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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram of Condolence to the President

From the Shah of Iran on the Death of

Senator Kennedy

In view of the fact that the Shah has visited Washington and talked with the President since the Shah's telegram was sent from Addis Ababa, the Department recommends that no reply to the telegram be sent.

Benjamin H. Read Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of Shah of Iran's Telegram

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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of Note No. P-8 dated June 6, 1968 from the Embassy of Japan transmitting the text of a message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan to the Secretary of State of the United States expressing sympathy and condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Enclosed is a copy of the Secretary's reply to the Foreign Minister's letter which the Embassy of the United States at Tokyo was asked to transmit.

Enclosure:

Secretary Rusk's reply to Foreign Minister Miki's letter of June 6, 1968.

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June 18, 1968

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has shocked and grieved all Americans. On

behalf of the people of the United States, I express

my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

Dean Rusk

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The single editorial in the opposition Belize Billboard termed the assassination "a pity" and said it was clear the US was "on the brink of a crisis where its very survival as a democracy

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and as a world power will be at stake." The leader of the opposition directed that the party flag be flown at half mast on Sunday, June 9.

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Enclosures: 1. card from Mr. and Mrs. G. Boquin

- 2. letter from Vilma Metzgen (card attach)
- 3. letter from Wilfred Brown
- 4. Thermofax copy letter from Premier
- 5. letter from Hon. Philip Goldson
- 6. 2 Telegram copies from Mayor, Stann Creek
  Town Board
- 7. letter ( and translation) from Coronel Juan Mauricio Dubois

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