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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING IDRIS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall transmit your condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOL or Royal Diwan. END.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation and that of the United States Government for your kind message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy of yourself and of the Portuguese Embassy staff at this time of national sorrow is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Ladd  
Assistant Secretary of State  
for European Affairs

The Honorable  
Vasco Vieira Garcia,  
Ambassador of Portugal,  
Washington, D.C.

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PORTUGUESE EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1968

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Excellency:

In my name and on behalf of the Embassy staff  
permit me to convey to your Government the expression  
of our deepest sorrow on the tragic death of Senator  
Robert F. Kennedy, which represents a great national  
loss for your Country and the American people.

Respectfully yours,

*Vasco Vieira Garin*  
Vasco Vieira Garin  
Ambassador of Portugal

The Honorable  
Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Department of State

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JUN 17 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On behalf of Secretary Rusk, I want to thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy which you expressed on behalf of your government and the Congolese people is deeply appreciated at this time of national sorrow.

We are all greatly saddened at this loss of one of our most inspiring and gifted leaders, but I am confident that the example which Senator Kennedy set throughout his life and the ideals for which he stood will never be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. E. Quimby  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for African Affairs

His Excellency  
Cyrille Adoula,  
Ambassador of the Democratic  
Republic of the Congo.

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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

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

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quimby  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for African Affairs

His Excellency  
Terence Mwanza,  
Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi,  
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW,  
Suite 1114,  
Washington, DC

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INFO: AmEmbassy Addis Ababa

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FROM : AmConsul Asmara

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT : Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Addis A-681 of June 12

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The Consulate General's memorial book is herewith forwarded to the Department along with letters we have received (and acknowledged) expressing condolences.

At 7 PM on June 8 a special memorial service was held at the Kagnev Station post chapel, with attendance open to the general public of Asmara.

Local reaction to political implications of the assassination closely paralleled that reported in the Embassy's A-681, although there were no hostile editorials in the Asmara press, and the attitude of educated Asmarans seemed to be more one of shock and sympathy than of bitterness.

Enclosures: Memorial Book *att*  
Letters of condolence *bmb*

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FROM : AmEmbassy, BLANTYRE

DATE: June 17, 1968.

SUBJECT : Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Blantyre 1521

Senator Kennedy's death drew considerable attention in Malawi, with many people from all walks of life expressing their condolence personally or in writing. President BANDA, who was in Europe when the Senator died, sent a telegram of sympathy to President JOHNSON.

On June 10, a Mass in the Senator's memory was held at the Limbe Roman Catholic Cathedral (in Blantyre). A large crowd attended, including a Cabinet Minister and other prominent local figures.

Condolence books were opened for signature at the Embassy in Blantyre and at the AID office in Zomba. These books are enclosed with this airgram.

Also enclosed are the letters of condolence received by the Ambassador and the Embassy staff. The letters have been acknowledged.

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- Enclosures: *att*
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  2. Condolence letters

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FROM : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death

REF :

The Embassy has received several letters, compositions, etc. from private persons lamenting the death of the late Senator Kennedy. In most cases, these persons have requested the Embassy to forward their communications to the Kennedy family.

It would be appreciated if the Embassy could be informed whether or not the Department is acting as a transmittal agent for non-official condolences sent from abroad. If such messages should be sent direct to the Kennedy family, please provide the correct mailing address. It would also be useful to know whether or not there has been an announcement or other indication that condolences to the Kennedy family will be acknowledged.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 16, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Transmitting FRG Ex-Chancellor  
Erhard's Letter to the President

I enclose a letter to the President from FRG  
Ex-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, transmitted through  
our Embassy in Bonn.

*B. H. Read*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter  
to the President

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND BY YOUR HOPES FOR PEACE WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, I SHARE. KIND THOUGHTS FROM OLD FRIENDS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON SUCH SAD OCCASIONS.

SINCERELY,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ERHARD.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

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IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I RECEIVED THE PHOTO ALBUM. THE PICTURES WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME, IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION, OF THE MANY MEETINGS AND TALKS WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR OF HAVING WITH YOU.

I FULFILL A SAD DUTY WHEN I EXPRESS TO YOU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MY CINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MAY YOUR COUNTRY BE SPARED FROM FURTHER DISTURBANCES AND MAY YOU SUCCEED IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM WHILE STILL IN OFFICE.

WITH DEEP RESPECT AND CORDIAL REGARDS, I AM,

YOURS TRULY,

LUDWIG ERHARD UNQTE

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JUN 19 1968

DATE: 16 June 68

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TO : Department of State

INFO: Amconsul SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

FROM : Amembassy SANTO DOMINGO

SUBJECT: Reaction to Kennedy Death Shows Critical Side

REF :

1. Local news media provided the Dominican public with very wide coverage of Senator Kennedy's assassination through wire service stories from all over the world plus locally generated reporting and commentary. Along with factual reporting this included a good measure of interpretative comments alleging social decomposition in the United States and speculation concerning possible intrigue behind the assassination. Prominent among the negative wire stories carried locally were those from AFP and EFE (Spanish) dispatches.

2. Not surprisingly such commentary found an ample number of Dominican echoers and supporters, particularly within -- but not confined to -- the political left, with many going beyond any real concern over what the assassination might ultimately imply for the United States, Latin America and the world. Reaction from communist quarters displayed the expected bias in favor of a North American apocalypse with Senator Kennedy's tragedy as evidence to that end. A Fourteenth of June (1J4) statement saw Wall Street's "criminal hand" at work. Then "The 1J4" magazine titled an article "Kennedy's Assassination Reveals the Break Up of Imperialism and Deepens its Crisis." Since the Senator, the argument went, "was not exactly representing" the "fascist way," he was eliminated. The Dominican Students Federation (FED) called the death the "denouement" of, as quoted in El Nacional, "the contradictions in the bosom of imperialism" (this last phrase appeared word for word in "The 1J4"). The Dominican Popular Movement (MPD) saw the cause as "contradictions" too, but between U.S. "monopolies."

3. The highly emotional commentary of PRD spokesmen, with heavy emphasis on the "dark forces" ("Pentagonists") behind the shooting, the decomposition of U.S. society, inevitable revolution and the

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disappearance of "the last hope of mankind for peace" has been reported separately in some detail (SD 2239, 2767 and 2778), as has PRSC Secretary General Javier's statement along similarly negative lines (SD 2739).

4. While the capital morning press comment has taken a general line expressing horror and lamenting the tragedy, even El Caribe spoke on June 5, 1968 of a need for the U.S. to examine its conscience. The next day it carried a column by José F. Pensón which reacted in extravagant terms to an assassination which "proves" a type of "collective schizophrenia" in the country whose "only salvation was represented by Robert Kennedy." Santiago's La Informacion in its June 6 edition ran two strongly critical editorials and asked, "What is happening in a country which annihilates its great presidents and liberal leaders, its Nobel Prize winners?" Seeing doubts raised on the legitimacy of an electoral process in which the principal candidate is murdered, the paper continued, "We believe that this event completely lays aside the version that these political offenses are the work of blind forces, because those who fall are only the liberals, the just and those who oppose iniquity and exploitation and demand changes and reform in the politics and business of the North American nation."

5. Leftist-nationalist El Nacional's initial editorial in its June 6 extra edition maintained a relatively moderate position. It dissented from any interpretations that the Kennedy deaths and that of Martin Luther King were products of a society whose principles are in bankruptcy but rather thought the shooting showed the work of those few who impose their selfish ends of power. A column that afternoon bearing the byline of Dominican Communist Party (PCD) spokesman Narciso ISA Conde compared troubles in the U.S. and France and asserted that the "Manifest Destiny" of the U.S. is for "much violence from the government and the fascist-like groups." ISA Conde implicitly blamed forces around President Johnson, the "principal beneficiary of the November 22, 1963 assassination in Dallas" and "priest of violence", with both tragic events. Next day El Nacional journalist Silvio HERASME Peña likened his sadness on news of Senator Kennedy's death (at "the murderous hand of backwardness and oppression") to that he felt when North American troops landed in Santo Domingo April 28, 1965. Alejandro PANIAGUA wrote in El Nacional June 9 under "'Political Assassinations" that since Kennedy's rise indicated that "the scientific control" over public opinion had been "lost by the highest political circles' artificers," crime was resorted to since the defeat of Kennedy at the polls could not be guaranteed. A column by Tomás MARTE one day later expressed fear that perhaps the "one star of hope" was "extinguished." Although sprinkled with bitter phrases, Marte's piece concluded on a note of qualified hope that the victim's principles and ideas could one day bear fruit.

6. El Nacional's parent weekly Ahora carried a particularly vicious editorial in its June 10 edition which claimed the assassin, "perhaps paid," was unaware of what he was doing, like Oswald. "Those

who know. . . are hidden in the shadows of the interests who deal out such horrendous action. They are the same who made sick U.S. society, John's assassin and King's assassin,; the same who pulverized Hiroshima, who are in Vietnam, who came to Quisqueya." The following week's issue contained <sup>the</sup> reaction of magazine's International Information Chief, Manuel TAPIA Brea, entitled "Shame!" which charged that general opinion believes "the powerful economic interests of the Yankee monopoly somehow support . . . a 'mafia of assassins.'" Claiming that Senator Kennedy had indicated "he would take the first step toward the socialization of the North American economy," Tapia then asked if Juan Bosch's "Pentagonism" thesis -- alleging a "sick society" in the U.S. -- were not being fulfilled.

7. The moderate constitutionalist weekly "Renovación" ran an article by Florangel CARDENAS in its June 17 issue which saw a "boomerang" effect with the "violence and arbitrariness" of U.S. foreign policy now being visited on the nation itself. "The core of the present U.S. difficulties," she alleged, "is in the asphyxiating attitude of the North American 'circles of power.'"

8. The local Jordanian Consul came up with his own negative interpretation, telling the press he saw the assassination as a plot with Zionists, not Arabs, responsible. He claimed the \$400 found on Sirhan indicated he was a hired killer.

9. One minor demonstration stemming from the assassination of Senator Kennedy was reported to have occurred when about a dozen Ayuntamiento workers staged a short meeting near the office of the Embassy's Consular Section in Santo Domingo after police warned them away from the flagpole area. Their original intent was reported to have been to physically lower to half staff the US flag there, which, of course, upon arrival they found already so displayed.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRINCE RAINIER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prince Rainier.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prince Rainier's message to the President:

QTE It is with great sadness that the Princess and I learned of Senator Kennedy's assassination. We wish to assure your Excellency of our deepest sympathy and the part we take in the sorrow of all those who, like Senator Kennedy, love peace and freedom and the welfare of mankind. Rainier Prince of Monaco. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO DEBRE:

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

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Debre.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Debre's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the announcement of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's tragic death, I wish, Mr. Secretary, to extend to yourself and to the American Government, in my own name and on behalf of the French Government, my heartfelt condolences.

QTE Once more, France takes part in the deep sorrow that a cruel fate imposes upon your country.

QTE On this afflicting circumstance, please accept, Mr. Secretary, together with my deepest sympathy, the assurance of my highest consideration. Michel Debre UNQTE.

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*Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores*

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San José, 15 de Junio de 1968.

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Muy estimado señor Rusk :

Fue grande mi complacencia al encontrarle nuevamente en su admirable país, que nos brindó tan cálida y gentil acogida y en donde estuvimos tan bien atendidos y agasajados. La dolorosa muerte del Senador Kennedy hubo de llevar muy hondo pesar a nuestro corazón durante nuestra permanencia en Washington. Esta coincidencia trágica nos permitió, sin embargo, compartir muy de cerca la amargura del pueblo y del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos.

El objeto de estas líneas es rogarle aceptar los sentimientos de nuestro agradecimiento profundo por las esmeradas atenciones de que fuimos objeto el Señor Presidente de la República, la Señora de Trejos Fernández y quienes integramos la Comitiva para la visita a los Estados Unidos debida a la muy gentil invitación del Señor Presidente Johnson. Quisiera pedirle que le hiciera

A Su Excelencia el Señor Dean Rusk,  
Secretario de Estados de los Estados Unidos.  
Washington D. C.

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*Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores*

llegar una vez más nuestro reconocimiento, y decirle que no olvidaremos su deferente trato y los esfuerzos de todos los que a su alrededor contribuyeron a hacer de nuestro viaje a ese país un acontecimiento muy señalado y honroso para todos los costarricenses. Sus resultados han sido ampliamente satisfactorios y la visita constituyó la confirmación de la estrecha amistad que une a nuestros dos países y gobiernos, basada en el digno respeto mutuo y en la reiteración de los comunes ideales que perseguimos por un mundo mejor, más libre, más justo, más humano.

Al reiterarle personalmente mi gratitud, le envío un saludo cordialmente afectuoso con mis mejores deseos por el bien de usted y de los suyos.

*Fernando Lara*

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Fernando Lara Bustamante  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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San José, June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Rusk:

It was a great pleasure to meet you once more in your great country, where we were so warmly welcomed and so courteously treated and entertained. The death of Senator Kennedy plunged us into the most profound grief during our stay in Washington. This tragic coincidence, however, permitted us to share very closely the mourning of the people and the Government of the United States.

The purpose of these lines is to convey to you the assurances of our heartfelt gratitude for the assiduous attentions bestowed upon the President of the Republic, Mrs. Trejos Fernández, and those of us who made up their party during the visit to the United States in response to President Johnson's kind invitation. I should like to request you once more to express to him our thanks, and to tell him that we shall not forget his gracious treatment and the efforts of all those around him who helped to make our journey to your country an important event and an honor for

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

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all Costa Ricans. The results of the visit have been amply satisfactory, and it confirmed the close friendship which joins our two countries and Governments, based on mutual respect and on reaffirmation of the common ideals we pursue for a better, freer, more just, and more humane world.

With the assurances of my personal gratitude and with all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

[Signed] Fernando Lara

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ALLEY:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GRD.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Alley's message to the President:  
=QTE I wish to express to your excellency and to the grieving family my sincere sympathy on the occasion of the death of Robert Kennedy. The people of Dahomey join in the mourning of the American people for the Senator from New York, who was so cruelly taken from them. Please accept the expression of my most sincere condolence. Lieutenant Colonel Alphonse Alley UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

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ACTION: Amembassy LA PAZ

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic attack which resulted in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,  
Dean Rusk UNQTE

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

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the attack against Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I convey to you my most sincere wishes for a prompt recovery. I renew to your excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. Tomas Guillermo Elio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia. UNQTE

END

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ACTION: Amembassy LONDON

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE<sup>o</sup> FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY.

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

2. Department does not plan release message but has no objection to release by FonOff.

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EUR - Mr. Beaudry *MB*

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express to you, your Government and the Cameroonian people my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GFRC.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Ahidjo's message to the President:

QTE. We have been deeply shaken by the news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy following an attack on his person. In these tragic and sorrowful moments, the Cameroonian people, my Government, and I myself ask you to accept and to convey to the stricken family the expression of our deepest condolence. High consideration. Ahmadou Ahidjo, President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon. UNQTE

END

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TO : Department of State

FROM : American Interests Section (Cairo) DATE: June 15, 1968

SUBJECT : Kennedy Memorial Service

REF :

The death and burial of the late Senator Kennedy were commemorated in Cairo at a memorial mass held at St. Joseph's Church, Zamalek, on May 8, 1968. The special mass was conducted by the Papal Nuncio in the UAR and attended by Egyptians, members of the diplomatic corps, and other foreign residents of Cairo. Special memory was also paid at the May 9 service of the Maadi Community Church, which has a largely American congregation. Minister Donald Bergus read the President's proclamation at the service.

A book for condolences was opened at the U.S. Interests Section on the day of the Senator's death, and remained open until the day after the burial. The book is enclosed for composition of a suitable title page in the Department and transmittal to the Kennedy family.

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Enclosure: Condolence Book

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ACTION: AmEmbassy BOGOTA

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Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MINISTER ZEA  
of condolence on the tragic attack

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message ~~which resulted in the~~ ~~death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.~~ ~~Your sympathy at~~  
which resulted in the  
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at  
this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no  
objection to release by Minister Zea.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's  
message to the Secretary.

QTE In the name of the Colombian Government and people, I  
express to your excellency our deep regret for the despicable  
outrage of which Senator Robert Kennedy was the victim and at the  
same time our most sincere wishes for his full recovery. UNQTE

QTE Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest  
consideration. German Zea, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia UNQTE

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ARA-LA/NC/C:JFMcFarland /6-13/68

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Clearances:

S/S XXXXXXXXXX JWDavis  
ARA:Regina Eltz

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ACTION: Amembassy PANAMA

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROBLES:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not rpt not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Robles.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Robles message to the President: QTE The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through

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Tel. Ext. 4863

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: ARA/PAN:Frederick D. Sharp III

Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz Rmg  
S/S - Parker ap

WH: Mr Bowdler ap.

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you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity. UNQTE

5. Robles also sent message in Spanish following shooting. Text, which received White House on June 5, as follows: QTE Honda consternacion me causo el alevoso atentado a la persona del distinguido Senador Robert Kennedy, autentico defensor de las libertades humanas y verdadero exponente del sentimiento norteamericano. Por vuestro digno conducto expreso al gobierno y pueblo norteamericano el repudio de los panamenos por acto tan vil y ruego al Todopoderoso la salvacion del honorable ciudadano Kennedy. UNQTE

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Origin

ACTION: Amembassy PANAMA

Info:

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1. Following is text message sent to President Johnson by Arnulfo Arias on death of Senator Kennedy: QTE Profundamente condolidos y horrorizados por la tragica muerte del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, hacemos llegar a Vuestra Excellencia y por su digno conducto al pueblo de los Estados Unidos nuestra expresion de duelo por la irreparable perdida que ha sufrido el genero humano.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNQTE

2. Because of sensitive post-electoral period, believe acknowledgement should be made from Ambassador to Dr. Arias rather than via ~~MESSAGE~~ message from President Johnson, as is being done in case of similar message received from President Robles. If you perceive no objection, you should send following acknowledgement to Arias:

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4863

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ARA/PAN - Mr. SharpS/CPR - Miss Nichols (substance)  
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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNQTE

END

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REF: GABERONES 388

1. OFFICIAL REACTION ASSASSINATION SENATOR KENNEDY CONVEYED IN TWO MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT KHAMA TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

2. LOCAL POPULAR REACTION ONE OF BEWILDERMENT AND DISTRESS EPITOMIZED

BY FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN EMBASSY'S CONDOLENCE BOOK: "IS IT DANGEROUS TO BE GOOD?" "ALL THOSE WHO SPEAK TO FREE THE BLACK NATIONS WILL DIE", "SORRY, SORRY", "DEEPLY GRIED TO THE VERY CORE".

3. MEMORIAL MASS HELD AT GABERONES CATHEDRAL CHRIST THE KING EVENING JUNE 7 ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE. BISHOP MURPHY EULOGIZED SENATOR. CATHOLIC MISSIONS ALSO HELD MASSES.

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4. RADIO BOTSWANA PUT ON EXCELLENT HOUR LONG MEMORIAL PROGRAM JUNE 7 CONSISTING OF TAPED SHORTWAVE MESSAGES PRESIDENT JOHNSON OTHER LEADERS, LONG EXCERPTS FROM RECORDED KENNEDY SOUTH AFRICA SPEECHES.

5. PEOPLE STILL COMING OCCASIONALLY TO SIGN EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK WHICH WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO KENNEDY FAMILY.

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6. POPULAR KNOWLEDGE OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND REACTION TO ASSASSINATION SURPRISING IN VOLUME AND DEPTH AS BOTSWANA'S ONLY NEWSPAPER IS GOB MIMEOGRAPHED SHEET CARRYING LITTLE OTHER THAN LOCAL NEWS AND NUMBER OF RADIOS LIMITED.

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ACTION: Amembassy, COPENHAGEN

Info:

STATE

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER HARTLING:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of  
condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.  
Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow  
is deeply appreciated. UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but  
has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

END

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EUR/SCAN:EKlebenov:acknowledged by ES/A

Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by: EUR/SCAN - George M. Ingram

Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Parker

EUR - Mr. Beaudry

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ACTION: Amconsul NASSAU

Info:

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1. Please pass following message to Governor from Secretary:

"Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. I shall, as Mrs. Kennedy and members of you request, transmit your message to the Senator's family."

2. Department does not plan to release message but has no objection to release by Governor.

End.

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S/S Mrs. Davis

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ACTION: Amembassy BRUSSELS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE PRESIDENT BARRE

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

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Vice President Barre.

3. Following, FYI, is Vice President Barre's message to the Secretary. QTE I am profoundly aggrieved over the events which have so unhappily taken place during my brief visit to the United States. With my fellow Europeans, I share deep sympathy for the leaders and the people of the United States for the tragic loss of a splendid and dedicated American, Robert F. Kennedy. Yours truly, Raymond Barre UNQTE

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EUR/RPE:HH Eastman:jm

Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

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S/S - AParker

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ACTION: Amembassy Office KARACHI

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO Z. A. BHUTTO:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED~~

~~THIS MESSAGE OF NATIONAL CONCERN IS BEING APPROPRIATELY~~

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Mr. Bhutto.

3. Following, FYI, is Mr. Bhutto's message to the Secretary.

QTE Appalled at the gruesome tragedy that has afflicted your country by the assassination of youthful Mr. Kennedy. Everywhere people will mourn everywhere America's grief will be shared. Lost for words to express sorrow to the Senator's family whom fate has blessed and beaten beyond limits of human endurance. Zulfikar Ali

Bhutto UNQTE

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NEA/PAF - Francis C. Prescott

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S/S - Mr. Parker

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June 14, 1968

Sir:

I have received with thanks your note of June 7, 1968,  
containing a communication to the President of the United  
States from His Excellency Raul Leoni, President of Venezuela,  
expressing condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

His Excellency's kind message has been transmitted to the  
President.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

*Robert M. Sayre*

The Honorable

Dr. Carlos Pérez de la Cova,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim  
of Venezuela.

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EMBAJADA DE VENEZUELA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1300-E1

7 de junio de 1968.

Señor Secretario de Estado:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia en la oportunidad de rogarle tenga a bien hacer llegar el texto del mensaje que se transcribe a continuación a su alto destinatario:

"Caracas, 6 de junio de 1968.

Excelentísimo Señor Lyndon B. Johnson  
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América  
Washington, D.C.

Profundamente conmovido ante la trágica desaparición del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, envío al noble pueblo norteamericano y al Gobierno que preside Vuestra Excelencia las más sentidas expresiones de condolencia en nombre del pueblo y Gobierno de Venezuela y en el mío propio. RAUL LEONI, Presidente de la República de Venezuela".

Válgome de la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.

  
Carlos Pérez de la Cova  
Encargado de Negocios a.i.

Al Excelentísimo Señor  
Dean Rusk  
Secretario de Estado  
Washington, D.C.

*Pal 6-2 NS/Kennedy, Robert F.*

EMBAJADA DE VENEZUELA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1968.

Excellency:

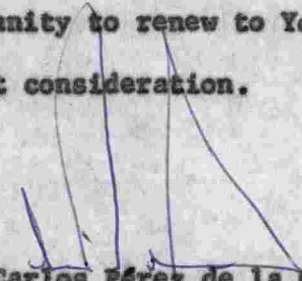
I have the honor to request the good offices of  
Your Excellency to transmit the following message to His  
Excellency The President of the United States:

"Caracas, June 6, 1968.

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

Deeply moved by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy,  
I wish to convey to the noble people of the United States and  
to Your Excellency's Government the heartfelt expressions of  
condolence of the people and Government of Venezuela, as well  
as my own. RAUL LEONI, President of the Republic of Venezuela".

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your  
Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Carlos Pérez de la Cova  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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His Excellency  
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Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.

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Department of State  
ROBERT F. **TELEGRAM**

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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3708  
INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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REF: STATE 182229

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HUSAIN HAND DELIVERED 1030 LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING TO INDIAN EMBASSY.
2. WILL BE SENT LATER TODAY BY POUCH TO BRIONI WHERE HUSAIN HAS BEEN HOLDING TALKS WITH TITO.

DECON UPON RECEIPT. ELBRICK

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ACTION: Amembassy OSLO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER LYG

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

2. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs.  
Kennedy. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQUOTE

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

End

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S/S - Mr. Parker  
EUR - Mr. Beauchry

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TO : Department of State

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JUN 17 12 33 PM '68

FROM : Amconsul CURACAO

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The post received many messages of condolence on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968.

Though quite a number of the callers by telephone did not identify themselves or were unknown to the Consulate General, those who wired or wrote were in all instances known to the post. With few exceptions they requested that their message of sympathy be conveyed to the United States Government and the Kennedy family. The Chairman of the Staten (Legislative Council) requested their condolences be forwarded to the United States Senate.

Listed below are those officials, organizations and individuals who asked that their condolences be conveyed to our government and the family of Senator Kennedy. All messages have been acknowledged.

His Excellency Nicolaas Debrot, Governor of the Netherlands Antilles

His Excellency C. D. Kroon, Minister-President of the Netherlands Antilles

Mr. B. M. Leito, Acting Lieutenant Governor of Curacao

Mr. Francesco Leidenz Estevanot, Venezuelan Consul General

Mr. Alfonso Rojas Palma, Colombian Consul

Mr. Nestor P. Aristizabal, Argentine Consul

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tauber, local merchant

Mr. J. Lopez Henriquez, local merchant

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Pimsler, local merchant  
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Federation Curacao  
Mr. Rene Moreno, businessman  
Mr. J.A. Rojer, President, Netherlands Antilles Credit  
Union League  
The Reverend Amado E. J. Romer, Manager, Netherlands  
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Curacao Sorority Society SUFA (Sociedad Union Femenina  
Antillana)  
Mr. Marvin E. Zoetrum  
Mr. L. A. Abraham, President, The Staten of the Netherlands  
Antilles  
Mr. Jose Lake, Editor and Publisher, The Windward Islands  
Opinion, Philipsburg, St. Maarten  
Mr. Lionel Capriles, businessman  
Mr. M. F. Henriquez, businessman  
Mr. A. van Os, Shell Curacao N.V.  
Mr. L. Capriles, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry of Curacao  
Mr. F. W. van Ramshorst, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry of Curacao  
Mr. Aniceto Rosario, President, Ambtenaren Credit Union  
Mr. Harold Silvano, Secretary, Ambtenaren Credit Union  
Mr. W. Thomas Rozier, President, The Board of the U.R.A.,  
local political party  
Mr. Winston S.S.D. Lourens, Secretary General, The Board of  
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Request you convey following reply from Vice President to

Outhong Souvannavong President of King's Council:  
the Members of

"On behalf of ~~my colleagues in~~ the U.S. Senate and myself

I wish to express our grateful appreciation for your kind and  
sympathetic message of condolence on the tragic death of  
Senator Robert F. Kennedy."

Office of Vice President does not plan to release text of  
message but has no objection if RLG does.

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

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Attention MRS. CHAMBERLAIN  
Keep this study together

Subject: Condolence Message from Bundestag  
President

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

*for* *Benjamin H. Read*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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

S/S *BH*  
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