT SENATOR CAME TO SAFRICA TO SEE FOR HIMSELF, AND ALTHOUGH HE FOUND APARTHEID REPUGNANT, HIS OBJECTIONS TO IT DID NOT CLOUD HIS JUDGMENT, AND HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT SA NO THREAT TO PEACE. MOREOVER HE CAME OUT AGAINST ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND URGED CONTINUING DIALOGUE.

C. BURGER LINKS ASSASSIN WITH "TERRORISTS", HOPING COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE WILL LEAD USG TO UNCONDITIONAL CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM. SAYS NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE PEOPLE IN WORLD WHO WOULD REGARD ASSASSIN AS "FREEDOM FIGHTER". BUT BETTER DESCRIPTION IS "DEVILISH CRIMINAL" WHOSE SHOTS NOT ONLY WOUNDED HIS VICTIM, BUT ALSO AMERICAN CIVILIZATION. RHETORICALLY ASKS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND TRAINED TERRORISTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BY CONDONING THEIR DEED INCREASING SPIRIT OF VIOLENCE IN WORLD CANNOT BE HALTED.

D. CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION TO EFFECT OF ASSASSINATION ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND NEW SITUATION OF SEN EDWARD KENNEDY AS BEARER OF FAMILY'S POLITICAL FORTUNES.

E. FURTHER REACTIONS WILL BE REPORTED BY AIRGRAM UNLESS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY. ROUNTREE

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION KENNEDY SHOOTING

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1. ALTHOUGH KENNEDY ASSASSIN EARLY IDENTIFIED BY PRESS AS JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT RESENTFUL OF NEW YORK SENATOR'S POSITION TOWARD ARAB WORLD, EDITORIAL AND POLITICAL COMMENT CONTINUES LARGELY IGNORE IN FAVOR OF "SICK SOCIETY" AND "REACTIONARY CAPITALIST FORCES" THESIS.

2. JORNADA, JUNE 6, DISMISSED ISOLATED ACT OF VENGEANCE THEORY AS "NOTHING MORE THAN GIGANTIC SCREEN OF PUBLICITY STIMULATED BY OPINION FAVORABLE TO SUCH INTERPRETATIONS." PRESENCIA REPORTER, CONCLUDING STREET POLL, SUMMARIZED LA PAZ OPINION SAMPLE AS MAINTAINING THAT "ROBERT KENNEDY HAS BEEN CUT DOWN BY CONSPIRACY OF THE ENEMIES OF POOR, OF THE NEGRO AND OF JUSTICE" (SIMILAR JORNADA STREET POLL TAKEN PREVIOUS DAY REVEALED NO SUCH THEORIZING BUT SIMPLY REFLECTED GRIEF AT EVENT). IN MOST MEASURED EDITORIAL STATEMENT BY ANY PAPER TO DATE, DIARIO FELT COMPELLED MAKE COMPARISON WITH EVENTS IN DALLAS, HOWEVER CONCLUDING THAT WHILE BOTH ASSASSINS MAY HAVE CONSTITUTED PART OF CONSPIRACY, "SUCH AN EVALUATION IS ENTIRELY SUBJECTIVE AND TOTALLY LACKING BASIS IN FACT."

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3. REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING PERMANENT COMMISSION OF CONGRESS EVENING JUNE 6 WAS DEVOTED TO HOMAGE SENATOR KENNEDY. REPRESENTATIVES PSD, PIR, PRA AND FSB SPOKE BRIEFLY TO HONOR THE SENATOR, WHILE MPC DEPUTY FRANZ ONADARZA, REPEATING HIS EARLIER STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS (SEE REFTEL) BLAMED SHOOTING ON "SINISTER FORCES OF A BLIND, MATERIALIST AND INHUMAN CAPITALISM." VICE PRESIDENT SILES DELIVERED BRIEF EULOGY FOLLOWED BY MINUTE OF SILENCE, AFTER WHICH COMMISSION ADJOURNED IN KENNEDY'S HONOR.

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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

1. THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD SHOCK AND DISTRESS IN RHODESIA OVER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DESPITE FACT HIS POLITICAL VIEWS WERE NOT POPULAR HERE. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED HEAVY VOLUME PHONE CALLS EXPRESSING DISMAY AND SYMPATHY WITH ONLY ONE OF HOSTILE VARIETY. REGIME MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL ALSO CALLED AND EXPRESSED SIMILAR INFORMAL VIEWS.

2. IN PARLIAMENT JUNE 6 REGIME PRIMIN SMITH SAID QUOTE WHAT AN INCREDIBLE WORLD WE LIVE IN WHERE WE SEE WAR, REVOLUTION, STRIKES, BEATINGS, BURNINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS SUCH AS THE TRAGIC ASSASSINATION WE HAVE RECENTLY SEEN AND WHICH CAN ONLY BE DEPLORED. NO MATTER WHETHER ONE AGREES WITH THE POLITICAL THINKING OF A PERSON OR NOT, WHAT A FANTASTIC WAY TO SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES WHICH CLAIM WE ARE A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE UNQUOTE.

3. SATISFACTION THAT RHODESIA IS PRESENTLY FREE FROM TYPE OF VIOLENCE SEEN IN AMERICA HAS BEEN TINGED IN RADIO AND PRESS COMMENT WITH CONCERN OVER GROWING VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE. RHODESIA HERALD EDITORIAL JUNE 6 OBSERVES QUOTE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOT FACED MERELY WITH THE HORROR OF VIOLENCE AND PERSONAL TRAGEDY, THEY ARE FACED WITH A TERRIBLE THREAT TO THE CHARACTER OF POLITICS ITSELF UNQUOTE. BULAWAYO CHRONICLE SAME DATE SAYS

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BRUTAL, SENSELESS SHOOTING OF ROBERT KENNEDY QUOTE IS AN APPALLING INDICTMENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY....WHATEVER ONE MAY THINK OF THE KENNEDYS THEY ARE A REMARKABLE FAMILY OF EXTRAORDINARY ENERGY AND ABILITY...SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR ALL THE ABUSE HURLED AT IT (BY AMERICANS AMONG OTHERS) CAN THANK GOD THAT THIS IS ONE CHARGE THAT CANNOT BE MADE AGAINST IT UP TO NOW . THOUGH THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS LATEST RESOLUTIONS, WOULD APPEAR TO BE BENT ON GIVING INNER QUOTE MORAL AND MATERIAL AID END INNER QUOTE TO THOSE BENT ON THIS COURSE END QUOTE.

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT THIEU ON LEARNING OF
SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU ISSUED A STATEMENT JUNE 6 UPON LEARNING OF THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. (THE STATEMENT PRE-DATED THE SENATORS DEATH). THE ENGLISH TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT (WHICH APPEARED IN JUNE 6 EVENING EDITION OF VIETNAM PRESS) FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PRESIDENT GNYUEN VAN THIEU WAS GREATLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE WANTON ATTEMPT AGAINST THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, YESTERDAY.

DIVERGENCE OF OPINIONS ALWAYS EXIST IN FREE SOCIETIES, AND FORM THE FABRIC AND CONDITIONS OF OUR SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY.

IT IS PRECISELY TO PRESERVE THESE BASIC FREEDOMS AGAINST TOTALITARIANISM, VIOLENCE, AND TERROR, THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ARE STRUGGLING IN VIETNAM.

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THE PRESIDENT THEREFORE DEEPLY DEPLORES THAT A RUTHLESS ATTEMPT WAS MADE AGAINST THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS POLITICAL OPINIONS.

THE PRESIDENT HOPES AND PRAYS FOR THE PROMPT AND COMPLETE RECOVERY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE EXPRESSES HIS HEART-FELT SYMPATHY TO THE SENATOR'S FAMILY, AND ALWAYS REMEMBERS THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F.

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