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TRAGEDY". DEED "HAS FLUNG US INTO TURMOIL FOR THIRD TIME IN FIVE YEARS". EDITORIAL MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF CONSPIRACY BUT ALSO NOTE THAT "PAMPERED GRIEVANCES OF WARPED MIND ARE STIMULATED IN ATMOSPHERE OF TURMOIL AND TENSION THAT DEVELOPS AROUND PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE, EVEN TO EXTENT IT EVENTUALLY FINDS RELIEF THROUGH ACTION". THERE "NO DOUBT THIS DEED HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN IMAGE OF AMERICA AS VIOLENT COMMUNITY, WHERE LITERAL POLITICAL GANGSTERISM HAS CEASED TO CAUSE ASTONISHMENT" AND "PRIVATE POSSESSION OF ARMS TOO PLENTIFUL". CONCLUDES "WE CAN ONLY HOPE PASSIONS AROUSED BY CRUEL DEED WILL FIND ANCHORAGE WITHIN STRONG AND FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE. COUNTRY IS GOING THROUGH PERIOD OF ANXIETY AND TURBULENT EMOTIONS, IN WHICH SUCH OCCURRENCE COULD HAVE INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES".

B. CAPE ARGUS SAYS IT DIFFICULT OVERESTIMATE EFFECT OF DEATH ON US. CRIME WAS MORE THAN ONE ADDED TO ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING; IT "MULTIPLIES THOSE INCIDENTS TO SUGGEST REAL DANGER THEY ARE BECOMING PATTERN" IN US POLITICAL LIFE, AND GIVES IMMEDIACY TO DEATHS OF LINCOLN, GARFIELD AND MCKINLEY. CONTRASTS US "VIOLENCE IN DEEDS" WITH "HIGH IDEALISM IN SPEECH". DEPLORES EASE WITH WHICH FIREARMS PURCHASED IN US. NOTES NEED FOR AND RISK IN CANDIDATES MINGLING WITH PUBLIC, IN COUNTRY WHERE "RICH ONLY ARE IN POSITION TO STAND FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND HAVE TO CONVINCE ELECTORATE THAT RICH IN SEARCH OF POWER EGALITARIAN AFTER ALL". NEED IS TO KEEP VIOLENCE OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS. "YET ASSAULT...APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED OFF BY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. CIVILIZED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT WORLD WILL DEPLORE IT AND REGARD IT AS TRAGIC REMINDER THAT RESORT TO POLITICAL ASSASSINATION HAS NO PLACE IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY".

C. CAPE TIMES SUGGESTS THAT IF THERE IS "UNIFYING PATTERN" IN ASSASSINATIONS OF PRES. KENNEDY, KING AND SEN. KENNEDY, IT NOT EASILY PERCEIVED. "IF WE COULD BELIEVE THERE WAS INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY IT COULD TO SOME EXTENT MAKE OUR FEARS BEARABLE BY POSTULATING A HUMAN ENEMY". BUT NO PATTERN SEEN, ALTHOUGH EDITORIAL NOTES ALL THREE CRIMES CARRIED OUT AGAINST "PERVASIVE" BACKGROUND OF VIOLENCE, WHICH IS "MORAL FOG" PERMEATING WHOLE WORLD WE FORMERLY

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THOUGHT CIVILIZED. IN FACE OF ASSASSINATIONS "POLITICAL MAN  
CALLS FOR MORE AND MORE RUTHLESS POLICE OR GREATER AND  
GREATER CONCESSIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE USED COMMUNAL  
VIOLENCE. WHAT WORLD NEEDS IS PRIEST RATHER THAN  
POLICEMAN; FOR IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT MORAL SICKNESS  
PERVADING WORLD... IS SUBSTRATU FOR FANTASIES WHICH, IN  
THESE POOR CREATURES, HAVE LED TO CRAZY PRESSURE UPON  
TRIGGER OF GUN". TIMES ALSO CARRIES CARTOON SHOWING  
"RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS" PROVISION OF CONSTITUTION RIDDLED WITH  
BULLETS. ROUNTREE

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5868  
INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

UNCLAS ADDIS ABABA 4202

SUBJECT: KENNEDY DEATH

1. REACTION OF EDUCATED ETHIOPIANS TO FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING WAS EXTREMELY BITTER, WITH ALL REGISTERING SEVERE PESSIMISM REGARDING VIOLENT COURSE U.S. SOCIETY AND SOME BRINGING UP PLOT THEORIES LINKING SENATOR KENNEDY'S SHOOTING TO SHOOTING OF DR. KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY FIVE YEARS AGO. IN THIS NEW, SHOOTING CALULATED ORGANIZED ATTACK ON LIBERALISM IN U.S.

2. TODAY, WITH NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH AND IDENTIFICATION OF ASSASSIN AS AN ALIEN, GENERAL REACTION HAS SHIFTED MUCH MORE TO GENUINE SYMPATHY. VIEW IS THAT U.S. HAS SUSTAINED GREAT LOSS, BUT BITTERNESS HAS FADED.

3. MEDIA REACTION BY USINFO.

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R 061350Z JUN 68

FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1114

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 1446

PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM  
ADDRESSED TO MRS. R.F. KENNEDY: QUOTE MY WIFE AND I  
EXTEND TO YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN  
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH  
YOU. EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO BOTH OF YOU WERE IN SOUTH AFRICA  
ON A VISIT WHICH INSPIRED SO MANY. HIS EXTRAORDINARY  
ABILITY, HIS GREAT CHARM AND HIS ABSOLUTE DEDICATION TO  
HUMAN WELFARE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED HERE AND  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH MOURNS HIS PASSING. WILLIAM M.  
ROUNTREE, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE. ROUNTREE

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 FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9063

UNCLAS ANKARA 6371

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, WHICH I HAVE ISSUED  
 HERE, TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY FOR THE  
 WIFE, PARENTS AND FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY:  
 "THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS A TRAGIC  
 BLOW TO ALL OF US -- TO AMERICANS, TO THE WORLD.  
 HE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY WERE RARE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE  
 LIVES WERE IDENTIFIED WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL MEN  
 FOR A BETTER WAY OF LIVING. WE CAN ILL AFFORD THE  
 LOSS OF MEN OF THEIR COMPASSION, INTELLIGENCE,  
 PRODUCTIVE ENERGY. THEY GAVE OF THEIR TIME AS FEW  
 MEN DO. ONE HOPES THAT OUT OF THIS TREMENDOUS  
 TRAGEDY, SOMEHOW SOME GOOD MAY COME, THAT WE WILL  
 SEE A NEW AWAKENING TO THE DANGERS TO CIVILIZATION  
 OF THE GROWING VIOLENCE SO WIDESPREAD TODAY." HART

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 FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5706

UNCLAS AMMAN 5219

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM GOJ FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR  
 ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM GOJ FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I  
 TO AMBASSADOR RECEIVED JUNE 6:

QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY, AT THE SHOCKING DEATH OF LATE  
 SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY ALLOW ME, MR. AMBASSADOR, TO EXPRESS  
 TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MY MOST  
 SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT. LATE  
 SENATOR KENNEDY SHALL BE EVER REMEMBERED FOR HIS VALUABLE  
 AND SPLENDID CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOFTY PRINCIPLES OF  
 DEMOCRACY AND PEACE.

"PLEASE EXCELLENCY, BE KIND ENOUGH AS TO CONVEY TO  
 THE BEREAVED FAMILY OUR HEARTFELT FEELINGS FOR THEIR TRAGIC  
 LOSS WHICH WE SINCERELY SHARE. ABDUL MONEM RIFAI, MINISTER  
 OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS END QUOTE.  
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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2490

UNCLAS DAKAR 2994

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1. FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TEXT OF MESSAGE CABLED DIRECTLY TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY LAST NIGHT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR:  
QUOTE - DANS LA CRUELLE EPREUVE QUI FRAPPE EN LA PERSONNE DU SENATEUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY TOUTE VOTRE FAMILLE ET LA NATION AMERICAINE JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER POUR MONSIEUR ROBERT KENNEDY ET POUR VOUS MEME L'EXPRESSION DE MA TRISTE SYMPATHIE - UNQUOTE

2. FRENCH TEXT OF SECOND TELEGRAM SENT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO MRS. KENNEDY THIS MORNING IS:  
QUOTE - JE VIENS D'APPRENDRE QUE LE SENATEUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY N'EST PLUS. VOTRE DEUIL EST AUSSI NOTRE DEUIL CAR ROBERT KENNEDY A TOUJOURS DEFENDU LA LIBERTE ET LA DIGNITE DES NOIRS. LE PEUPLE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT SENAGALAIS SE JOignent A MOI POUR VOUS DEMANDER D'AGREER NOS CONDOLEANCES ATTRISTEES. UNQUOTE  
BROWN

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R 061200Z JUN 68  
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4160  
DOD  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
INFO USIA WASHDC  
CINCPAC

UNCLAS SAIGON 29308

DONNELLY FROM HELLER

DOD FOR GOULDING

PARIS USDEL FOR JORDEN

1. FOLLOWING IS STATMENT ISSUED JUNE 6 BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER REGARDING DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY:

2. QTE IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I HAVE JUST HEARD OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. OUR NATION HAS LOST AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT, ONE WHO HAS PERFORMED WITH DISTINCTION AND PATRIOTISM. LIKE ALL AMERICANS I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED AT THE SENSELESS RESORT TO VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASON THAT BROUGHT ABOUT HIS TRAGIC DEATH. I SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, AND EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THEM IN THEIR PERIOD OF SORROW. UNQTE BUNKER

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P 060700Z JUN 68  
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4080  
INFO USIA WASHDC PRIORITY  
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AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS SAIGON 29268

FOR DONNELLEY FROM HELLER

PARIS USDEL FOR JORDEN

1. PRESS CENTER TODAY RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY  
AMBASSADOR BUNKER:

2. QTE. LIKE ALL AMERICANS, I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY  
THE TRAGIC SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THE SENSELESS RESORT  
TO VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASON IN OUR SOCIETY IS A MATTER OF  
DEEP CONCERN ON THE PART OF ALL OF US. AS A FRIEND AND AS AN  
AMERICAN CITIZEN, I PRAY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEEDY  
RECOVERY AND THAT HE MAY RESUME THE CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
HE HAS PERFORMED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION. UNQTE.  
BUNKER

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R 060622Z JUN 68  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2466

UNCLAS MANILA 11389

SUBJ: PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATEMENTS ON DEATH OF SENATOR  
KENNEDY

1. IN TELEVISION APPEARANCE JUNE 6 PRESIDENT MARCOS MADE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE TRAGIC END OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S BRILLIANT  
AND DEDICATED CAREER COMES AS A GRIM REMINDER TO A  
WORLD FRAUGHT WITH CONFLICT AND DISSENSION THAT IT  
MUST SEEK NEW VALUES.

"THERE IS NEED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT OF ALL HUMANITY  
TO FIGHT THE SPIRITUAL EROSION THAT HAS CAUSED ALL  
NATIONS SUCH A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY, NOT TO  
SPEAK OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY THAT MAN VALUES ABOVE ALL  
THINGS.

"I, PERSONALLY, AND THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION DEEPLY  
GRIEVE THE LOSS OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND SHARE WITH HIS  
FAMILY AND PEOPLE THEIR SORROW. AND WE PRAY THAT  
THE ANGUISH THAT THEY NOW ENDURE BE IN SOME MEASURE  
ALLEVIATED BY THE AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD,  
THAT MEN MUST UNITE TO REESTABLISH ORDER, THAT A SPREADING  
PSYCHOSIS MUST BE STOPPED, AND THAT ALL MANKIND  
SHOULD LEARN TO MAKE PEACE WITH ITSELF."

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO SENT MESSAGES EXPRESSING SORROW AND  
CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, AMBASSADOR  
AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY, AND SENATOR AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY.

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FM AMBASSADOR CYRILLA ADOULA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

I WAS APPALLED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT  
F. KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, WHICH I  
SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

HIGH CONSIDERATION  
AMBASSADOR ADOULA

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FM DR JACQUES BAROUM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/FORT/LAMY  
TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHDC

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ROBERT KENNEDY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY VERY SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES AND BEG YOU TO CONVEY TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY THAT WITH DEEP  
SORROW I SHARE THEIR GRIEF.

DR. JACQUES BAROUM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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FM FOREIGN OFFICE/FORTLAMU/CHAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

UNCLAS AFF ET PRTO

HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND REQUEST THAT  
YOU CONVEY TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.

DR. JACQUES BAROUM

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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R 062053Z JUN 68  
FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2487

UNCLAS KINGSTON 2573

SIR CLIFFORD CAMPBELL, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, HAS REQUESTED ME TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:  
"THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND BEG TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MRS. KENNEDY, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY AND ALL THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCE IN THIS CRUEL AND WANTON ASSASSINATION OF THE SENATOR."  
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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2774  
INFO AMEMBASSY BENGHAZI  
AMEMBASSY BAIDA

UNCLAS TRIPOLI 3879

1. IN UNUSUAL GESTURE OF INTEREST, FRIENDSHIP, AND SYMPATHY, SERIES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CALLED INDIVIDUALLY AT EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON TO SIGN BOOK OPENED IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

2. ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAAMID AL-ABAYDI WROTE THAT HE QTE EXPRESSES HIS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES UNQTE. ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SHAMS AL-DIIN ALL-ARAABI; MAJOR GENERAL SAALIM BIN TAALIB, COMMANDING GENERAL SECURITY FORCES OF WESTERN REGIONS; BRIG GEN 'ALI AGHIIL, DEPUTY CG SECURITY FORCES; FORMER MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESENT AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO TURKEY, AHMAD AL-BISHTI; UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MUHSIN JUMAYYIR; AND FORMER MINISTER DEFENSE, SAIF AL-NASR 'ABD AL-JALIIL, SIGNED BOOK. MINISTER INFORMATION AND CULTURE AHMAD SALHIIN WROTE QTE I PRESENT MY CONDOLENCES ON OCCASION DEATH OF PROMINENT PERSONALITY OF US...WHO WAS AMONG PERSONALITIES OF WORLD WHO WANTED TO SERVE US, THE WORLD, AND PEACE. MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE US.UNQTE

3. ACTING PRIME MINISTER STATED ORALLY HE HAD INFORMED KING IDRIS OF SENATOR'S DEATH THIS MORNING, AND REPORTED THAT HIS MAJESTY HAD INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING A PERSONAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

4. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AL-RIDHA DES.

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PATCHED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIGN BOOK QTE TO CONVEY  
CONDOLENCES OF HIS HIGHNESS ON OCCASION OF DEATH OF SENATOR  
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JOINT EMBASSY/USIA MESSAGE

FOLLOWING TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S TELEVISED STATEMENT  
FOR NEWS MEDIA JUNE 61

1. QUOTE IT WAS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT I LEARNED  
EARLY THIS MORNING THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD DIED.  
I FIND IT HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS THE HORROR AND  
REVULSION WHICH THIS SAVAGE ACT OF VIOLENCE HAS  
INSPIRED IN ME, AS IN ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A VALIANT CHAMPION IN THE  
NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE TO GIVE TRUE MEANING TO THE  
DIGNITY OF MAN AND TO PROMOTE THROUGH PEACEFUL  
MEANS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS  
AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR ALL MANKIND. WE SHALL  
MISS HIM SORELY.

2. IN THIS MOMENT OF TERROR, OUR HEARTS GO OUT  
TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY. I KNOW THAT I SPEAK  
ON BEHALF OF EVERY AMERICAN IN VENEZUELA WHEN I  
EXTEND TO MRS. KENNEDY AND TO HER CHILDREN OUR  
VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR HER TRAGIC LOSS.

3. IT WOULD SEEM PREMATURE TO COME TO ANY  
CONCLUSION REGARDING THE NATURE OF THIS  
ASSASSINATION. SINCE THE ASSASSIN WAS  
APPREHENDED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT  
A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
SURROUNDING THIS TERRIBLE CRIME.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE BEST TO

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SUSPEND SPECULATION ABOUT THE MOTIVES AND  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS SENSELESS MURDER UNTIL THE  
TRUE FACTS ARE KNOWN UNQUOTE.

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I am designating Assistant Chief of Protocol  
Mr. George W. Abell as my personal representative in New  
York City to coordinate with your office all funeral  
arrangements involving the Diplomatic Corps and special  
international delegations. He will be assisted by my  
Public Affairs Officer David Waters.

Mr. Abell will endeavor to call on you this afternoon  
and will make his headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

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Chief of Protocol  
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Following message received from Embassy Dar es Salaam: "Deepest loving sympathy to you and all your family. Elsie and Cecil Lyon."

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Nicholas Feld  
Country Director for  
East African Affairs  
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1. IN PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT LOCAL REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES RESPONSIBLE LIBYANS AND PALESTINIANS ARE SHOCKED AT REPETITION VIOLENCE IN U.S. AND ASHAMED AT INVOLVEMENT PERSONS OF ARAB ORIGIN. INITIAL REACTION (BEFORE IDENTITY ASSAILANT WAS KNOWN) WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. SOCIETY AS COMMUNITY IN WHICH VIOLENCE HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE. POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS LIBYANS ARE EXPECTED TO VIEW EVENT AS SERIOUS BLOW TO ARAB POSITION IN U.S. AND TO BELIEVE THAT SHOOTING WILL ENCOURAGE ANTI-ARAB SENTIMENT AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON ISRAEL HAVE BE VIEWED LOCALLY SUPPORTING ZIONIST CAUSE. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TEMPER NATURAL SYMPATHY MANY ELEMENTS LIBYAN POPULATION WILL FEEL ON RECEIVING NEWS OF TRAGEDY. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONVEYED OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES TO EMBASSY.

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EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
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The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents

its compliments to the Department of State and has  
the honour to request that the following message  
from the Prime Minister and People of Trinidad and  
Tobago be transmitted to the widow of Senator Robert  
Kennedy:

"Greatly saddened by untimely death  
of Senator Robert Kennedy.  
World has lost a courageous man  
dedicated to the pursuit of peace  
and social justice."

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago avails  
itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department  
of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

June 6, 1968  
Washington, D.C.



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EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
AMBASSADE VAN SUID-AFRIKA  
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Dear Mr Secretary,

It was with deep regret that we heard the very sad news today that Senator Kennedy had passed away. I hasten to extend on behalf of the Government and the people of South Africa their sincere sympathy with the United States Government and people in the tragic loss of one of their most eminent citizens.

I have written to Mrs Kennedy expressing South Africa's deepest sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

*H.L.T. Taswell*

H.L.T. TASWELL  
AMBASSADOR

The Honourable  
Dean Rusk,  
The Secretary of State,  
Department of State,  
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REF: OTTAWA 1786

1. TEXT PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S STATEMENT IN EDMONTON THIS MORNING  
AS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY FROM PRIMIN'S OTTAWA OFFICE:

2. QUOTE I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRIEF TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY  
AND TO HIS FRIENDS FOR THIS VERY TRAGIC HAPPENING. I WANT  
TO ADD A PRAYER THAT HE WILL COME THROUGH THIS SAFELY AND  
THAT THE OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE HURT WILL ALSO BE BETTER  
SOON, AND WE ARE PRAYING FOR THEM.

3. QUOTE I WAS NATURALLY SHOCKED, AS ALL THE CANADIAN PEOPLE WERE  
SHOCKED, AT THIS EVENT, AND I HOPE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL  
KNOW THAT CANADIANS ARE VERY CLOSE TO THEM IN THEIR FEELINGS  
AND THAT WE ARE IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THIS TRAGIC HAPPENING.  
ALL OF US HOPE THAT THE WORLD WILL PROGRESS AS QUICKLY AS IT  
CAN TOWARD A STATE WHERE VIOLENCE WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED  
AND WHERE REASON WILL PREVAIL IN ALL POLITICAL DECISIONS.  
I WANT TO REPEAT ONCE AGAIN THAT IT IS ONLY GRIEF WHICH IS  
WITH US NOW. END QUOTE

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The President  
The White House  
Washington

The Botswana nation and myself have learned with deepest shock and horror of the senseless attempt on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy. Please accept from me and on behalf of the Government and the people of Botswana our deepest sympathy to you, the Government and the people of the United States and the family of Senator Robert Kennedy. May his life be spared.

Sir Seretse Khama  
President of the  
Republic of Botswana

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UNCLAS OTTAWA 1792

SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. FIRST EDITORIALS AVAILABLE THIS AFTERNOON EMPHASIZED SYMPATHY FOR FAMILY AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR SENATOR'S RECOVERY, BUT QUESTIONED WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICAN SOCIETY. COMMENTS ALSO UNDERScore NEED FOR GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION.

2. OTTAWA'S FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DROIT RECALLED KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS AND RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PUBLIC FIGURES. PAPER ASKED TO WHAT POINT SOCIAL DISTURBANCES IN US CAN DRIVE PEOPLE TO SUCH IRRATIONAL ACTS.

3. OTTAWA JOURNAL TERMED SHOOTING AS BLOW AGAINST ALL SOCIETY BUT CHARGED THAT FRAIL NATURE OF PROTECTION OF PUBLIC FIGURES AND EXTREMISM IN POLITICS MAKE ALMOST CRIMINAL LACK OF CONTROL OF FIREARMS. JOURNAL ADDED THAT ALL CANADIANS JOIN IN PRES. JOHNSON'S EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND IN HIS PRAYER FOR END TO SUCH HORRORS OF VIOLENCE. OTTAWA CITIZEN SAID ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THREATENS PROCESS OF DEMOCRACY IN US. CITIZEN SAID US SOCIETY CANNOT ENDURE IF POLITICIANS QTE IN MINGLING WITH PEOPLE, WALK UNDER THE SHADOW OF DEATH UNQTE.

4. IN EXTREMELY HOSTILE EDITORIAL TORONTO DAILY STAR ASKED QTE HOW LONG WILL US LIVE BY THE GUN? UNQTE STAR SAID US IS SICK SOCIETY DISEASED BY PERVERSIVE IDEA THAT PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES CAN BE SOLVED BY VIOLENCE. EDITORIAL ADDED AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY DOES NOT ESCAPE THE DISEASE, ASSERT.

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ING THAT A REVOLUTION ANYWHERE IN NON-COMMUNIST WORLD IS  
LIKELY BE SUPPRESSED BY AMERICAN ARMS IF DEEMED HOSTILE TO  
AMERICAN INTERESTS. STAR CONCLUDED IT MISTAKE FOR ANY GOVT  
TO TREAT US AS IF IT WERE A COUNTRY IN NORMAL STATE OF MENTAL  
HEALTH.

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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UNCLAS OTTAWA 1787

1. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR FOR USE IN RESPONSE  
TO PRESS INQUIRIES FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL AND SENSELESS ATTACK  
ON SENATOR KENNEDY, WHICH IS A CAUSE FOR DEEP CONCERN TO  
AMERICANS EVERYWHERE. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE SENATOR,  
HIS FAMILY, AND THE OTHER VICTIMS. THERE IS NOTHING I  
NEED ADD TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT EARLIER TODAY,  
EXCEPT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION FOR THE NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS  
OF SYMPATHY WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS. END QUOTE  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3251

UNCLAS OTTAWA 1786

SUBJ: REACTION TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU, WHO CAMPAIGNING IN EDMONTON, EXPRESSED SHOCK AND SORROW. PRIMIN'S OFFICE INFORMED EMB TRUDEAU MAKING FULL STATEMENT LATER TODAY. HIS PLANE NOW ENROUTE FROM EDMONTON TO MONTREAL WITH LIKELIHOOD THAT STATEMENT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTERNOON.

2. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD, CAMPAIGNING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, TERMED SHOOTING SENSELESS. HE SAID IT ILLUSTRATES TYPE OF VIOLENCE WHICH THREATENS WESTERN SOCIETY.

3. EXTAFFMIN SHARP, CAMPAIGNING IN TORONTO, SAID NEWS OF SHOOTING IS SO HORRIBLE AS TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENT SUPERFLUOUS. HE ADDED ALL CANADA JOINS IN PRAYING WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY OF THE SENATOR.

4. EMB HAS RECEIVED A DOZEN INQUIRIES DURING FIRST HOUR OF BUSINESS THIS MORNING, INCLUDING EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FROM ANGLICAN BISHOP REED OF OTTAWA. BUTTERWORTH

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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4174

UNCLAS QUITO 4748

SUBJ: FONMIN OFFERS SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY SHOOTING

FONMIN LARREA PHONED CHARGE MID-MORNING JUNE 5 TO EXPRESS "BOTH PERSONALLY AND OFFICIALLY" HIS SHOCK AT THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AND TO OFFER HIS SYMPATHY TO THE USG AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY.  
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FM AMCONSUL BATHURST

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PM AND FONMIN CALLED PERSONALLY EXPRESS PROFOUND SHOCK AND SYMPATHY FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GAMBIA, ON HEARING TRAGIC NEWS FROM LA REQUESTED FORGOING BE CONVEYED SENATORS FAMILY USGOVT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OTHERS WOUNDED. LOUGHRAN

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FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR FROM  
CARDINAL CICOGNANI, VATICAN SECRETARY OF STATE:

"YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"ONCE AGAIN VIOLENCE HAS REARED ITS UGLY HEAD, AND THE UNITED  
STATES IS SHOCKED.

WE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS GRAND  
NATION WHICH YOU REPRESENT HERE IN ITALY BECAUSE VIOLENCE HAS  
BEEN UNLEASHED AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.

"A NATION WHICH HAS BEEN THE EXEMPLAR OF DEMOCRACY IS NOW  
SADDENED BECAUSE UNCIVILIZED METHODS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BLUR  
THE IMAGE OF A GREAT COUNTRY. WE PRAY THAT THIS NEW INSTANCE  
OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR WILL STIR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED  
STATES TO RENOUNCE SUCH ATTACKS AND TO UNITE TO MAKE THE  
FORCES OF EVIL COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. THE HOLYFATHER DEPLORES SUCH  
MEANS AND IS SADDENED BY THE REPORTS OF THE ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE OFFERS HIS  
PRAYERS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY BE SPARED AND THAT THE NATION  
RISE FROM THIS TRAGIC EVENT MORE RESOLVED TO PUT AN END TO  
VIOLENT MEANS. SINCERELY YOURS,  
A. G. CARDINAL CICOGNANI"

AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE FROM CICOGNANI AND SAID  
HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4375

UNCLAS MONROVIA 5613

FROM AMBASSADOR

I HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TUBMAN WHICH INCLUDES  
 FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CONCERNING SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY:  
 QUOTE:

AGAIN I EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO YOUR GOVERNMENT SYMPATHY FOR  
 THE SHOCK AND HORROR THAT HAS MET YOU IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT.  
 END QUOTE. BROWN

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Dear Ethel:

Virginia and I are deeply distressed about Bobby.  
He is in our constant thoughts and prayers as are you and  
the children. Please let me know if there is anything that  
I can possibly do for you.

~~We send you our love and affection.~~

Dean Rusk

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ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS, AMBASSADOR YANNAKAKIS, DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, CALLED ON ME JUNE 6 TO EXPRESS GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO USG AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. EMISSARY EXPRESSED ANTICIPATED SENTIMENTS AND ADDED PRIME MINISTER'S PROFOUND HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF AMERICANS IN MEETING CURRENT TROUBLES. HE ASKED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT.

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1. DURING NEW PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTER OSWALDO HERCELLES' MEETING WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HE EXPRESSED TO CHARGE PROFOUND SORROW, PERSONALLY AND FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, OVER THE TRAGIC ATTACK ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE TOLD CHARGE ALSO THAT PRESIDENT BELAUNDE HAD SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION MADE THEIR OWN EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW OVER THIS TRAGIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING CALLS ALL DAY FROM POLITICAL LEADERS, OTHER PERSONALITIES AND ORDINARY PERUVIAN CITIZENS.  
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Attention *Mrs. Maltitt*  
Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Replies to Messages of Condolence  
on the Shooting of Senator Kennedy

The Department proposes the enclosed language  
for reply to messages of condolence to the President  
from foreign dignitaries on the attempted assassination  
of Senator Kennedy.

*BHR by ep*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief  
is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

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