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FROM : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

DATE: July 1, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy Assassination: Transmittal of  
 Condolences

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The following two communications are enclosed for forwarding  
 to the Kennedy family:

1. Letter from Frederick E. Miller, Buddies Pasteurized Milk, Tudor Street, Bridgetown, Barbados.
2. Poem written by Mrs. Florence Rock, "Fanwinim," Bedford Avenue, Upper Bay Street, St. Michael, Barbados.

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\*Send standard Presidential condolence cable rather than the attached. Marshall Wright to Bill Shepard 7/3/68. EA informed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Message to the President from Governor General Sir Arthur Porritt on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a telegram to the President from New Zealand Governor General Sir Arthur Porritt expressing condolences on the assassination of Senator Kennedy. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram to the President from Sir Arthur Porritt.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND HAS ASKED ME TO

PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU

"I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDYS  
DEATH. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MRS  
KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN"

F H CORNER AMBASSADOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

Arthur E. Perrett  
Governor General

John G. Vetter

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Sir Arthur:

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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QTE. I was deeply distressed to hear of Senator Robert Kennedy's death. Would you please convey my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and her children. UNQTE.

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GENERAL SIR ARTHUR PORRITT:

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. UNQTEI

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NOT  
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Attention *Mrs. M. H. H. H.*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence to the President  
from Lieutenant-General Joseph A. Ankrah

Enclosed for your records is the message of  
condolence to the President from Lieutenant-General  
Joseph A. Ankrah, Chairman of the National Liberation  
Council of Ghana, upon the death of Senator Robert F.  
Kennedy. It was replied to in the enclosed standard  
telegram.

*Robert G. H. H.*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Message from General Ankrah
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2460 16TH STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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A copy of the letter is enclosed for the Secretary of State's records.

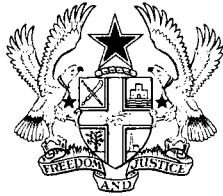
The Ambassador of Ghana takes the opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest esteem.

June 6, 1968

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EMBASSY OF GHANA

2460 16TH STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 6, 1968

Mr. President,

I have been instructed by the Chairman of the National Liberation Council, Lieutenant-General Joseph A. Ankrah, to convey to you the following message:

"We have heard with profound shock and horror, the news of the tragic death of Mr. Robert Kennedy as a result of injuries he received from an assassin's bullet in Los Angeles yesterday.

"Following so soon after the recent murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this dastardly and villanous murder of Robert Kennedy is a great blow to all those who cherish the establishment of orderly human societies in which the security of the individual irrespective of his colour, creed, religion or political views, shall be guaranteed.

"It is indeed a sad reflection on our present age that a man of such integrity as Robert Kennedy who, like his late brother John F. Kennedy and also like the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, stood for the high principles of human brotherhood and racial equality should die at the assassin's hands, in his efforts to bring a better life not only to his people, but to all mankind.

"It is our fervent hope that the noble ideal for which Robert Kennedy stood will not die with him, but rather that his untimely death will inspire us to greater efforts towards the realisation of those ideals.

"America has lost another great son, who symbolised the hopes and aspirations of millions of its citizens.

Honourable Lyndon B. Johnson,  
President of the United States  
of America,  
The White House,

"I wish on behalf of my colleagues of the National Liberation Council, the Government and people of Ghana and on my own behalf to convey to you, and through you to the bereaved Kennedy family, and to the Government and people of the United States, our heartfelt condolences for this great and irreparable loss. "

Respectfully submitted.



(E. M. DEBRAH)  
AMBASSADOR



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GENERAL ANKRAH:

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 AND UNDERSTANDING.  
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2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND 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 GENERAL ANKRAH.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF GENERAL ANKRAH'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE HAVE HEARD WITH PROFOUND SHOCK AND HORROR, THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. ROBERT KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF INJURIES HE RECEIVED FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY.

QTE FOLLOWING SO SOON AFTER THE RECENT MURDER OF

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THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THIS DASTARDLY AND VILLAINOUS MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY IS A GREAT BLOW TO ALL THOSE WHO CHERISH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERLY HUMAN SOCIETIES IN WHICH THE SECURITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IRRESPECTIVE OF HIS COLOUR, CREED, RELIGION OR POLITICAL VIEWS, SHALL BE GUARANTEED.

QTE IT IS INDEED A SAD REFLECTION ON OUR PRESENT AGE THAT A MAN OF SUCH INTEGRITY AS ROBERT KENNEDY WHO, LIKE HIS LATE BROTHER JOHN F. KENNEDY AND ALSO LIKE THE LATE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, STOOD FOR THE HIGH PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD AND RACIAL EQUALITY SHOULD DIE AT THE ASSASSIN'S HANDS, IN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING A BETTER LIFE NOT ONLY TO HIS PEOPLE, BUT TO ALL MANKIND.

QTE IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THE NOBLE IDEAL FOR WHICH ROBERT KENNEDY STOOD WILL NOT DIE WITH HIM, BUT RATHER THAT HIS UNTIMELY DEATH WILL INSPIRE US TO GREATER EFFORTS TOWARDS THE REALISATION OF THOSE IDEALS.

QTE AMERICA HAS LOST ANOTHER GREAT SON, WHO SYMBOLISED THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF MILLIONS OF ITS CITIZENS.

QTE I WISH ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF TO CONVEY TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE BEREAVED KENNEDY FAMILY, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES FOR THIS GREAT AND IRREPARABLE LOSS. JOSEPH A. ANKRAH. UNQUOTE RJSK

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Attention *Mrs. Mullett*

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Secretary Rusk has asked me to tell you how much he appreciated your most kind and thoughtful letter at a time of such sorrow.

All Americans can feel comforted by the sympathy which the French people have extended on this occasion, and I know the Kennedy family has been consoled by your expressions of grief.

Sincerely,

*S/S cwm*

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*Nicholas deB. Katzenbach*

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His Excellency  
Charles Lucet  
Ambassador of France

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE  
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June 6, 1968

My dear Dean:

When I met you briefly yesterday, I told you of the deep emotion we felt upon learning of the attempt made against Senator Kennedy's life.

Now I have just learnt of his death. In my own name and that of my colleagues, and in the name of all Frenchmen residing in the United States, I want to tell you how much all of us have been shocked and grieved by this news.

With deep feeling we have listened to the noble words of the President of the United States and, joinging our prayers with yours, we hope that violence will cease to reign on this earth.

Please convey my homage to Virginia and accept the expression of my very high consideration.

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The Honorable  
Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

*Robert F. Kennedy*

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TO : The <sup>Acting</sup> Secretary  
THROUGH: S/S *SR*  
FROM : EUR - John M. Leddy *Jul*  
SUBJECT: Reply to Ambassador Lucet's letter  
of condolence following Senator  
Kennedy's death - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Ambassador Lucet wrote <sup>*you*</sup> following Senator  
Kennedy's death expressing his sympathy on behalf  
of all Frenchmen living in the United States.

Attached is a brief reply to the Ambassador.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter at Tab A.

Enclosures:

Tab A. - Letter to Ambassador Lucet  
Tab B. - Letter from Ambassador Lucet

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