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(Crest of the City of Quebec)

Mayor's Office

To Mr. Francis Cunningham,  
Consul General of the United States.

The violent death of Senator Kennedy, after that of his brother and of other men in public life, makes us reflect deeply on the escalation of violence not only in the United States but throughout the world.

It is rather significant to note that we constantly find youth at the origin of this violence. Perhaps certain groups use youth as the instrument of their anarchical designs.

Accordingly, this confronts the authorities, as it does all the citizens, with the great question of learning what causes this uneasiness. One thing is certain; violence in itself has never eliminated anxiety; it has created other anxieties, usually deeper and more serious.

It is impossible that those who resort to violence, or who have the intention, avowed or unavowed, of using it, are not aware that the wish to modify the established order by these extreme means leads only to a collective anarchy of which they themselves may some day be the victims.

In the name of the municipal authorities and of all the citizens of the city of Quebec, I wish to offer to the Consul General of the United States our testimonial of deep sympathy on the occasion of the mourning that afflicts the American nation at this time.

As Mayor of Quebec, city of welcome par excellence, I express the wish that this new sacrifice will have the effect of reinforcing democracy and appeasing the ferment of discord in the world.

Quebec, June 6, 1968

The Mayor of Quebec,

/s/ Gilles Lamontagne

Translated by FCunningham



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## ÉDITORIAL

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LE SOLEIL, QUEBEC, VENDREDI 7 JUIN 1968

# Robert Kennedy a succombé

L'émotion qui a frappé de stupeur les Etats-Unis après l'attentat et la mort, 25 heures plus tard, du sénateur Robert Kennedy est bien compréhensible. En l'espace d'un peu moins de cinq ans les deux membres les plus éminents de la famille Kennedy tombaient sous les balles d'un assassin; en 1963 John Kennedy était président de son pays, en 1968 Robert Kennedy aspirait à la présidence. Ses chances d'y accéder étaient plus grandes depuis qu'il venait de remporter les "primaires" de Californie. Le moins qu'on puisse dire est que la famille Kennedy a eu un destin tragique.

Dans les deux cas, les Kennedy sont tombés sous les balles d'individus qui en voulaient moins aux personnalités visées qu'aux idéaux qu'elles incarnaient, ceux du libéralisme et de la démocratie qui sont des constantes dans la vie américaine. L'assassin de Kennedy, Oswald, était un inadapté chronique qui avait vaguement participé à des groupes d'activistes cubains et fait un séjour frustrant dans le "paradis" soviétique. Celui qui vient de mettre fin aux jours du sénateur Robert Kennedy était un arabe jordanien, qui en voulait au sénateur d'avoir préconisé une politique pro-israélienne. Les notes de l'assassin, retrouvées après le drame, témoignent de sentiments "anti-capitalistes, pro-communistes et anti-américains".

On comprend mal dès lors la Radio-Moscou de résumer cet assassinat en disant que la seule liberté qui existe aux Etats-Unis est celle de tuer. On comprend aussi difficilement l'Agence France-Presse qui écrit que "l'Amérique horrifiée, affolée, s'est pourtant réveillée hier matin pour constater que l'assassinat politique est entré dans les mœurs d'une nation névrosée et psychopathique".

Dans le cas des deux frères Kennedy la "névrose" et la "psychopathie" ne doivent pas être imputées à toute une nation mais bien aux deux assassins qui ne partageaient visiblement pas les grands idéaux de cette nation. Il ne faudrait tout de même pas inverser ici les responsabilités.

Il reste que l'assassinat récent du pasteur Martin Luther King, qui semble bien imputable à un raciste blanc, et celui des deux frères Kennedy sont le signe que

la violence a trop de place aux Etats-Unis. C'est un phénomène qui n'est pas nouveau dans ce pays. Les Etats-Unis ont grandi très rapidement en faisant appel à des immigrants de tous les pays du monde. Chacun s'y est taillé sa place au soleil à la force de ses poignets. La mentalité de la "frontière" a imprégné l'existence américaine. L'absence de longues traditions y a eu ses bons et ses moins bons effets.

Au surplus, les Etats-Unis sont une société ouverte et libre. Le protocole, les barrières hiérarchiques sont réduits au minimum. On y côtoie donc facilement les grandes personnalités politiques, ce qui explique qu'un Sirhan ait pu se glisser dans l'hôtel où le sénateur Robert Kennedy célébrait sa victoire. La liberté comporte ses risques. Elle peut facilement être utilisée comme argument par les régimes qui refusent la liberté.

Il serait regrettable si ce second assassinat d'un membre de la famille Kennedy par un individu bafouillant un quelconque charabia pro-communiste conduisait à un anti-communiste primaire aux Etats-Unis; cela ne ferait que provoquer de faux problèmes et empêcher une discussion sereine des questions en jeu dans la République voisine.

Il semble que dans les deux grands partis américains et parmi les candidats à l'investiture présidentielle à l'intérieur de chaque parti on est conscient de ce danger, de celui d'une escalade verbale en politique intérieure.

La mort du sénateur Kennedy prive les Etats-Unis d'un homme politique courageux. Il n'avait pas hésité à prendre les mesures les plus fermes, lorsqu'il était procureur général de son pays, pour assurer l'égalité raciale et lutter contre le pouvoir des féodalités de toutes sortes à l'intérieur de la nation.

La disparition de Robert Kennedy change les conditions de la course à l'investiture démocrate; la lutte se fera maintenant entre le sénateur McCarthy et le vice-président Humphrey. Ce sont deux hommes politiques de valeur. On ne peut pas moins regretter l'absence dans la politique américaine d'un lutteur infatigable et décidé comme Robert Kennedy.

## ***L'Action éditoriale***

# **L'infecte violence**

Ce que personne n'osait entrevoir dans le pire des cauchemars vient de se produire. Après le président Kennedy, après le pasteur Martin Luther King, c'est au tour du sénateur Kennedy d'être victime d'un attentat d'une indicible sauvagerie. Et l'attentat se produit dans la Californie, là où chacun a le droit de vivre à sa guise même au sein des universités d'Etat. L'attentat se produit à Los Angeles, là même où la colère des Noirs a suscité il y a quelques années la première des grandes déflagrations civiles. L'attentat se produit à deux pas de Hollywood et du Sunset Strip où la vie veut se dérouler dans la plus grande tolérance et dans l'expression des opinions les plus diverses.

On ne peut évidemment pas juger les Etats-Unis d'après le comportement de quelques groupes de fanatiques ni d'après les meurtres spectaculaires dont ils se rendent coupables. Toutefois, l'impuissance des forces de l'ordre à mettre la main sur les assassins du président Kennedy et du pasteur King incite certainement certains extrémistes à se remettre à la tâche périodiquement. Malgré l'enquête menée par le juge Warren, l'opinion américaine n'est, en effet, pas satisfaite des conclusions auxquelles en arrive l'administration des Etats-Unis quant à la mort du président Kennedy. D'autre part, malgré le déploiement de force du FBI et malgré d'innombrables contacts à travers le monde, on ne sait pas encore qui a abattu le pasteur King ni exactement pourquoi. Aujourd'hui, à l'heure même où le sénateur Kennedy s'approchait dangereusement de la Maison blanche, un nouvel assassin intervient pour lui barrer la route.

Certes, l'histoire est pleine de ces attentats perpétrés contre la personne des plus hauts gouvernants d'un pays. La France aussi, à ses heures tragiques, a tué ses rois. Cependant, jamais un pays n'a liquidé aussi systématiquement et dans un laps de temps aussi court tous ceux qui incarnaient à des titres divers l'espoir de la nation. La famille Kennedy et le pasteur King représentaient, en effet, pour la nation américaine la possibilité d'un pays où toutes les classes de citoyens pourraient enfin posséder des chances égales d'éducation et de réussite. Hors du

pays, le régime Kennedy, malgré des erreurs comme celle de la Baie des Cochons, a néanmoins marqué le début de relations nouvelles avec l'Union soviétique et l'instauration des négociations à l'échelle internationale. Le sénateur Kennedy, depuis déjà plusieurs mois, avait eu le courage de s'opposer à l'administration Johnson et d'affirmer que les Etats-Unis se fourvoyaient en n'offrant pas au monde la possibilité de négociations à propos de la guerre du Vietnam. Par-delà les victimes elles-mêmes, c'est donc un espoir qu'on assassine.

Certains diront sans doute que le sénateur McCarthy avait, tout autant que le sénateur Kennedy, protesté contre le comportement de l'administration Johnson dans le conflit vietnamien. Sans doute. Cependant, le sénateur Kennedy avait mené sa campagne autant sur le front intérieur qu'à l'échelle internationale. En d'autres termes, non seulement il laissait envisager à la nation américaine la possibilité d'un nouveau comportement face au communisme nord-vietnamien, mais encore il osait miser sur les minorités américaines pour se rendre à la Maison blanche. Il y a quelques jours, le sénateur Kennedy avait osé dire qu'il se retirerait de la lutte si la Californie lui faisait faux bond. Or, une bonne moitié de la population californienne est composée de minorités diverses et c'est là précisément que le sénateur Kennedy comptait trouver ses appuis. A défaut d'un endossement par la population noire et mexicaine, le sénateur Kennedy ne se jugeait plus en mesure d'atteindre son objectif. Une telle prétention, dans le contexte américain actuel, aurait dû sonner comme un engagement formel d'amener enfin les diverses parties du pays sur un pied d'égalité. Aujourd'hui, la population noire des Etats-Unis a perdu et son leader naturel, le pasteur Luther King, et le candidat présidentiel qui aurait pu faire véritablement de la Maison blanche le symbole de l'égalité entre tous. Désormais, ce sont les extrémistes, du type Carmichael ou Rapp Brown, qui trouveront créance auprès d'une population noire qui réclame à grands cris l'amélioration de ses conditions de vie.

Laurent Laplante

# ÉDITORIAL

*Fais ce que dois*

LE SOLEIL, QUEBEC, SAMEDI 8 JUIN 1968

## Contre la violence

L'assassinat du sénateur Robert Kennedy, survenant après celui d'autres personnalités éminentes de la nation américaine a fourni l'occasion au président Johnson de présenter au Congrès une série de mesures visant à réglementer très sévèrement la vente d'armes à feu aux Etats-Unis. De ce côté là au moins on peut espérer que la leçon portera fruit et qu'à l'avenir n'importe qui aux Etats-Unis ne pourra entrer dans un magasin d'armes à feu comme on entre dans un moulin et ne pourra ensuite se servir de ces armes aux fins les moins honorables.

Si l'on tient compte des événements survenus ces dernières années dans le pays voisin, les mesures préconisées par le président Johnson n'apparaissent que comme un strict minimum: 1) suppression de la vente d'armes à feu par correspondance c'est de cette manière qu'Oswald s'était procuré la carabine dont il s'est servi pour mettre fin aux jours du président Kennedy; 2) interdiction de ventes de révolvers aux moins de 21 ans et de fusils aux moins de 18 ans; 3) ventes d'armes à feu aux seuls résidents de l'Etat dans laquelle l'arme est vendue. L'indignation provoquée aux Etats-Unis par l'assassinat du sénateur Kennedy permettra sans doute de faire adopter ces mesures sévères. Elle permettra peut-être aussi de démontrer l'absurdité de la violence comme "idéal" d'action.

Tant sous l'effet de doctrines qui préconisent sourdement la subversion comme un instrument de propagation et d'influence idéologique que par un certain romantisme échevelé et à courte vue ou tout simplement par un déséquilibre psychologique patent, on ne saurait nier que la violence a progressé ces dernières années dans les sociétés industrielles modernes. Avant la dernière guerre, la violence utilisée à des fins politiques avait connu semblable ferveur sous l'effet du fascisme, du nazisme et du communisme. On a vu où cela a conduit: à des régimes fermés et dictatoriaux qui ont utilisé la violence organisée pour prendre le pouvoir, pour le maintenir et pour s'attaquer à leurs voisins.

C'est une vérité banale que d'affirmer que la violence attire la violence. Dans une société où le droit n'a pas le "monopole de la violence"; c'est-à-dire l'exclusivité de faire justice entre les hommes, de prévoir et de mettre en application les peines consécutives aux différentes sortes de délit, c'est justement l'autre violence qui s'établit. Elle entraîne les pires abus, même lorsqu'elle est pratiquée au nom de supposés grands idéaux, le propre de la vie en société étant, comme on le sait, de faire coexister des idéaux différents. D'où la nécessité d'un strict respect de la légalité, si les hommes ne veulent pas retourner à la loi de la jungle, à celle de la vendetta, la tendance d'une vendetta étant d'entraîner une autre vendetta.

Les Etats-Unis ont malheureusement subi ces dernières années trop d'actes de violence. Le moment semble venu où l'opinion publique et les dirigeants politiques doivent se soucier d'appliquer contre elle des mesures plus sévères de prévention. Mais la violence a également eu cours dans les autres pays. Ici même au Canada nous n'avons de leçon à donner à personne. Selon toutes les indications l'assassin de Robert Kennedy était un nationaliste fanatique qui se croyait animé par une grande cause. Cela se produit ailleurs. Chez nous aussi des bombes ont éclaté, qui ont fait des victimes. La violence et le refus de la légalité sont générateurs des pires désordres.

Après tous les autres, l'assassinat de Robert Kennedy a suffisamment frappé l'imagination des Américains pour mobiliser toute leur énergie à prévenir la violence et les causes qui l'engendrent. Dans le passé les Américains ont démontré qu'ils savaient constater leur faiblesse et qu'ils pouvaient prendre les moyens pour y remédier. Il ne sera pas sans intérêt pour les autres pays de surveiller à cet égard l'évolution des Etats-Unis car les autres nations industrielles subissent plus ou moins le même phénomène, qui est, semble-t-il, lié au développement des sociétés fortement urbanisées.

*Gilles Lamontagne*  
*Maire-Mayor*



*Cabinet du Maire*  
*Mayor's Office*

A Monsieur Francis Cunningham,  
Consul général des Etats-Unis.

*La mort violente qu'a connue le Sénateur Robert Kennedy, à la suite de celle de son frère et d'autres hommes publics, nous porte à réfléchir profondément sur l'escalade de la violence non seulement aux Etats-Unis, mais de par le monde.*

*Il est assez significatif de constater qu'à l'origine de cette violence on retrouve constamment la jeunesse. Peut-être certains groupes s'en servent-ils comme instrument de leurs desseins anarchiques.*

*Cela pose donc aux autorités, comme à tous les citoyens, la grande question de savoir d'où vient ce malaise. Une chose est certaine; la violence en elle-même n'a jamais éliminé un malaise; elle en a créé d'autres, la plupart du temps plus profonds et plus graves.*

*Il n'est pas possible que ceux qui se livrent à la violence ou qui ont l'intention avouée ou inavouée de l'utiliser, ne puissent pas penser que l'ordre établi qu'ils veulent modifier par ce moyen extrême, ne mène qu'à une anarchie collective dont ils pourront être un jour eux-mêmes les victimes.*

*Au nom des autorités municipales et de tous les citoyens de la Ville de Québec, je désire offrir au Consul général des Etats-Unis notre témoignage de profonde sympathie à l'occasion du deuil qui afflige en ce moment la nation américaine.*

*En tant que Maire de Québec, ville d'accueil par excellence, je tiens à exprimer le voeu que ce nouveau*

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OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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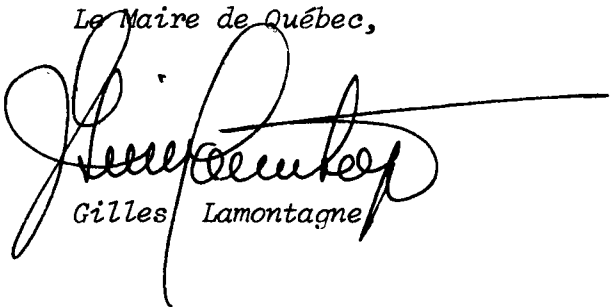
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sacrifice aura pour effet de renforcer la démocratie  
et d'apaiser les ferments de discorde dans le monde.

Québec, ce 6 juin 1968.

Le Maire de Québec,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a prominent loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The signature is written over the printed name "Gilles Lamontagne".

Gilles Lamontagne

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PARIS FOR USDEL

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SUBJECT: ICC LAOS AND PARIS NEGOTIATIONS

1. CANADIAN COMMISSIONER COOPER RECOUNTED THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD RECENTLY WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROSS REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LE DUC THO'S ARRIVAL IN PARIS. ROSS SAID THAT THE FRENCH REGARDED HIS APPEARANCE ON THE SCENE AS A SIGNAL FOR A DEAL WHICH COULD VERY WELL TAKE THIS FORM: THE DRV WOULD AGREE TO THE PRESENCE OF ICC/LAOS TEAMS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF NORTH LAOS SELECTED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH DRV ACTIVITIES IN NORTH LAOS; IN EXCHANGE THE DRV WOULD ROLL UP THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND AGREE TO COMPLETE FREEDOM FOR ICC/LAOS TO INVESTIGATE THROUGHOUT SOUTH LAOS. (COMMENT: THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD RECOGNIZE THE DRV'S "SPECIAL INTEREST" IN LAO PROVINCES ADJACENT TO ITS BORDERS, WHILE "ADMITTING" THAT SOUTH LAOS IS ONLY OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO THE WAR IN SVN).

2. DURING THE JUNE 7 BRITISH SIGNING OF THE FEOF AGREEMENT, ROSS ADVANCED TO ME THE THEORY THAT LE DUC THO'S PARIS ARRIVAL AUGURED A SOFTENING OF HANOI'S LINE. HE ELABORATED BY SAYING THAT SINCE THO WAS A "HARD LINER", CONCESSIONS COMING FROM HIM WOULD BE LESS SUSPECT TO DRV PUBLIC OPINION. (COMMENT: ROSS' SHY, ALMOST DIFFIDENT, MANNER MAKES HIM DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. HE IS VERY ALERT, SENSITIVE AND ON THIS OCCASION WAS MORE POSITIVE AND ANIMATED REGARDING

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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1938

FROM PALMER

REF FREETOWN 1937

1. AMB AND I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER STEVENS JUNE 7. DURING  
OPENING STATEMENTS STEVENS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND SORROW FOR  
KENNEDY'S DEATH. HE THEN RAISED NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM US AS UK, "ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCE," CANNOT BE AS FORTH-  
COMING AS NECESSARY BECAUSE OWN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE SAID  
GAP BETWEEN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN SIERRA LEONE VERY LARGE  
AND IMMEDIATE HELP IS IMPERATIVE. I REPLIED WE HAVE CONTINUING  
INTEREST IN SIERRA LEONE AND GREAT SYMPATHY FOR PRESENT PROBLEMS.  
DESPITE THIS, I EXPLAINED, HIS HOPES SHOULD NOT BE TOO HIGH AND  
THERE VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE. LISTING  
ONGOING USAID PROJECTS SEEMED MAKE LITTLE IMPRESSION ON HIM.

2. STEVENS THEN GAVE HIS VERSION RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING  
PEACE CORPS, WHICH PARALLELED THAT GIVEN BY FORMIN (SEE REFTEL).  
HE DENIED ANY GOVT RESPONSIBILITY, WHILE BLAMING SITUATION ON  
PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO WERE ANNOYED AT MEETING OF PCVS DURING  
PERIOD OF PROHIBITION ON LARGE GATHERINGS. HE DEPLORED INCIDENTS  
AND SAID WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS,

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4220

UNCLAS PANAMA 3649

GOP'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LEVY SALCEDO CALLED ON ME AT EMBASSY  
 YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ROBLES AND THE  
 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR  
 KENNEDY. THIS MORNING A MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WAS HELD AT  
 THE CATHEDRAL IN PANAMA CITY ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED BY PADRE  
 BENJAMIN AYECHU, RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA LA ANTIGUA.  
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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

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SAUDI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

JIDDA 4300

1. ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY BY EX-JERUSALEMITE ARAB MAJOR TOPIC OF LOCAL DISCUSSION. PUBLIC INTEREST STIMULATED BY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY SAUDI PRESS, TV AND RADIO TO INCIDENT AND TO REACTION IN OTHER ARAB STATES, INCLUDING CONDEMNATORY STATEMENTS OF ARAB LEADERS, AL-FATAH, ETC.

2. APART FROM SAQQAF'S FORMAL CALL (JIDDA 4289), WE HAVE HAD TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PROMINENT SAUDIS EXPRESSING THEIR SHOCK AND SORROW. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW CROWN PRINCE KHALID OFF AT AIRPORT JUNE 8, ALL MEMBERS OF SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY PRESENT PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR SORROW AND INDIGNATION. THESE INCLUDED SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINIST PRINCE FAHD, MODA PRINCE SULTAN, NATIONAL GUARD PRINCE ABDULLAH, MINFINANCE PRINCE MUSA'ID, MECCA GOVERNOR

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PRINCE MISHA'AL, SPECIAL ADVISOR PRINCE NAWWAF, AND PRINCE MITAB. ROYAL COUNSELOR RASHAD PHARAON AND MININFO HUJAILAN ALSO DID SO. ALL ASKED THAT THEIR DEEP RESPECTS AND CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

3. ACCORDING SAQQAF (AND ALSO MUHAMMAD ALIREZA), KING FAISAL MUCH DISTRESSED AT NEWS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT KING WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE, BUT FELT UNABLE DO SO SINCE HE HAD NOT SENT MESSAGES TO EITHER BOUMEDIENNE OR CHAMOUN FOLLOWING ATTACK ON THEM. HOWEVER, KING SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED SAUDI AMB SUWAIYIL ATTEND FUNERAL.

4. SAUDI PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONTPAGE AS WELL AS EDITORIAL COVERAGE ALL ASPECTS OF INCIDENT. WITH ITS CUSTOMARY CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY, IT HAS USUALLY SOUGHT HIDDEN PERPETRATOR AND MOTIVE. AL-MADINAH EMPHATICALLY REJECTED ASSASSINATION AND EXPRESSED ITS SORROW FOR INCIDENT. GILAD EDITORIAL JUNE 7 ASSERTED ASSASSINATION AGAINST KORANIC TEACHINGS AND MUSLIMS THUS CONDEMN ATTACK ON SENATOR. IT ARGUED THAT IF PERSON SUSPECTED OF DEED IS IN FACT GUILTY, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING SINCE ONLY WEAK AND COWARDLY RESORT TO PERFDY AND ASSASSINATION AND ARABS NEITHER WEAK OR COWARDLY. WRITER DEPLORES EFFECT UPON REPUTATION OF ARAB CAUSES, ESPECIALLY PALESTINE, AT TIME WHEN ARABS IN DIRE NEED OF WORLD SUPPORT TO RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS. JUNE 9 EDITORIAL IN SAME PAPER BY RESPECTED SAUDI COMMENTATOR ABDULLAH SAAD ADVANCES THESIS THAT ZIONISTS ENGINEERED SENATOR'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH HE RECENTLY CALLED FOR DELIVERY OF 50 PHANTOMS TO ISRAEL, ZIONISTS UNSURE ABOUT HOW SENATOR WOULD VIEW SITUATION ONCE IN WHITE HOUSE. SAAD ARGUES ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE PROMISED SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM ON BASIS JUSTICE AND IN LIGHT US INTERESTS IN REGION. ZIONISTS FEARFUL THAT SENATOR KENNEDY, IF ELECTED, WOULD FOLLOW POLICIES OF LATE PRESIDENT, DID AWAY WITH HIM, AND ARE NOW SEEKING DISPARAGE ARABS IN EYES AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. SAAD RECALLED LATE SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY PLIGHT OF ARAB REFUGEES WHEN HE VISITED CAMPS THREE YEARS AGO. IN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. KENNEDY, UKAZ COMMENTATOR AHMAD SHATAH BITTERLY NOTES PALESTINIAN WIVES AND MOTHERS ARE FACING SAME TRAGEDY AND THAT CHRISTIAN WAS PERPETRATOR OF DEED. ASKS GOD BE WITH HER

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AND WITH VICTIMS PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY. SHATAH ALSO DEPLORES  
LATE SENATOR'S CALL FOR 50 PHANTOMS FOR ISRAEL. NADWA  
CARRIES UPI SPECULATION THAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IMPLICATED.

5. MOST HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CALLED OR  
WRITTEN TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF THEMSELVES AND  
THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. EILTS

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRIMIN TALHOUNI ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I  
PAID CALL ON ME AT EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO SIGN KENNEDY  
MEMORIAL BOOK AND EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. IN HIS WRITTEN  
EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE HE DEEPLY DEPLORED THE CRIMINAL  
ACTION.

2. PRIMIN SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT ON HIS BEHALF, AND ON  
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN AND THE PEOPLE OF  
JORDAN I CONVEY TO THE USG, AND THROUGH MY GOVERNMENT  
TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY, THEIR PROFOUND SHOCK AND THEIR  
DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF  
SENATOR KENNEDY.  
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FONMIN HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPT:

QUOTE:

LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE IVOIRIENS ONT APPRIS AVEC HORREUR ET INDIGNATION L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT QUI A COUTELA VIE AU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE PRESENTE SES CONDOLEANCES LES PLUS SINCERES AU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET S'ASSOCIE AU DEUIL CREEL QUI ATTEINT LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE AMERICAINS AINSI QU'UNE FAMILLE SI TRAGIQUEMENT EPROUVEE.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE PRIE LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AGREER, EN CETTE DOULOUREUSE CIRCONSTANCE, L'EXPRESSION DE SES SENTIMENTS ATTRISTES.

UNQUOTE

EMBASSY TRANSLATION: QUOTE: THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED WITH HORROR AND INDIGNATION OF THE ODIOUS ATTACK WHICH COST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HIS LIFE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST PRESENTS ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JOINS IN THE CRUEL SORROW WHICH HAS STRUCK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AS WELL AS A FAMILY SO TRAGICALLY AFFLICTED.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST REQUESTS THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT THE  
EXPRESSION OF ITS SORROWFUL SENTIMENTS IN THIS PAINFUL  
CIRCUMSTANCE.

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THERE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S  
ASSASSINATION:

1. FONMIN HAS EXPRESSED TO CHARGE HIS AND GRB'S SHOCK AND  
REGRETS AND INFORMS THAT BURUNDI AMB WASHINGTON HAS BEEN  
INSTRUCTED CONVEY SAME TO DEPT.

2. LOCAL RADIO HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE THIS ITEM WITHOUT  
EDITORIAL COMMENT EXCEPT TO CALL ASSASSINATION ITEM  
OF GENERAL GRIEF TO WORLD. INITIALLY USED EDITORIAL COMMENT  
FROM SUCH PAPERS AS FRENCH "HUMANITE" AND QUOTES FROM HARLEM  
WHICH STRESS FACT THAT APPEARANCE OF ANY CHAMPION NEGRO RIGHTS  
SEEMS CALL FOR ASSASSINATION, BUT LATER MORE BALANCED.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS WRITTEN AND ORAL EXPRESSIONS  
FO SHOCK AND GRIEF FROM FOREIGN COLONY INCLUDING BELGIAN,  
FRENCH AND CONGOLESE EMBASSIES.

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1. LARGE CROWDS CONTINUE STREAM INTO AMERICAN AMEBASSY TO SIGN NAMES IN SEVEN BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE SET UP AT TABLES AROUND LOBBY. IN ONE CORNER, ON PLATFORM, IS LARGE PHOTOGRAPH SENATOR KENNEDY, DRAPED IN BLACK AND SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS. MARINE GUARD STANDS SOLEMNLY BESIDES PLATFORM IN FULL-DRESS UNIFORM. MEMBERS AMERICAN BOY SCOUT TROOP OF WARSAW ALSO STANDING GUARD.

2. IN FRONT OF BUILDING, THOUSANDS VIEW DISPLAY CASES CONTAINING PORTRAIT SENATOR KENNEDY AND SCENES FROM HIS LIFE. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS DISPLAY CASE OF PICTURES OF HIS VISIT TO POLAND IN 1964.

3. IN POZNAN SIMILAR DISPLAY AT CONSULATE DRAWS LARGE CROWDS WHO PLACE FLOWERS AND VIGIL LIGHTS BEFORE CASE. OTHERS ENTER CONSULATE TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK.

4. NEW YORK CHAMBER SOLOISTS GAVE WELL-RECEIVED CONCERT IN BYDGOSZCZ FRIDAY EVENING. IN SHORT ADDRESS TO POLISH GUESTS WHO ATTENDED CONCERT, POZNAN CONSUL SCANLAN RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN AN ESCORT OFFICER FOR 1964 VISIT AND SAID HE KNEW SENATOR'S SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES SUCH AS SOLOISTS TOUR. THEREFORE CONCERT WAS IN EFFECT TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY AS HE WOULD HAVE WISHED IT.

5. NEW SUBJECT: AMERICAN HUSBAND-WIFE VIOLINISTS, TERESA

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AND SIDNEY HARTH. GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION, INCLUDING FIVE CURTAIN CALLS, FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE BACH CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS WITH WARSAW SYMPHONY CONDUCTED BY FRENCH CONDUCTOR MAURICE LE ROUX FRIDAY NIGHT.

6. NEW SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TEAM LEAVES WARSAW SATURDAY AFTER SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY SEMINAR. POZNAN SEMINAR BEGINS JUNE 10 FOR FOUR DAYS. JENKINS

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PASS AMBASSADOR SHRIVER

FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 6 FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE TO AMBASSADOR  
SHRIVER RECEIVED TODAY:

"MR. AMBASSADOR:

"ONCE AGAIN, IN THE SAME FAMILY, AND SUFFERING THE SAME FATE, YOUTH,  
ENERGY, AND TALENT HAVE NOW BEEN DESTROYED BY THE ACT OF A MADMAN.

"YOU KNOW HOW DEEPLY FRANCE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ORDEAL THUS  
INFLICTED UPON THE UNITED STATES, AND HOW FULLY IT SHARES THE GRIEF  
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"YESTERDAY, I TOLD MRS. SHRIVER AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY HOW HIGHLY  
I PRIZED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S EMINENT QUALITIES OF MIND AND  
CHARACTER. TODAY, HIS PASSING GRIEVES ME PROFOUNDLY.

"MY WIFE JOINS WITH ME IN EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO  
YOU AND MRS. SHRIVER, AND IN ASSURING YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY FOR  
MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, HER CHILDREN, AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY, WHOSE  
HEARTS AND HOPES ARE SO GRIEVOUSLY STRICKEN.

"PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH  
CONSIDERATION."

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1375

SUBJECT: JERUSALEM SITREP JUNE 1-7

REF: JERUSALEM 1343

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION--INVOLVEMENT OF FORMER PALESTINIAN  
SIRHAN SIRHAN AS PRIME SUSPECT IN SENATOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
DOMINATES CONVERSATION AMONG EDUCATED JERUSALEMITES DESPITE  
ARAB PREOCCUPATION WITH ANNIVERSARY JUNE WAR. CONTACTS UNIVERSALLY  
DEEPLY DEPLORE INCIDENT, CITING FACT KENNEDY NAME FAVORABLE KNOWN  
IN ARAB WORLD. CONTACTS EXPRESS CONCERN POSSIBILITY SERIOUS  
IMPACT ON ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS, BUT STRESS SINCERITY OF  
CONDOLENCES SENT BY ARAB LEADERS. MANY ARABS HERE EXPRESS  
BELIEF ASSASSINATION NOT RPT NOT ISOLATED INCIDENT BUT LINKED  
TO DEATHS PRES KENNEDY AND REV KING.

2. JUNE WAR ANNIVERSARY DEMONSTRATIONS--ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE WAR  
MARKED HERE BY VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE SCHOOL AND BUSINESS  
STRIKE EAST JERUSALEM AND NABLUS JUNE 5. STRIKE VARIED IN  
EFFECTIVENESS OTHER WEST BANK TOWNS. LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 6 SEVERAL

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PASS FRED DUTTON, OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY FROM ED MARTIN

RECEIVED MESSAGE LAST NIGHT FROM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTING THAT INQUIRY HAD COME FROM WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER I WAS ATTENDING FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. APPRECIATE DEEPLY THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE QUITE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO PARIS AND AM UNABLE GET AWAY. WILL BE ATTENDING MEMORIAL SERVICES HERE WHERE EVERYONE, FRENCH AND AMERICAN, GREATLY SHOCKED BY TRAGIC LOSS OF HIS LEADERSHIP, MOST OF ALL THOSE LIKE MY WIFE AND MYSELF WHO HAVE HAD PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING AND WORKING WITH HIM. WALLNER  
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER NUR  
AHMED ETAMADI:

"H.E. PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE IRREPARABLE LOSS OF SENATOR  
KENNEDY HAS SHOCKED US. THIS LOSS IS NOT ONLY THAT OF  
THE UNITED STATES BUT WHEREVER MEN CHERISH LIBERTY.  
WE IN AFGHANISTAN SHARE THIS LOSS WITH YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND I  
SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONVEY THEM TO  
THE MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY

NUR AHMAD ETAMADI  
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN"

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION HERE OF NEWS OF SHOOTING EMBASSY AND USIS LIBRARY BEGAN TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM YUGOSLAVS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND HOPE FACTS WERE NOT AS SERIOUS AS REPORTED. ON NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS APPEARED AT EMBASSY TO EXPRESS SORROW AND CONDOLENCES. MODERATE BUT STEADY STREAM OF PRIVATE CITIZENS HAS COME TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK OPENED JUNE 7. AS HAVE MANY DIPLOMATS AND SOME OFFICIALS. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIKA SPILJAK CAME TO SIGN JUNE 8 AND DJURICA JOJKIC, PRESIDENT E. C. SERBIA SIGNED JUNE 7. DEPFONMIN PAVICEVIC SIGNED BOOK JUNE 7 IN ABSENCE FONMIN IN BRIONI.

2. REPORTAGE OF EVENT AND OF INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN EXPECTEDLY WIDE AND SYMPATHETIC TO SENATOR, PRAISING HIS POSITION ON VIET-NAM, RACISM AND LAWLESSNESS AND HIS COMPASSION FOR POOR AND OPPRESSED. PRESIDENT TITO'S MESSAGES TO MRS. KENNEDY HIGHLIGHTED THIS ASPECT OF PRESS AND TV COVERAGE.

3. HARSH, ANTI-ADMINISTRATION TONE OF EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN AT WIDE VARIANCE WITH ATTITUDE OF POPULACE SO FAR AS WE CAN JUDGE BY CALLS MENTIONED PARA 1 AND OTHER YUGOSLAV CONTACTS. EDITORIALS REFLECT TYPICAL BALKAN CONCEPTION, SEEING THIS ACT AS PART OF CONSPIRACY AND DENYING POSSIBILITY ACT COULD BE THAT OF DERANGED PERSON OR PERSONS. PERCEIVING

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EVENT FROM IDEOLOGICAL BASE, COMMENT PORTRAYS CRIME AS EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL CRISIS AND OF SINISTER AND REACTIONARY FORCES USING MURDER AS INSTRUMENT OF POLICY. BORBA EDITORIAL JUNE 6 LINKED ASSASSINATIONS OF KENNEDYS AND KING AS ALL WORK OF SAME CONSERVATIVE FORCES, SUBTLY IMPLIED ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT PRESSED INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, AND EVEN IMPLIED SENATOR, WHO AS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS IN POSITION TO KNOW FACTS, WAS KILLED ON EVE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO PREVENT HIS TELLING "TRUTH ABOUT DALLAS".

4. VELJKO MICUNOVIC, PRESIDENT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND FORMER AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ISSUED STATEMENT POINTING TO SENATOR'S STAND ON VIET-NAM AND SAYING SENATOR WAS "FRIEND OF YUGOSLAVIA". MICUNOVIC ADDED "THAT CRIME AND MURDER ARE USED ONCE AGAIN FOR THIRD TIME IN COURSE OF LAST FEW YEARS AS INSTRUMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY AND, AT THAT, AT HIGHEST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL". WHEN MICUNOVIC AND HIS WIFE CAME IN TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK JUNE 8 THEY BOTH SHOWED SIGNS OF DEEP EMOTIONAL REACTION AS DID MANY OTHER YUGOSLAVS.

5. RATKO BRZIC, FONOFF'S AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AND ALSO FORMERLY STATIONED IN WASHINGTON, SAW BEHIND MURDER A "GROUP", WHICH HE SAID "MUST BE CRAZY".

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SUB: PRESS REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ASMARA'S GOVERNMENT-RUN, ITALIAN LANGUAGE DAILY IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO ON THURSDAY MORNING RAN A FRONT-PAGE, FOUR-COLUMN STORY ON THE SHOOTING OF ROBERT KENNEDY. HEBRET, THE GOVERNMENT-RUN TIGRIGNA LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER USED THE SAME STORY THAT APPEARED IN QUOTIDIANO. THE QUOTIDIANO HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "BOBBY KENNEDY VICTIM OF A SHAMEFUL MURDER ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY." SUBHEAD: "HORROR AND INDIGNATION BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CONFINES OF THE UNITED STATES - THE ASSAILANT IS CAPTURED BUT HIS IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN - THE CONSTERNATION OF JOHNSON AND PROFOUND GRIEF EVEN FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY - JACQUELINE SUFFERING DEEPLY THE PROTECTION OF ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES ORDERED - REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN - OPERATION LASTS FOUR HOURS."

2. THE QUOTIDIANO ACCOUNT CONTAINED ACCURATE DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGEDY. THE ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, SAID THAT THE NEWS OF THE

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SHOOTING SHOCKED LONDONERS WHO WERE EXTREMELY FOND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY. IN ADDITION, THE STORY INCLUDED A LENGTHY BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN EITHER QUOTIDIANO OR HEBRET.

3. THE PRIVATELY OWNED ITALIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY (PM) GIORNALE DELL'UNITA ALSO CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN PAGE-ONE STORY. HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS. "ROBERT KENNEDY IS DEAD" SUBHEAD: "WITHOUT GAINING CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER SURGERY - THE CASKET WILL BE BROUGHT TODAY TO WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK - THE ASSASSIN WAS BORN IN JORDAN CAME TO UNITED STATES IN 1957 - HE HAD THE MURDER WEAPON IN HIS POCKET AND A SCHEDULE OF HIS VICTIM'S JUNE SPEECHES - HE WILL APPEAR IN LOS ANGELES COURT TOMORROW - AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON - A COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF THE ACTUAL TRAGEDY - FLAGS AT HALF-MAST IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN FACILITIES ABROAD."

4. MAJOR PORTIONS OF THIS NEWS ACCOUNT WERE SUPPLIED BY USIS FROM WIRELESS FILE AND VOA MATERIAL. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN GIORNALE.

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SUB: PRESS REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ASMARA'S GOVERNMENT-RUN, ITALIAN LANGUAGE DAILY IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO ON THURSDAY MORNING RAN A FRONT-PAGE, FOUR-COLUMN STORY ON THE SHOOTING OF ROBERT KENNEDY. HEBRET, THE GOVERNMENT-RUN TIGRIGNA LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER USED THE SAME STORY THAT APPEARED IN QUOTIDIANO. THE QUOTIDIANO HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "BOBBY KENNEDY VICTIM OF A SHAMEFUL MURDER ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA

PRIMARY." SUBHEAD: "HORROR AND INDIGNATION BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CONFINES OF THE UNITED STATES - THE ASSAILANT IS CAPTURED BUT HIS IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN - THE CONSTERNATION OF JOHNSON AND PROFOUND GRIEF EVEN FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY - JACQUELINE SUFFERING DEEPLY

THE PROTECTION OF ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES ORDERED - REACTIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN - OPERATION LASTS FOUR HOURS."

2. THE QUOTIDIANO ACCOUNT CONTAINED ACCURATE DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGEDY. THE ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, SAID THAT

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THE NEWS OF THE SHOOTING SHOCKED LONDONERS WHO WERE EXTREMELY FOND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY. IN ADDITION, THE STORY INCLUDED A LENGTHY BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN EITHER QUOTIDIANO OR HEBRET.

3. THE PRIVATELY OWNED ITALIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY (PM) GIORNALE DELL'UNITA' ALSO CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN PAGE-ONE STORY. HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS. "ROBERT KENNEDY IS DEAD" SUBHEAD: "WITHOUT GAINING CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER SURGERY - THE CASKET WILL BE BROUGHT TODAY TO WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK - THE ASSASSIN WAS BORN IN JORDAN (#)"

OF HIS VICTIM'S JUNE SPEECHES - HE WILL APPEAR IN LOS ANGELES COURT TOMORROW - AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON - A COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF THE ACTUAL TRAGEDY - FLAGS AT HALF-MAST IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN FACILITIES ABROAD."

4. MAJOR PORTIONS OF THIS NEWS ACCOUNT WERE SUPPLIED BY USIS FROM WIRELESS FILE AND VOA MATERIAL. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN GIORNALE.

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. JORDANIAN REACTION TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ONE OF GENERAL DISMAY. JORDANIANS WE HAVE TALKED TO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY ASSOCIATION OF SIRHAN WITH THEIR COUNTRY AND INJECTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE IN THE ASSASSINATION.

2. KING HUSSEIN'S TELEGRAMS EXPRESSING HIS AND JORDAN'S SORROW TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY AND AMBASSADOR SHRIVER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I PERSONAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR (AMMAN 5219) REQUESTING HE TRANSMIT GOJ'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE SET OFFICIAL TONE. JORDANIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ALSO ISSUED STATEMENTS OF SYMPATHY AND CONDEMNED ACT OF ASSASSINATION.

3. PRESS, RADIO AND TV PLAY ON ASSASSINATION WAS REPORTED BY USINFO (AMMAN 5231). REACTION OF KING AND WORLD AND ARAB LEADERS COVERED FULLY IN LOCAL MEDIA, BUT ROLE OF SIRHAN, WHO GIVE WIDE COVERAGE

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JUNE 6, PLAYED DOWN ON JUNE 7. EDITORIAL COMMENT BEYOND THAT REPORTED AMMAN 5231 WAS CARRIED IN AD-DIFAA. OWNER-EDITOR IBRAHIM SHANTI WROTE JUNE 8 THAT ASSASSINATION CAME AS GREAT SHOCK TO ARABS. ARAB WORLD HAD MANY ENEMIES, HE SAID, BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY WHOSE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES BENEFITED NOT ONLY US BUT ALSO ENTIRE WORLD OF WHICH ARABS A PART. SHANTI CONCLUDED IN HOPE NOT RELATED TO ARABS AND PALESTINE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, MEMORIAL BOOK WAS OPENED IN EMBASSY LOBBY JUNE 7 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND AGAIN ON JUNE 8. THOSE CALLING AT EMBASSY TO SIGN INCLUDED PRIMIN TALHOUNI, CHIEF OF ROYAL CABINET SHARIF HUSSEIN BIN NASSER, PRINCE RA'D, FORMER PRIMIN WASFI TELL, SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING FONMIN RIFA'I, DIPLOMATS, PROMINENT BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND A NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND ORDINARY JORDANIAN CITIZENS. EMBASSY WILL RETAIN MEMORIAL BOOK IN AMMAN UNTIL ADVISED BY DEPT AS TO APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS ADVISE ON APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE ADDRESSED JUST TO THE EMBASSY. SYMMES

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SUBJ: TANZANIAN DIATRIBE IN CONNECTION KENNEDY CONDOLENCES

1. BEFORE COMMENCING STATEMENT ON PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES IN COMITE 24 JUNE 7, TANZANIAN PERM REP DANIELI EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO GENERALIZE GRATUITOUSLY CONCERNING PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE IN US SOCIETY, SPEAKING FROM FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE WHEN THERE IS CONSTANT REPETITION THIS ACT IN PARTICULAR SOCIETY, WHEN RHYTHM OF VIOLENCE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN GIVEN COUNTRY, ONE HAS TO STAND ASIDE FOR MOMENT AND REFLECT UPON ITS BASIC CAUSATION. WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED UNFORTUNATE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS, MALCOLM X, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND NOW SENATOR KENNEDY? THE DIAGNOSIS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT A SOCIETY CONCEIVED IN VIOLENCE, NOURISHED AND NUTURED IN VIOLENT AND IMMORAL WAR, AT HOME AND ABROAD; A SOCIETY WHICH WORSHIPS AND IDOLIZES VIOLENCE; A SOCIETY WHICH HAS BECOME GREATEST PURVEYOR OF VIOLENCE, CANNOT BE SURPRISED THAT ITS CITIZENS ADOPT VIOLENCE AS WAY AND PATTERN OF LIFE, AND AS ONLY MEANS TO SOLVE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL, ONE DAY SOON, RISE UP AND COME HOME. COME HOME TO DECENCY, HUMANITY, MORALITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE. UNQUOTE.

2. AFTER TWICE INTERVENING ON POINTS OF ORDER, US REP FINALLY

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SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING RULING FROM CHAIRMAN MESTIRI (TUNISIA) THAT SPEAKER SHOULD DESIST FROM FURTHER SUCH COMMENTS AND RETURN TO AGENDA ITEM, BUT NOT UNTIL DANIELI HAD NEARED END OF HIS PREPARED DIATRIBE ON US SOCIETY. US EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AFTERWARDS, EMPHASIZING SHOCKING INAPPROPRIATENESS DANIELI'S INTEMPERATE COMMENTARY ON US INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. THIS IS ONLY INSTANCE OF SUCH GRATUITOUSLY INSULTING OBSERVATIONS IN ANY UN ORGAN DURING THE MANY EXPRESSIONS CONDOLENCES BY DELEGATIONS OF ALL POLITICAL COLORATION.

4. US COMMITTEE 24 DEL SOUGHT OUT FOUU (TANZANIA) AFTER DANIELI SPEECH TO TAKE FURTHER EXCEPTION TO REMARKS. LATTER REPLIED WITH OBVIOUSLY FALSE ARGUMENT THAT COMMENTS APPLIED TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND DIRECTED AT US.

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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2496

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DURING CALLS WITH ASST SEC PALMER ON ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
AND PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY, BOTH ASKED ME TO CONVEY THEIR  
CONDOLENCES ON ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MINER

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FM SHINOBU ICHIKAWA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK SECRETARY  
OF STATE WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED AND GRIEVED AT THE SAD NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY  
BELOVED AND RESPECTED FRIEND OF JAPAN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE  
CONDOLENCE.

PRESIDENT SHINOBU ICHIKAWA  
OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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FM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY (WASHDC)  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF DAHOMEY I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP  
CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT  
KENNEDY.

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

AMBASSADOR ZOLLNER

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FM GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA (DJAKARTA)  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA STATE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE SAD NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF  
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I HASTEN TO EXTEND TO YOUR  
EXCELLENCY MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. MY THOUGHTS ARE ALSO  
VERY MUCH WITH THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED, FOR WHOM THIS  
LOSS IS SO GREAT. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE AND MAY GOD  
THE ALMIGHTY GRANT CONSOLATION TO HIS FAMILY IN THEIR HOUR  
OF BEREAVEMENT.

ADAM MALIK, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3381

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

QTE I LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND WHILE  
TOURING GUINEA AND WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY I SHARE YOUR  
GRIEF. SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A CONSTANT AND FEARLESS FIGHTER  
FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE.  
HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL THOSE MULTITUDES OF PEOPLE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO CHERISH THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE  
STOOD. NOWHERE WILL THIS SENSE OF LOSS BE GREATER THAN IN  
AFRICA WHERE I CAN ALREADY ATTEST TO ITS STRENGTH IN GUINEA.  
AND NOWHERE ELSE WILL IT BE GREATER THAN AMONG THOSE  
AMERICANS WHO WORK FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH AFRICA  
AND WHO GAINED CONTINUING INSPIRATION FROM YOUR HUSBAND'S  
DEEP ATTACHMENT TO THIS CAUSE. (SIGNED) JOSEPH PALMER 2ND,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. UNQTE

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SUBJ: SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, HAS PROCLAIMED SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING IN THIS COUNTRY. SMITH

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UNCLAS NICOSIA 1905

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, WHITE HOUSE

QUOTE ON THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I WISH TO EXPRESS THE DEEP  
SYMPATHY AND SORROW OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, OF MY  
GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOUR OWN FOR THIS NEW TRAGEDY  
THAT HAS FALLEN UPON THE AMERICAN NATION. MAY GOD  
REST HIS SOUL IN PEACE. UNQUOTE  
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
SMITH

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SUBJ: STUDENTS PAY HOMAGE TO SEATOR KENNEDY

1. A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 STUDENTS FROM DUSSELDORF UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, THE ART ACADEMY AND OTHER COLLEGES IN THIS AREA LAST NIGHT MARCHED WITH BURNING TORCHES FROM THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE MARCH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION ASTA, AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. STUDENT LEADERS HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT THEY PLANNED A SILENT "TRAUERMARSCH" AND WISHED TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. ON ARRIVAL AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL THE MARCHERS HEAPED THEIR TORCHES ON A PARKING AREA ACROSS THE STREET AND OBSERVED SEVERAL MINUTES OF SILENCE. THE GROUP THEN CROSSED THE STREET AND WAS MET AT THE GATE BY THE CONSUL IN CHARGE AND CONDUCTED TO THE BUILDING ENTRANCE WHERE A TABLE WITH THE CONDOLENCE BOOK HAD BEEN SET UP. 99 STUDENTS SIGNED THE BOOK. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CONSUL IN CHARGE LEADERS OF THE GROUP EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WHOM THEY HAD HELD IN VERY HIGH REGARD, AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD INTENDED THEIR PROCESSION TO BE

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ALSO AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR CONDEMNATION OF ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR.

3. THROUGHOUT THE EVENT THE STUDENTS MAINTAINED APPROPRIATE DIGNITY AND DECORUM. ALTHOUGH THE POLICE WERE ON HAND, THE REMAINED INCONSPICUOUS DURING THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE CONSULATE, EXCEPT FOR CARRYING OUT NECESSARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES. THERE WERE NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS, NO PLACARDS AND NO SPEECHES.

4. THE LOCAL PRESS THIS MORNING GAVE SIGNIFICANT SPACE TO THE EVENT. THE LATE EVENING NEWS REPORT OF THE SECOND TELEVISION PROGRAM SHOWED THE MARCH AND THE SIGNING OF THE CONDOLENCE BOOK BY THE STUDENTS. DUX

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RADIO OMDURMAN AND SUDAN TV BROADCAST STATEMENTS JUNE 6  
BY SUPREME COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISMAIL EL AZHARI AND MINISTER  
INFORMATION AND GOS SPOKESMAN ABDEL MAGID HASSABU ONI KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION. SUDAN TV ALSO TELECAST SCENE IN AMBASSADOR  
HOTEL

COMMENT ON SHOOTING, WHICH DOMINATED EDITORIALS MOST  
PAPERS JUNE 7, AND THE STATEMENTS POLITICAL LEADERS QUOTED IN  
PRESS EXPRESSED SORROW KENNEDY DEATH BUT ASSAILED AMERICA FOR  
BARBARISM, VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. PREDOMINANT IN CONDEMNATION  
WAS CHARGE THAT ASSASSINATION IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

LOCAL NEWS AGENCY OF SUDAN (LONA), LIKE RAI EL AMM AND OTHER  
PAPERS, CARRIED STATEMENTS JUNE 7 BY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL  
PARTY LEADERS. LONA PRINTED FOLLOWING: "PRESIDENT ISMAIL EL AZHARI  
EXPRESSED HIS INDIGNATION AND CONDEMNATION OF ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE TOLD LONA HE CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION  
PHENOMENON WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY IN US AIMED AT THE LEADERS  
THERE. PRESIDENT AZHARI CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO  
STUDY THIS DANGEROUS PHENOMENON AND TO SEEK TO PUT AN END TO IT  
BECAUSE IT THREATENS THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.  
HE APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SAYED  
ABDEL MAGID ABU HASSABU, TOLD LONA THE SUDAN REGRETS THE DEATH  
OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE SAID SUCH INCIDENTS ARE MEANT TO

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DISINTEGRATE THE AMERICAN NATION AND DRAG IT TO THE CONFLICT ENGINEERED BY INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM. HE SAID THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM LED BY THE KENNEDY BROTHERS IS REJECTED BY THE ZIONIST MONOPOLIES AND CARTELS IN AMERICA. HE SAID KENNEDY'S SYMPATHY WITH THE NEGROES WON HIM THE HATRED OF RACIALISTS. THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE ASSASSINATION PHENOMENON IN AMERICA INDICATES THAT THERE IS A ZIONIST-HATCHED CONSPIRACY TO DRAG AMERICA ALONG THE WAR PATH. HE SAID IF IT IS PROVED THAT THE ASSASSIN IS AN ARAB, THE CONSPIRACY BECOMES CLEAR SINCE NO ARAB HAS ANY INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE SAID IT IS DEFINITE THAT ZIONIST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS HAD INSTIGATED THE MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY BEFORE HIM.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER, AHMED IBRAHIM DREIG, TOLD LONA THAT HE IS SAD FOR DEATH OF A MAN WHO DEFENDED THE NEGROES, STOOD AGAINST RACIAL SEGREGATION IN AMERICA AND SUPPORTED PEACE IN VIETNAM. HE SAID THE RECENT ASSASSINATION PHENOMENON IN AMERICA IS SAVAGE BARBARISM WHICH CANNOT BE COMMITTED IN A CIVILIZED NATION. SAYED DREIG NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES IN AMERICA INDICATED THAT SENATOR KENNEDY ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF NEGROES AND COLORED PEOPLE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RACIALIST ELEMENTS ARE BEHIND THIS CRIME.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, M.P. ABDEL KHALIG MAHGOUB, TOLD LONA THAT HE REGRETS THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BUT THE NATURE OF THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY AND THE MONOPOLIES WHICH CONTROL IT MAKE SUCH CRIMES NOT UNNATURAL. "THE DECAY IN THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY MOVES TOWARDS ASSASSINATION AND HQE" BECAUSE IT LOST ALL IDEALS AND VALUES AS IT FELL UNDER THE CONTROL OF MONOPOLIES " , HE SAID. SAYED ABDEL KHALIG SAID THE CLAIM THAT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE OF HIS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IS UNFOUNDED SINCE ALL OTHER PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS SUPPORT ISRAEL.

IMAM EL HADI EL MAHDI ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT IN SPITE OF THE ACUTE DISPUTE BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES OVER HER SUPPORT FOR THE ZIONIST GANGSTER STATE, WE CONDEMN ASSASSINATIONS AS A POLITICAL METHOD. HE SAID THE APPLICATION

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OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS IN LOGICAL PERSUASION IS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR THE WORLD FROM THE CRISES CREATED BY PURE MATERIALISM. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE THE LAST INCIDENT AND WILL BE A GOOD LESSON.

THE IMAM AIDE AND MINISTER OF ANIMAL RESOURCES, KAMAL ABDULLAH EL FADIL, TOLD LONA THAT THE VIOLENCE AND ASSASSINATIONS WHICH ARE PREVAILING IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE STOPPED IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE KEEN ON DEMOCRACY AND ITS PROGRESS." (END LONA ITEM)

RAI EL AMM JUNE 7 FRONT PAGE REPORTS: "PRESIDENT AZHARI SENT MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO WIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY EXPRESSING HIS REGRET AND SADNESS AT THE ASSASSINATION OF HER HUSBAND".

KHARTOUM NEWS AGENCY SAME DATE REPORTS: "SAYED SADDIK EL MAHDI PRESIDENT OF UMMA PARTY IN TELEGRAM TO MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY SENT LAST NIGHT SAID: 'ROBERT KENNEDY WAS BRIGHT YOUNG HOPE OF NEW OUTLOOK THAT PROMISES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS OF DOWNTRODDEN. HIS CONCEPTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM WAS BOUND TO BE RECTIFIED THROUGH OBJECTIVE APPROACH

TO POLITICS HE ESPOUSED. TRUTH OF MATTER WAS CARRIED BEHIND SCREAMS OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA. HIS LOSS, SO CLOSELY AFTER ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER MUST BE GREAT TRAGEDY TO HIS FAMILY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONDOLENCES. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN PEACE." END ITEM. NOEL

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION HAS PROVOKED OUTRAGE PUBLIC CRITICISM OF US. RADIO DAHOMEY DEVOTED NINE-TENTHS OF NEWS BROADCASTS JUNE 6 TO FACTUAL AND EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ASSASSINATION. IN HIS DEATH NEGRO WORLD HAS LOST AN IDOL. ALL AFRICA REGARDS THIS ASSASSINATION WITH HORROR AND CONSTERNATION. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS VICTIM OF GIGANTIC PLOT WHICH HAD ALREADY HAD AS ITS VICTIMS JOHN KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. CITED AS SOURCE THIS INTERPRETATION SPECULATION IN STREETS OF HARLEM AND STATEMENT BY RALPH ABERNATHY. PLOT HAS AS OBJECTIVE ELIMINATION OF ALL THOSE PUBLIC FIGURES WHO DEFEND THE NEGRO. US DESCRIBED AS A SICK NATION WHERE VIOLENCE RAMPANT.

2. IN RADIO INTERVIEWS WITH MAN ON STREET CONSTANT THEME IS AMERICANS PRETEND BE CIVILIZED BUT NOW HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES BE FAR MORE UNCIVILIZED THAN THE AFRICANS THEY HAVE CRITICIZED FOR BEING SAVAGES. AFRICA MUST CLEARLY RECOGNIZE THAT AFRICA HAS NOTHING TO LEARN FROM THE US.

3. FOR ONCE RADIO DAHOMEY WORKED ON PREPARATION OF EDITORIAL COMMENTARY INSTEAD OF USING CANNED AFP MATERIAL. SUSPECT SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED TRUE REFLECTION YOUNG INTELLECTUALS EMPLOYED BY RADIO DAHOMEY. KNOW

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDYS ASSASSINATION

1. GOVT LINE LOCAL DAILY DEPECHE HAS GIVEN HEADLINE COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. EDITORIALS HAVE LUMPED TOGETHER ASSASSINATIONS OF SENATOR, LATE PRESIDENT, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND EVEN MALCOLM X, AND HAVE PUT BLAME ON MALAISE OF US SOCIETY.

2. DEPECHE EDITORIALIZED YESTERDAY (BEFORE NEWS OF DEATH) UNDER TITLE QTE THE SERIES CONTINUES UNQTE THAT US ON PATH TO ITS OWN DEATH. TENOR OF EDITORIAL WAS THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ROOTED IN RACIAL SITUATION WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO HAUNT US UNTIL SOLUTION FOUND. TODAYS EDITORIAL (AFTER DEATH CONFIRMED) NOTICEABLY SHARPER. SAID SENATOR KENNEDY WAS VICTIM OF HIS OWN POPULARITY IN UPHOLDING DEFENSE OF UNIVERSAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND HIS DETERMINATION TO SAVE US WHICH AT PRESENT ON UNCHECKED FALL TO QTE PROFOUND DEGRADATION UNQTE. DEPECHE RHETORICALLY ASKED HOW ONE OF MOST ODIUS CRIMES AGAINST LIBERTY, CIVILIZATION AND PEACE HAPPENED IN QTE SELF-NAMED PARADISE OF FREE WORLD UNQTE. PAPER ADDED QTE AMERICA ASTOUNDS WITH ITS FLAGRANT CONTRADICTIONS ...ITS SOLEMN PROMISES AS WELL AS ITS DISCONCERTING DECEIT UNQTE. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT IF THERE NOT A RADICAL CHANGE IN US IT WOULD CONTINUE ON PATH TO DECADENCE.

3. CONSULATE HAS OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOK WHICH TO

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DATE HAS ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION SAVE FOR CONSULAR CORPS AND FEW EUROPEANS. LOCAL EUROPEAN RESIDENTS SEEM MORE SHOCKED THAN CONGOLESE, ALTHOUGH A FEW OF LATTER HAVE CALLED BOTH CONSULATE AND RESIDENCE TO VOICE THEIR ANONYMOUS INDIGNATION AT QTE US SAVAGERY UNQTE.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO WIDESPREAD OR ORGANIZED REACTION TO ASSASSINATION. HARROP

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REF: KIGALI 1616

1) RADIO RWANDA EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 6 DEVOTED  
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO KENNEDY DEATH. QUOTED WORLDWIDE  
REACTION AND LEADERS' STATEMENTS.

2) EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE RECEIVED FROM  
DIPLOMATS, RWANDAN OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS.  
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SUBJECT: ULBRICHT SENDS CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY

REF: BERLIN 1615

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

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

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