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TO SECSTATE 1828

UNCLAS NICOSIA 1902

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS ROBERT KENNEDY:

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,
DR. FAZIL KUCHUK, HAS ASKED THAT MRS. KENNEDY BE INFORMED OF
HIS "DEEP REGRET AND HORROR AT THE HEINOUS MURDER
OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THE AMERICAN NATION, AND INDEED THE WORLD
HAS LOST A CAPABLE AND ENERGETIC LEADER WHOSE SERVICES
WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH AS WOULD, NO DOUBT, BENEFICIALLY
INFLUENCE THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD."
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 FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 620

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GOL INFO DEPT ADVISES FOLLOWING TELS SENT TO SECRETARY
 RUSK BY PRIMIN JONATHAN JUNE 5 AND 6, RESPECTIVELY:

1. QTE: MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY
 OF THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
 THIS MORNING. WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE
 THIS WANTON ACT OF BARBARISM AIMED AT DEPRIVING YOUR COUNTRY,
 ITS PEOPLES AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL OF THE SERVICES OF A
 GREAT MAN. IN WISHING THE SENATOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY, WE
 CANNOT FAIL TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT NO RPT NO EFFORT
 WILL BE SPARED IN APPREHENDING AND DEALING EXPEDITIOUSLY
 WITH THE CULPRIT AND THAT GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL. LEABUA
 JONATHAN UNQTE.

2. QTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LESOTHO MORN WITH THE
 PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
 STATES OF AMERICA THE UNTIMELY AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR
 ROBERT F. KENNEDY. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES ESPECIALLY GO
 TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HER FAMILY WHO IN ONE DECADE HAVE SUFFERED
 UNTIMELY DEATHS AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSINS. WE COMMEND THEM
 TO THE ALMIGHTY AND PRAY THAT HE SHOULD COMFORT AND BLESS
 THEM. WE PRAY AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE SENSELESS
 KILLINGS WILL AWAKE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO THE REALIZATION
 THAT THEIR REPEATED OCCURRENCE CAN DO NOTHING BUT DISCREDIT
 IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD THE FAME, CIVILIZATION AND FREEDOM
 THAT THEY HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN. LEABUA
 JONATHAN UNQTE.
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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1413

UNCLAS COTONOU 1362

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRESIDENT ALLEY CALLED ME THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS HIS
CONDOLENCES AND INFORMED ME THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD
OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE AT THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING TO
HONOR SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. ALL EVENTS CONCERNING ASSASSINATION RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PLAY
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO. KNOX

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R 061310Z JUN 68
FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5596

UNCLAS TUNIS 4829

SUBJECT: KENNEDY

1. AMB RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT SADOK MOKADDEM JUNE 5: QUOTE PROFOUNDLY DISTRESSED
BY ODIIOUS ATTEMPT PERPETRATED AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.
EXPRESS TO YOU MY INDIGNATION OVER THIS UNSPEAKABLE CRIME.
BEG YOU TO TRANSMIT TO U.S. CONGRESS AND KENNEDY FAMILY
PROFOUND ASSURANCES OF SYMPATHY. WE FEVERENTLY PRAY THAT
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY OVERCOME CONSEQUENCES OF THIS HORRIBLE
ACT AND THAT VIOLENCE AND HATE BE BANISHED FROM THE HEARTS
OF MEN. SIGNED DR. SADOK MOKADDEM, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY. END QUOTE

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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1541

UNCLAS OUAGADOUGOU 1355

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TELEPHONED EMBASSY MINUTES
AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH TO PRESENT
CONDOLENCES. DID NOT COMMENT ON CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN
MEPLIOHF ASSASSIN WAS JORDANIAN. EXTENDED
SYMPATHIES AND REGRETS ON T
TRAGIC EVENT. SKINNER

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R 061630Z JUN 68

FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1543

UNCLAS OUAGADOUGOU 1358

REF: STATE 176747

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. REACTIONS TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION STRONG HERE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA PHONED AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

2. IN TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY FAMILY, LAMIZANA EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND SADNESS AT DEATH OF SENATOR WHO HAD FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL MEN.

3. DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DELAYE, ALSO PHONED CONDOLANCES.

4. FEELING OF SORROW AND SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY AND ALL AMERICANS WIDESPREAD HERE. SOME HOWEVER, ARE TINGED WITH BITTER STATEMENTS QUESTIONING US CLAIM TO CIVILIZED STATUS. REPORT THAT SAME QUESTIONS AND BITTERNESS BEING RAISED IN UNITED STATES GIVEN PRESS PLAY HERE. SKINNER

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R 061515Z JUN 68
FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3940
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UNCLAS PRAGUE 2304

SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TOP STORY IN CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TODAY AND LAST NIGHT'S MAIN EVENING TELEVISION NEWSCAST DEVOTED 14 MINUTES TO EVENT. GENERALLY FACTUAL STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE LAUDATORY TOWARD SENATOR (HE WAS FAVORITE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HERE), AND INCLUDES SUSPECT ASSASSIN'S JORDANIAN BACKGROUND, WHICH ALSO SUBHEADED RUDE PRAVO.

2. HOWEVER, COMMENTARIES HEAVILY LOADED WITH "REACTIONARY POLITICAL CONSPIRACY" THEME. RUDE PRAVO ALLEGES CONNECTION BETWEEN DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES CLEAR AND GUNS AIMED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO PRESERVE OLD WORLD IN AMERICA AND OVERSEAS. ATTACK CALLED "SEVERE INDICTMENT OF THAT PART OF AMERICA TODAY REPRESENTED BY WALLACE, REGAN, GOLDWATER AND OTHERS, BUT PARTICULARLY...FAR MORE POWERFUL PEOPLE...MAINLY...OF CREAM OF SOCIETY." MLADA FRONTA DEOUBTS "THEORY OF LONE MAD POLITICAL FANATICS WHO...SHOOT AT BEST PEOPLE OF AMERICA," ADDING "THE SENILE STORIES AND THOUSAND-PAGE REPORTS OF WARREN COMMISSION ONLY PUT TO SLEEP 'GREAT AMERICAN CHILDREN' OF WHOM UNHEALTHILY MANY IN THAT COUNTRY." OTHER PAPERS COMMENT IN SIMILAR VLEN, SOME SPECIFYING PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST "PROGRESSIVES" ON VIET-NAM AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

3. ZDENEK TRHLIK, IDENTIFIED AS FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD, GAVE FOLLOWING TELEVISED STATEMENT, REPEATED ON FRONT PAGE RUDE PRAVO: "IT IS A REGRETTABLE, SHOCKING, HUMANLY TRAGIC AND AT THE SAME TIME DISTRESSING EVENT. EACH

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OF US SURELY CONDEMNS THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF
SETTLING DISPUTES, WHETHER IT IS VIOLENCE ON THE NATIONAL OR
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WHETHER IT OCCURS ON AMERICAN SOIL OR
BEYOND IT. IN THE UNITED STATES, IT SEEMS, THE METHOD OF
ASSASSINATION HAS BECOME A MEANS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE. THIS
CERTAINLY CANNOT BRING ANYTHING GOOD AND ONE WONDERS TO WHAT
EXTENT THE VIOLENCE MANIFEST IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IS
REFLECTED IN LIFE IN THE USA. THE ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY
IS PROOF OF A CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY AND WE CAN ONLY
HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DO AWAY WITH THOSE
IMPULSES WHICH MAKE SIMILAR ACTS OF VIOLENCE POSSIBLE."
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O 061445Z JUN 68
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8609

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SUBJ: KENNEDY DEATH

1. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS THAT BOOK OF CONDOLENCE FOR SENATOR KENNEDY
WILL BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT SPASO (RESIDENCE OF
AMBASSADOR, 10 SPASO-PESKOVSKAYA PLOSHCHAD) DURING DAY
OF JUNE 7.

2. IF VOA PLANS MENTION IN ITS COVERAGE OPENING OF
BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE IN VARIOUS US EMBASSIES, IT MAY
WISH USE INFORMATION PARA ONE AS STRAIGHT NEWS ITEM
BUT SHOULD AVOID APPEARANCE OF INVITATION TO SOVIET
PUBLIC.

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3258
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL
AMCONSUL TORONTO
USIA WASHDC

UNCLAS OTTAWA 1796

SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. FIVE EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB THIS MORNING ALL DENOUNCED SHOOTING OF KENNEDY AS TRAGIC RESULT OF FEARFUL INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN US. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL WAS SURPRISINGLY DENUNCIATORY WHEN STATING THAT ONE ASPECT OF QTE THE VERY INDIVIDUAL KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT IS AMERICAN IS THAT LEADERS OF MINORITIES, LEADERS WHO GO AGAINST THE MAJORITY, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SPECIAL TARGETS OF ASSASSINS UNQTE. EDITORIAL TERMED THESE ASSASSINS AS QTE OFTEN LITTLE MEN, THEMSELVES OPPRESSED, WHO PERHAPS SEE IN THEIR SINGLE ACT OF OBLITERATION A LONELY JOINING OF THEMSELVES TO THE AMERICAN DREAM OF GREATNESS THAT IS OTHERWISE BEYOND THEM UNQTE. GLOBE AND MAIL THEN CONDEMNED A TYPE OF FREEDOM IN WHICH EACH MAN, EACH NATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE LAW AND TO JUDGE OTHERS, USING THE GUN AS EQUALIZER WHETHER IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL OR IN VIETNAM. PAPER ADDED US WILL NOT PUT AWAY ITS GUNS AT HOME OR ABROAD, BUT THERE IS HOPE WHEN MEN LIKE KENNEDY AND MCCARTHY CONTINUE TO DISSENT AGAINST VIOLENCE.

2. MONTREAL STAR, TORONTO TELEGRAM, MONTREAL GAZETTE, AND MONTREAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DEVOIR ALL CITED CONTINUATION OF SUCH UNRESTRAINED VIOLENCE AS INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHY AND EVENTUAL THREAT TO WORLD CIVILIZATION. TELEGRAM, GAZETTE, AND STAR VIEWED U.S. VIOLENCE AS PART OF UNIVERSAL UNREST. GAZETTE STATED QTE ALL VIOLENCE HAS AN UNDERLYING KINSHIP

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UNQTE AND THEN ASKED QTE WHAT NATION CAN JUSTIFY ANY HASTE IN HURLING THE FIRST STONES? UNQTE

3. THE STAR QUOTED A U.S. MARINE COLONEL AS SAYING QTE WHEN YOU GET TO A POINT WHERE ANYONE WHO RISES AND SPEAKS GOES DOWN, THEN THIS IS THE FIRST STEP BACK TO THE DARK AGES UNQTE. ALL EDITORIALS EXPRESSED THE SAME FEAR THAT, AS LE DEVOIR TERMED IT, QTE THE CLIMATE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS CAST ITS SHADOW OVER POLITICAL DIALOG...MAY BE IN TURN THE SYMPTOM OF A SOCIETY WHOSE MORAL FOUNDATIONS ARE COLLAPSING UNQTE. GAZETTE ALSO WARNED OF DOOM OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH ERODES THE LAW WITH A QTE GRADUAL WEARING AWAY BY MINOR ACTS OF DESTRUCTION UNQTE, AND BY TEACHING THROUGH EXAMPLE THAT VIOLENCE IS RIGHT WHEN USED AGAINST LAWS WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL FEELS FREE TO JUDGE FOR HIMSELF ARE GOOD OR BAD. GAZETTE CHARACTERIZED THE US AS FILLED WITH ANGUISH THAT ITS LEADERS CANNOT LIVE IN SAFETY. STAR STATED DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON ALL ABIDING BY RULES. QTE WITHOUT A RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER...WE ARE HEADING SWIFTLY TOWARDS DISASTER UNQTE.

4. TELEGRAM CALLED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO ASSESS HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM AND QTE TO DECIDE IF WE ARE GIVING ENOUGH OF OURSELVES TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FELLOW MAN UNQTE.

5. STAR MADE UNIQUE POINT WHEN QUOTING ERIC SEVEREID'S STATEMENT CONCERNING QTE THE DISCIPLINE WHICH PROTEST MUST IMPOSE ON ITSELF IF IT IS NOT TO PRODUCE THE KIND OF BACKLASH WHICH WOULD LEAD TO REPRESSION UNQTE. STAR CALLED FOR SPEEDING UP OF LAWFUL CHANGE TO AVOID LAST RESORT OF PROTEST BY VIOLENCE AND WITH IT QTE A FRIGHTENED REACTION BY THE GREAT BODY OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN WHICH CAN LEAD SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO TYRANNY UNQTE.

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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2846
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

UNCLAS KAMPALA 2289

SUBW: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

OPENING SESSION UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS ANNUAL CONVENTION WAS INTERRUPTED BY PRESIDENT A. MILTON OBOTE, WHO OFFERED IN NAME OF UPC, UNIP (ZAMBIAN PARTY), TANU (TANZANIAN PARTY), KANU (KENYAN PARTY) AND MRP (CONGO(K)PARTY) BRIEF, DIGNIFIED AND ELOQUENT RESOLUTION HONORING LATE SENATOR AND SENDING CONDOLENCES HIS FAMILY. THIS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. WILL ENDEAVOR SECURE COMPLETE TEXT.
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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1700

UNCLAS LIBREVILLE 1371

FOREIGN MIN HAS JUST GIVEN US COPY GOG DELCARATION ON
SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WHICH HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED TO LOCAL
MEDIA AND AFP. FOL IS TRANSLATION DECLARATION: "AS A
CONSEQUENCE OF THE IGNOBLE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY, WE FEEL COMPELLED TO DECLARE PUBLICLY OUR PROFOUND
INDIGNATION AND OUR FEELING OF REVULSION BEFORE A NEW ACT OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON OF ONE OF THE BEST SONS OF AMERICA
TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PASTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING,
THAT OTHER APOSTLE OF NON-VIOLENCE.

"THIS FATAL OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE AND OF HATE NOT ONLY AGAINST
ONE OF THE FAMILIES MOST BELOVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN
THE WHOLE WORLD BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL COURAGEOUS DEFENDERS OF
THE RIGHTS OF MAN CONSTITUTES FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS EVEN
THE NEGATION OF ALL THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WHICH WE
ATTACH TO WHAT WE HAVE THE CUSTOM OF CALLING THE AMERICAN
CIVILIZATION.

"WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO GUESS THE MOTIVES OF THIS NEW DRAMA WHICH
TRAVERSE THE UNITED STATES, WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE SOLUTION TO
THE INTERNAL AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
CONFRONTING THE UNITED STATES LIES IN THE PHYSICAL ELIMINATION
OF THE BEST CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY.

"IN THIS NEW TRAGEDY AND IN THE CRUEL DRAMA WHICH THE KENNEDY
FAMILY HAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED, WE EXPRESS ALL THE SYMPATHY OF
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF GABON.

"WE ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON OF THE FRIENDSHIP

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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ALBERT BERNARD BONGO,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC." BANE

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FM AMEMBASSY/KINSHASA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8173
INFO AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

UNCLAS KINSHASA 9620

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DEPT PASS USIA

SUBJ: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED TODAY AT EMBASSY
FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ANC, LT GEN L. BOBOZO,

2. QUOTE. EXCELLENCY:

ON THIS DAY OF THE EXTREMELY TRAGIC AND UNEXPECTED DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A DEATH THAT PLUNGES NOT ONLY THE
KENNEDY FAMILY AND THOSE CLOSE TO HIM INTO MOURNING, BUT ALSO ALL
PEOPLES WHO LOVE PEACE, JUSTICE, AND TRUE DEMOCRACY, I SEND YOU,
WITH PROFOUND EMOTION, IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE CONGOLESE
NATIONAL ARMY AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR VERY SINCERE AND VERY DEEP
CONDOLENCES. PLEASE CONVEY OUR SYMPATHY TO THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED. WE SHARE WITH
THEM THIS GREAT SORROW.

UNQUOTE.

SIGNED L. BOBOZO. MCGUIRE

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DEPT PASS USIA

SUBJ: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED TODAY AT EM-
BASSY FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ANC, LT GEN L. BOBOZO,

2. QE EXCELLENCE: EN CETTE JOURNEE DE LA MORT EXTREMEMENT
TRAGIQUE ET INATTENDUE DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY. MORT QUI
ENDUEUILLE. NON SEULEMENT LA FAMILLE KENNEDY ET PROCHES.
MAIS EGALEMENT TOUS LES PEUPLES EPRIS DE PAIX. DE JUSTICE.
ET DE VERITABLE DEMOCRATIE. JE VOUS PRESENTE. AVEC UNE TRES VIVE
EMOTION. AU NOM DE L'ARMEE NATIONALE CONGOLAISE TOUTE
ENTIERE. ET A MON NOM PERSONNEL. NOS TRES SINCERES ET PROFONDES
CONDOLEANCES. JE VOUS PRIE D'ETRE NOTRE INTERPRETE AUPRES DU
GOUVERNEMENT AMERICAIN. AINSI QU'A LA FAMILLE DEFUNT. NOUS
LEURS PARTAGEONS CETTE GRANDE DOULEUR. UNQTE. SIGNED L.
BOBOZO. MCGUIRE

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 944
INFO AMCONSUL IBADAN
AMCONSUL KADUNA

UNCLAS LAGOS 9742

DEPARTMENT PASS USIA

SUBJECT: GOWON SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. GENERAL GOWON HAS SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY. AN FMG PRESS RELEASE OF JUNE 6, 1968 GAVE THE FULL TEXT OF MESSAGES AS FOLLOWS:

2. TO MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON: 'I HAVE RECEIVED WITH SHOCK AND DEEP GRIEF THE NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AS HIS LATE BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. HIS DEATH IS NOT ONLY A LOSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT TO MANKIND AS A WHOLE NOW DEPRIVED OF HIS DEVOTED CONSCIENTIOUS AND COURAGEOUS SERVICES.

'WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE IN DEPLORING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU, THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, OUR VERY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. LET THOSE RESPONSIBLE SEARCH THEIR CONSCIENCE.

'WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO PUT A STOP TO THE PERIODIC ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT AND TALENTED SONS OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY.'

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3. TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, 870 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK, U.S.A. I AND ENTIRE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA, HAVE RECEIVED WITH PROFOUND INDIGNATION THE SAD NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND FROM THE HANDS OF AN ASSASSIN. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY.

WE APPRECIATE THE UNTOLD GRIEF INTO WHICH YOU IN PARTICULAR AND THE FAMILY HAVE BEEN PLUNGED BY THIS RECKLESS ACT WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN. BY HIS DEATH MANKIND HAS LOST THE DEVOTED SERVICES TO HUMANITY OF A CAPABLE AND BRILLIANT

YOUTH. AN INSPIRATION FOR US THE YOUNG.

WE EARNESTLY PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO

BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS WITH FORTITUDE. KNOWING HOW CLOSE THE KENNEDY FAMILY ARE TO GOD, MAY HE IN HIS GRACE,

CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN AND ENDOW THE FAMILY WITH MORE GRACE AND FAVOUR.

TO THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST A MEMBER IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR DEAR COUNTRY AND MANKIND, GRATEFUL CONVEY OUR DEEPEST SORROW SYMPATHY AND THE ASSURANCES OF OUR PRAYERS.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.

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CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT AN ANNOUNCE-
MENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING INDICATING THAT QUOTE AS A
MARK OF RESPECT FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AND OUR AMERICAN
FRIENDS END QUOTE THE CANADIAN FLAG WILL BE FLOWN
AT HALF MAST ON ALL CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ON
THE DAY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL.

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN SUDBURY THIS MORNING SAID THAT DEATH OF THE SENATOR IS A BLOW TO ALL. TRUDEAU ADDED HE CERTAIN ALL CANADIANS SHARE HIS GRIEF. PRIMIN EXTENDED SYMPATHY OF CANADIANS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S WIFE, FAMILY, AND ALL AMERICANS. TRUDEAU SAID KENNEDY DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS WORKING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED, POOR, AND THOSE IN DISTRESS.

2. TEXT PRIMIN'S STATEMENT STILL NOT AVAILABLE THIS AFTER-NOON. HIS OFFICE HERE COULD NOT SAY WHEN THEY WOULD RECEIVE IT.

3. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD IN NEW BRUNSWICK SAID QTE OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO A FAMILY THAT HAS SUFFERED MORE TRAGEDY THAN ANY FAMILY SHOULD, TO A WORLD THAT HAS TOO FEW LEADERS OF HIS CHARACTER AND ABILITY. SENATOR KENNEDY IN HIS OWN RIGHT SOUGHT TO EXTEND AMERICA'S INFLUENCE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND TO DEDICATE HIS OWN CAREER SO THAT REASON AND JUSTICE WOULD PREVAIL IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. IT IS ONE MORE REMINDER THAT FOR ALL OUR PROGRESS AND HOPES, WE ARE STILL NOT FAR IN ANY COUNTRY FROM AN UNCIVILIZED CONDITION. THIS MAN AND HIS FAMILY HAD A BETTER SENSE THAN MOST THAT DEMOCRACY IS A VERY FRAGILE SYSTEM AND CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THE END ONLY BY GOOD MEN OF GOOD WILL. AND NOW HE IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN STRUCK DOWN, AND THERE IS THEREFORE A LARGER OBLIGATION ON ALL WHO SHARED HIS DEDICATION TO A FREE SOCIETY--IN WHATEVER COUNTRY WE LIVE TO SERVE IN WHAT-

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EVER CAPACITY--TO SEEK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THAT COULD EXPLODE IN VIOLENCE OR DESTROY WHAT MEN HOLD IN COMMON UNQTE.

4. NDP LEADER DOUGLAS IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA SAID QTE
LIKE COUNTLESS OTHERS I AM PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AND DEEPLY
GRIEVED AT THE TRAGIC AND UNKINDLY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY. TO THE PUBLIC HE WAS A VOICE OF PROTEST AGAINST
THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR. THE ALIENATED
AND THE FORGOTTEN LOOKED TO HIM AS THEIR SPOKESMAN--AND THEY
DID NOT LOOK IN VAIN. A FEARLESS VOICE HAS BEEN STILLED AND
A VALIANT SPIRIT REMOVED FROM OUR MIDST. MEN MAY PERISH BUT
THE IDEAS THEY EMBODY SURVIVE THEIR PASSING. SENATOR
KENNEDY'S PROPHETIC STATEMENT, WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSI-
NATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, CAN NOW BE APPLIED TO
HIM WITH EQUAL FORCE INNERQTE NO MARTYR'S COURSE HAS EVER
BEEN STILLED BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET END INNERQTE. THE NEW
DEMOCRATIC PARTY JOINS WITH ALL CANADIANS AND PEOPLE OF
GOODWILL AROUND THE WORLD IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GREAT
HUMANITARIAN. WE OFFER OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HIS WIFE
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED
SO MUCH OF TRAGEDY AND HEARTACHE. WE HOPE THE KENNEDYS
WILL FIND CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT HE HAS LEFT AN INDEL-
IBLE IMPRINT UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. END QTE

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MINISTER PRESIDENT PENGEL REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT.

(1) BEGIN TEXT - THE PEOPLE OF SURINAM ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I OFFER MY
GOVERNMENT'S AND PEOPLE'S CONDOLENCES AND PRAY THAT UNDER
YOUR EMINENT LEADERSHIP VIOLENCE MAY BE CURBED, NOT ONLY
IN YOUR NATION BUT IN THE WHOLE WORLD AND THAT MEN MAY
BELIEVE AND LIVE THE GOLDEN RULE. JOHAN PENGEL, PRIME MINISTER
OF SURINAM. END TEXT
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3997

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FOR CHESLAW, BNA, FROM BRUCE

HRH PRINCESS MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT, HAS ASKED ME TRANSMIT
FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. ROSE KENNEDY. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR ASSURING MESSAGE IS DELIVERED.QUOTE/ SO DEEPLY SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED BY THIS SECOND GHASTLY
TRAGEDY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MY HEARTFELT
AND AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY. MARINA. UNQUOTE
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GERMAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 8381
June 6, 1968

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Foreign Minister Brandt has asked me to transmit to you
the following telegram:

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"In dieser schweren Stunde, in der eine der hervorragenden politischen Persönlichkeiten Ihres Landes einem Mordanschlag zum Opfer fiel, möchte ich Ihnen versichern, daß wir uns mit dem amerikanischen Volk in gemeinsamer Trauer und Entrüstung über diese verabscheuungswürdige Tat verbunden fühlen. Möge der Tod von Senator Robert F. Kennedy, den ich in Berlin kennen- und schätzen lernen durfte, bei allen Völkern endlich zur Besinnung darüber aufrufen, daß gewalttätiger Fanatismus in einer Welt, die nach Frieden strebt, kein Mittel der politischen Auseinandersetzung sein darf.

Willy Brandt."

The English translation reads as follows:

"In this difficult hour, in which one of the most outstanding political personalities of your country has fallen victim to murder, I should like to assure you, that we feel ourselves united with the American people in common grief and indignation at this reprehensible act. May the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, whom I was privileged to learn to know and to appreciate in Berlin, lead all peoples finally to the sober realization that violent fanaticism in a world striving for peace, is not to be permitted as a means of political disputation.

Willy Brandt."

Sincerely yours,

L. Quappstein

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His Excellency
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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FROM : Amcongen, Hamilton, Bermuda

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SUBJECT: Governor's Note of Sympathy Forwarded

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I am forwarding as an enclosure the hand written note from the Governor, Lord MARTONMERE expressing the sympathy of the people of Bermuda on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Governor has requested that these expressions be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy.

The untimely and brutal death of Senator Kennedy has been deeply felt by many Bermudians. Most flags throughout the colony are at half mast. One radio station has suspended normal broadcast and is only playing classical music throughout today. The Consulate General has made available a book in which members of the public may sign as an expression of their sympathy.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

6th June 1968

My Dear Acting Consul-General.

In common with the rest of the world the people of Bermuda were deeply shocked by the brutal assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. I hope that you as Acting Consul-General of the United States in Bermuda will be so good as to convey through the usual channels the deepest sympathy of us all both to Mrs Kennedy and to your Government. The long standing friendship between our two countries causes us to share your sorrows and feel your misfortunes all the more fully.

L. S. M. Jamney
Acting U.S. Consul-General
Hamilton

Yours sincerely
W. A. M. M. M.



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Yours sincerely

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Acting U.S. Consul-General
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Yours sincerely

Leonard

Le S. M. Janney
Acting U.S. Consul-General
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6347

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1. THE NEWS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS CAUSED GREAT SORROW AND CONSTERNATION IN PERU WHERE HE HAS BEEN MUCH ADMIRERD AND WARMLY REMEMBERED BY MANY SINCE HIS VISIT HERE TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO. FROM THE OPENING OF BUSINESS AND THROUGH THE DAY NUMEROUS PEOPLE OF ALL STATIONS HAVE BEEN CALLING TO SIGN THE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE IN THE EMBASSY LOBBY, AND MANY OF THE DIGNITARIES SUCH AS CABINET MINISTERS, THE FATHER OF PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND OTHERS HAVE PAID PERSONAL CALLS ON THE CHARGE. WE EXPECT THIS DISPLAY OF RESPECT AND HOMAGE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH-OUT THE PERIOD OF MOURNING.

2. ALREADY SEVERAL MASSES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AND THE EMBASSY WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES. WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE SAME CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE WHICH CELEBRATED A REQUIEM MASS FOR THE COMMUNITY AT THE TIME OF THE DEATH AND FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WILL HAVE SIMILAR SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY ON SATURDAY. OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY ON SATURDAY. OTHER COMMUNITY CHURCHES WILL HAVE SPECIAL OBSERVANCES DURING THEIR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES, COINCIDING WITH OUR NATIONAL MOURNING.

3. THE CHARGE HAS PREPARED A SPECIAL STATMENT ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WHICH HAS BEEN TAPED FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION AT THE DEMAND OF THE LATTER AND WE EXPECT WILL BE HEAVILY PLAYED BY THEM. IN SUMMARY, THE REACTION HERE TO THE TRAGEDY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN ALMOST IDENTICAL IN TONE (AND ONLY SMALLER IN DEGREE) TO THE REACTION WHICH FOLLOWED

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THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO.
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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5407

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

TODAY I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BALAGUER

(INFORMAL TRANSLATION).

"I EXPRESS FEELINGS OF MY DEEP SORROW TO YOUR EMBASSY,
AND THROUGH IT TO THE ENTIRE NORTH AMERICAN COLONY
RESIDING IN OUR COUNTRY, ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, WHOSE PASSING HAS DEEPLY TOUCHED ALL DOMINICANS
WHO I AM CERTAIN JOIN ME AT THIS TIME IN EXTENDING TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THIS EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE.

I GREET YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH FEELINGS OF THE MOST DISTIN-
GUISHED REGARD. (SIGNED) JOAQUIN BALAGUER, CONSTITUTIONAL
PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."
CRIMMINS

Handwritten:
Santo Domingo
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 TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4387

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR
 FROM GOL SECSTATE:

"THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LIBERIA WITH GREAT CONSTERNATION AND HORROR. THIS IS A TRAGEDY FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"IT IS A SHAME THAT, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, THREE OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE ASSASSIN'S BULLETS.

"WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THE MALADY OF VIOLENCE AND CONFUSION WHICH SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING THE WORLD CAN BE CURED SO THAT MAN MAY LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS.

"ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND SYMPATHY THROUGH YOU TO THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY FOR THE GREAT LOSS THAT HAS BEEN SUSTAINED BY THE SENATOR'S UNTIMELY DEATH. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR CONDOLENCE WERE ALSO CONVEYED TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY." BROWN

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 792

UNCLAS LUXEMBOURG 420

1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

2. FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. BEGIN TEXT MR. AMBASSADOR: THE GRAND DUCAL GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH PROFOUND AFFLICTION IN THE GRIEF THAT HAS JUST SO CRUELLY STRUCK THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT KENNEDY. WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO YOU TO TRANSMIT OUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. WE ALSO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR ONE OF ITS SONS WHO TOOK TO HEART HIS MISSION AS A POLITICAL MAN WITH THE AIM OF HUMAN RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT. SENATOR KENNEDY ACCEPTED HIS POLITICAL DESTINY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A DEMOCRATIC AND FREE SOCIETY FROM WHICH VIOLENCE SHOULD BE BANISHED FOR THE SAKE OF PERMANENT AND TOLERANT CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS AND DOCTRINES. MAY THE SUPREME SACRIFICE THAT HE MADE IN THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY SERVE THE HUMAN IDEALS THAT HE SET FOR HIMSELF, AND FOR WHICH HE NEVER CEASED TO FIGHT. SIGNED, THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

3. FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF LUXEMBOURG, MONSIGNOR LEON LOMMEL, WHO WILL CELEBRATE A PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT KENNEDY, SATURDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CATHEDRAL OF LUXEMBOURG: BEGIN TEXT WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD, WE MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, INTREPID CHAMPION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. WE BEG YOU, EXCELLENCY, TO TRANSMIT TO HIS SORELY AFFLICTED WIFE AND FAMILY THE PROFOUND EXPRESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES. WE PRAY AND HOPE THAT THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE WILL NOT PERISH. SIGNED, LEON LOMMEL, BISHOP

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OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

4. FROM THE LUXEMBOURG JEWISH COMMUNITY: BEGIN TEXT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMBOURG EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE MEMORY WILL ALWAYS STAY ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF FREE MEN. SIGNED, EDMON ISRAEL, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMOURG. END TEXT

5. MANY MESSAGES ALSO BEING RECEIVED FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT AT LATER TIME.
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DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

June 6, 1968

To : The Secretary
Through: S/S
From : INR - Thomas L. Hughes *tu*

Subject: Hanoi's Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Kennedy

Hanoi has reacted to the news of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassination by hinting that the assassination was plotted by the US administration. Hanoi Radio referred to the crime as a "planned assassination," and said that "various factions of the US monopoly capitalist class have not hesitated to resort to bloodshed and fire to liquidate one another." It linked the assassination of the Senator to that of President Kennedy five years ago, adding that Senator Kennedy had been "the most redoubtable political opponent" of the administration. Although the official Hanoi spokesman in Paris stated that the assassination was an American "domestic question," members of the delegation voiced dark "suspicions of a plot to newsmen. It is difficult to speculate whether or not Hanoi actually believes there is a plot -- as it might, to the extent that it sees conspiracy everywhere -- or whether it merely states this in order to make propaganda. We incline to believe the latter is the more important factor in its statements, though the former may play some role.

Press speculation that Hanoi may revamp its negotiations tactics because of the effect of the assassination on the US political outlook seems justified to a certain degree -- Hanoi may hope that the pattern of politically motivated assassination and general social unrest in the United States may lead to a greater US preoccupation with domestic matters and thus possibly force the US to soften its stand on the Vietnam issue. Hanoi doubtless also hopes that the

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pressures of the presidential campaign, particularly in such an atmosphere, will inhibit US military operations and soften our negotiations stand. While it recognizes the danger that domestic frustrations and uncertainties, or some coalescence of political sentiment, may prompt us to escalate the war rapidly in order to end it quickly, it probably believes that the principal effect will be a reduction in US interest in international issues, a consideration that may further affect the timing of its own negotiations strategy and tactics. The assassination may, in short, reinforce Hanoi's inclination to maintain a hard line in talks, while still holding the negotiations alternative open so as to restrain us from rapid escalation.

However, there is no basis for the press speculation that Hanoi might shift its stand -- presumably toward a softer position -- because it no longer sees the possibility that Senator Kennedy might become President. We do not believe that Hanoi has tied its own expectations to particular American candidates. It tends to regard all American leaders as members of the same political elite. It is keenly aware of differences between them, particularly with regard to Vietnam, but it does not believe that it can rely on them to act in accordance with Hanoi's wishes or even in accordance with their own earlier statements. Hanoi probably recalls that President Eisenhower, having promised peace in Korea, still insisted on Communist concessions on the key prisoner repatriation issue rather than yield on this point. Hanoi also probably recalls that President Kennedy began his administration by endorsing the Bay of Pigs effort, and that President Johnson sent American forces to Vietnam soon after the 1964 election. Hanoi is certainly sensitive to the fact that no US presidential candidate has committed

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himself to a rapid or unilateral withdrawal from Vietnam, no matter how critical some candidates have been of present policies. Hanoi may hope that one or another presidential candidate might be more forthcoming than others, but it will not be inclined to count on such a development. It does not expect any American President, present or potential, to yield more in negotiations than the Communist forces have been able to win in the field.

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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS TELEGRAMS SENT JUNE 6 BY KING TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY FOLLOWING DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. BOTH MESSAGES RELEASED TO PRESS.

2. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT:

QUOTE DEEPLY BEREAVED BY NEWS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH, THE VICTIM OF A HEINOUS CRIME. WE SEND YOU OUR SAD CONDOLENCES AND ASK YOU TO BE OUR INTERPRETER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR SYMPATHY FOLLOWING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR BRILLIANT CITIZENS UNQUOTE.

3. MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY:

QUOTE WE LEARNED WITH DISMAY THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK AGAINST HIS PERSON.

WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

WE ASK THAT GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND COURAGE DURING THIS HARD ORDEAL.

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Attention Mrs. Mullett
Keep this study together.

June 6, 1968

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Executive Secretary

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The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a deep shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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SUBJECT: DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY

1. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY EXPIRED 11:45 AM LOCAL TIME .

2. EMBASSY ALREADY FLYING FLAG HALF MAST AND SUGGESTS THAT
FLAG RPT FLAG ON USS CLAUDE JONES BE FLOWN AT HALF MAST.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MAKING AVAILABLE
CONDOLENCE BOOK ON BOARD SHIP OR ON SHORE, IF DECIDED IN
AFFIRMATIVE. ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE PLACED IN COAST EDITIONS
OF EAST AFRICAN STANDARD, DAILY NATION, AND TAIFALED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF SHIP'S PLANS .
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From William Bundy.

Please make every effort to reach McGeorge Bundy at the Mt. Kenya Safari Club in Nairobi to inform him that Senator Kennedy's funeral service will be Saturday morning at St. Patrick's in New York, with burial at Arlington on Saturday afternoon. Ask him to send back a message if I can help in any way on transportation in the event he returns.

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UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 1448

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION; FURTHER REACTION

REF: CAPE TOWN 1437

1. REACTION OF SHOCK AND DISMAY DEEPENED WITH NEWS OF SEN. KENNEDY'S DEATH. CONTINUED EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC INTEREST MANIFESTED BY VERY COMPLETE PRESS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDITIONS) AND RADIO COVERAGE, EDITORIAL COMMENT, AND COMMENTS OF OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUALS TO EMB AND CONGEN OFFICERS.

2. WHEN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM THIS MORNING IN CONNECTION OTHER MATTERS, AND BEFORE NEWS OF DEATH, FONSEC FOURIE EXPRESSED DEEP SYMPATHY ON BEHALF SAG AND SAID PRIMIN HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY. (PRIMIN'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY, REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL, CARRIED IN FULL BY CAPE TIMES AND BURGER TODAY).

3. SPEAKER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TELEPHONED ME ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND THAT OF PARLIAMENT TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO SEN. KENNEDY'S FAMILY, AS WELL AS TO THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF US.

2. BOTH FULL TEXT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON SENATOR'S DEATH AND COMPLETE REPORT ON TELEVISION BROADCAST ON GUN TRAFFIC

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AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE CARRIED IN AFTERNOON ARGUS.

5. AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, SUPPLEMENTING EARLIER STATEMENT ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: "THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY GRIEVES ME DEEPLY AS IT DOES ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NOT ONLY AMERICA BUT WORLD IS POORER FOR LOSS THIS GREAT MAN WHOSE COURAGE, ABILITY AND DEEP DEDICATION TO WELL-BEING OF HUMANITY AND TO PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED". MY EARLIER STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS: "MY ASSOCIATES IN AMERICAN EMBASSY AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN SA HAVE JOINED ME IN PRAYERS OF ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE ALL OVER WORLD, THE SEN. KENNEDY WILL SURVE THIS TRAGIC AND SHOCKING ATTEMPT UPON HIS LIFE AND THAT AMERICA WILL NOT BE DEPRIVED OF OUTSTANDING TALENT, ABILITY AND STATESMANSHIP OF THIS DISTINGUISHED LEADER. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND SYMPATHY, AND OF GOOD WISHES FOR SEN. KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY, FROM LEADERS AND PEOPLE IN SA". BOTH STATEMENTS CARRIED WIDELY.

6. EMBASSY AND OTHER POSTS LOWERED FLAGS TO HALF-MAST WHEN NEWS FLASH ON DEATH RECEIVED, AND OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS THIS AFTERNOON.

7. AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND, WITH OTHER OFFICERS, REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR AT ST. MARY'S RC CATHEDRAL TODAY.

8. ALL THREE CA E DAILY NEWSPAPERS, IN COVERING TRAGEDY, INCLUDE ARTICLES ON CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE IN WORLD AS MANIFESTED PARTICULARLY IN ASSASSINATIONS IN US. SHOCK WITH WHICH PROMINENT AMERICANS AND WORLD LEADERS REACTED COVERED IN DETAIL.

9. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 6 EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

A. DIE BURGER "ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION...MOVES SA MORE DEEPLY BECAUSE HE VISITED OUR COUNTRY AND BECAME EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE". EXPRESSING SYMPATHY "ACROSS ALL DIFFERENCES" TO FAMILY, PAPER OBSERVED FAMILY "INSPIRED TEMPESTUOUS LOYALTY AND AVERSION, FAR OUTSIDE BORDERS OF US. THEY KNOW BLINDING SUCCESS AND IMMEASURABLE

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