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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL.

2. FOR AFCM USE, PRESIDENT TSIRANANA SENT DIRECT WHITE HOUSE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHICH EVIDENTLY CROSSED REFTEL.
QTE COMPATISSANT AVEC TOUT LE PEUPLE MALGACHE AU GRAND DEUIL QUI FRAPPE LE PEUPLE AMERICAIN ET TOUS LES PEUPLES LIBERAUX DE MONDE, JE VOUS ADRESSE L'EXPRESSION DE NOTRE SYMPATHIE ATTRISTEE. JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER ET DE TRANSMETTRE A LA FAMILLE DU REGRETTE SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY MES CONDOLEANCES EMUES ET CELLES DE LA REPUBLIQUE MALGACHE. UNQTE. KING

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SUBJECT: African Reactions to Kennedy Assassination

Reports from AF posts indicate great majority of African governments and peoples have reacted to assassination of Senator Kennedy with expressions 1) of profound shock and sorrow; 2) of sympathy and of condolence to the Kennedy family and to the American people; and 3) of concern over lawlessness and violence in the United States.

A few posts however report more extreme reactions:

1. Charge Algiers states that when he talked with half dozen Fonoff officials, they acted as if under instructions to say nothing. They offered no condolences, no expressions of regret, and asked no questions. PAO reported similar coolness and extreme reluctance to talk on part Algerian press and information officials. Arab diplomats in Algiers (except Tunisian Ambassador) likewise did not want to talk about matter. Embassy suggests possible reasons for Algerian reserve may include fact shooting occurred June 5, which is anniversary of shame and disgrace to Arabs; Arab origin of alleged assassin and Algerian apprehension about what investigations might uncover; very real Algerian resentment over Senator's speech at Portland,

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2. Embassy Bamako reports that although news treatment of assassination in L'Essor of June 7 relatively factual and balanced, paper contained "brutal" editorial (which we have not yet received). Ambassador expressed to Fonoff Asst Secgen Amadou Thiam shock and disappointment, stated editorial could only inflame Malian emotions and risk creating attitude of hostility toward US, and expressed hope GOM would not repeat editorial on Radio Mali. Nevertheless editorial was carried on radio.

Embassy comments that, in addition giving vent genuinely felt indignation, editorial also served drive home some basic tenets of revolutionary ideology in extreme formulation not necessarily subscribed to by all of Malian leadership. Embassy doubts there will be repetition on same level of intensity.

3. Khartoum papers quoted statements of political leaders expressing sorrow over Kennedy death, but ~~xxxx~~ editorially assailed American barbarism, violence and terrorism. Official spokesman and Minister of Information told LONA (Local News Agency of Sudan) that the Sudan regrets Kennedy's death, but went on to say movement for peace in Viet-Nam led by the Kennedy brothers is rejected by Zionist monopolies and cartels in America. Also said it is definite that Zionist economic and social interests had instigated murder of Senator Kennedy and of President Kennedy before him.

4. In Committee of 24 on June 7, Tanzanian Perm Rep Danieli expressed regrets over Kennedy death. He then proceeded to generalize gratuitously, characterizing US society, inter alia, as "conceived in violence, nourished and nurtured in violent and immoral wars, at home and abroad." This is only instance such gratuitously

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insulting observations in any UN organ during ~~may~~ many expressions condolences by delegations of all political colorations. No official comment as yet from President Nyerere, although he has sent personal message to Kennedy family.

5. Embassy Lusaka reports that Kaunda, in speech at airport on arrival home from visits Kenya and Uganda, put responsibility for assassination on USG for providing inadequate protection. Embassy was concerned that Kaunda's remarks included some which unwittingly may be viewed by Zambians as simply invitation to "hate America", and notes that some among group of civil servants, ministers, and party officials in VIP area responded to Kaunda's remarks by shouting anti-American epithets and comments. However, tension has eased and memorial services took place without incident or further threatening gestures. Embassy believes crisis has passed.

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1. APPROXIMATELY 4,300 INSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN EMBASSY'S BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE SINCE MIDDAY THURSDAY.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS ACKNOWLEDGE THESE, PLUS GIFTS OF FLOWERS AND LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED, WITH PAID NOTICE IN FIVE WARSAW NEWSPAPERS; NOTICE HOPEFULLY TO APPEAR JUNE 11.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF CONDOLENCE BOOKS. IF POSSIBLE, WE WISH TO RETAIN THEM FOR TWO WEEKS FOR STUDY BY USIA ANALYST PETER CANICKI IF DEPT AND AGENCY PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS. JENKINS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2873
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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY

1. NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH REACHED KAMPALA AS DELEGATES TO FIRST UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS CONVENTION IN FOUR YEARS WERE CONVENING. WHILE THIS IN NO WAY SOFTENED BLOW FOR THE MANY AFRICANS WHO GREATLY LOVED SENATOR AND WHAT HE REPRESENTED, IT IS FACT THAT MINDS OF MANY LOCAL PEOPLE WERE ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL MATTERS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, PRESIDENT OBOTE BROKE NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH TO CONVENTION IN DIGNIFIED AND MOVING WAY. RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. SAME DIGNIFIED ATTITUDE CHARACTERIZED REMARKS ON RADIO AND TV, WHICH CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH UPC SECY GEN LONAMA. NEWS-PAPER COVERAGE ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR RESTRAINED AND ON WHOLE BALANCED. NO EDITORIAL CRITICISM TO DATE. WE INTERESTED NOTE KAUNDA WHO APPEARS HAVE BEEN LESS THAN TEMPERATE IN REMARKS ELSEWHERE HAD LITTLE COMMENT MAKE DURING HIS KAMPALA VISIT. ALTHO SOME AFRICANS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HAVE BEEN CRITICAL IN REMARKS ON SITUATION IN U.S., FOR MOST PART, UGANDANS APPEAR HAVE REACTED IN SHOCK FOLLOWED BY SYMPATHY. ONE DISCORDANT NOTE CAME FROM CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP NSUBUGA WHO ISSUED SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL STATEMENT ON STATE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PRESS COVERAGE LOS ANGELES HEARINGS ALLEGED ASSASSIN FOR MOST PART FACTUAL, WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF ROLE ACLU AND ACTS OF LA POLICE PROTECT SIRHAN'S RIGHTS. UNDOUBTEDLY APPREHENSION DR. KING'S ALLEGED KILLER IN LONDON HAS HELPED PUT THINGS IN

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PERSPECTIVE.

2. EMB ORGANIZED MEMORIAL BOOK IN USIS LIBRARY WHICH MORE SUITABLE LOCATION THAN 6TH FLOOR CHANCERY. NEARLY ONE THOUSAND VISITED AND SIGNED DURING THREE DAYS BOOK OPEN, WHICH INCLUDED OFFICIAL MOURNING DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 9. MANY CHURCH SERVICES INCLUDED PRAYERS FOR LATE SENATOR AND ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. STUDENTS KISUBI BROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL ALSO DELIVERED OWN MEMORIAL BOOK TO USIS WITH NEARLY 150 SIGNATURES OF FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY. OTHER TRIBUTES INCLUDED MEMORIAL INSCRIBED ON TRADITIONAL BANANA LEAF AND SEVERAL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MRS. KENNEDY. THESE WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH. WHILE SIGNATORIES OF BOOK ON FIRST DAY LARGELY AFRICAN, LAST TWO DAYS SHOWED PREPONDERANCE ASIANS AND FINAL SIGNATURES SHOW ROUGHLY 60-40 RATIO FAVOR LATTER. VISITORS INCLUDED MANY MIDDLE LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CHURCHMEN, STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND ONE CABINET MINISTER-KAKONGE. NEARLY ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS SIGNED, INCLUDING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

3. U.S. COMMUNITY CANCELLED ALL BUT INESCAPABLE PUBLIC APPEARANCES, FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF THROUGHOUT PERIOD.

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REF: A. MOG 3302, B. MOG 3309

1. SOMALI OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION THROUGH DAY OFFICIAL MOURNING CONTINUED BASICALLY UNCHANGED AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED MESSAGES. SOMALIS CONTINUE TO STOP AMERICANS ON STREET TO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES.

2. CONDOLENCE BOOK REMAINED OPEN UNTIL MIDDAY JUNE 10 AND OBTAINED WELL OVER 600 SIGNATURES AND MESSAGES, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALL FRIENDLY CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND NUMBER OF GSR MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS. REMAINDER WERE RELATIVELY YOUNG INCLUDING SURPRISINGLY NUMBER OF WOMEN.

3. AT REQUEST OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY REQUIEM MASS WAS HELD CATHEDRAL EVENING JUNE 9. NEARLY 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED MASS INCLUDING BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF FOREIGN COLONY AND FEW SOMALIS.

4. IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT SCERMARCHE'S MESSAGE (REF B), PRIME MINISTER TELEGRAPHED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WHITE HOUSE: "WE IN SOMALIA ARE SHOCKED TO HEAR OF TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND ON BEHALF OF SOMALIA GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME WE EXTEND TO GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THIS SAD OCCASION. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR DEEPEST SENTIMENTS OF SORROW BE CONVEYED

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TO MRS. KENNEDY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF BEREAVED FAMILY. HIGHEST
CONSIDERATIONS." THURSTON

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2498

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES ON KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE MINEXTAFF THIS MORNING.
"THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST
THE EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO
MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF
SIERRA LEONE.

"THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE HAVE RECEIVED WITH ALARM THE NEWS OF THE
DEATH OF YOUR LOVED HUSBAND SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE LATE
SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A SYMBOL OF YOUTHFUL VITALITY DEDICATED TO
THE CAUSE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY AMONG ALL MANKIND WHO
AT THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE BECAME A VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN'S
BULLET.

"ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I EXTEND TO YOU
AND THE REST OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.
HONOURABLE SIAKA STEVENS, PRIME MINISTER."

2. DEPT. IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE CONDOLENCES OF PRIME
MINISTER TO MRS. KENNEDY. MINER

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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1753
AMCONSUL MUNICH

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SUBJ: BULGARIAN EXPLOITATION OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA HAVE EXPLOITED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY IN CRUDE PROPAGANDISTIC TERMS. CLEAR PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO VILIFY "AMERICAN DEMOCRACY" AND POLITICAL-SOCIAL SYSTEM BASED THEREON, AND BY IMPLICATION TO ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNIST SYSTEM IN BULGARIA. KEY DEVICE HAS BEEN TO IGNORE IDENTITY OF ASSASSIN AND TO DISCREDIT IN ADVANCE ANY FUTURE REVELATIONS AS TO HIS IDENTITY AND MOTIVES. BEGINNING WITH TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS JUNE 5, MEDIA HAVE PICTURED SHOOTING AS SERIES IN CHAIN WHICH BEGAN IN DALLAS AND EXTENDED THROUGH MEMPHIS. MENTION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND DR. KING INCLUDED IN MOST COMMENTARIES.

2. SEVERAL COMMENTARIES AND EDITORIALS HAVE SPOKEN OF A "POLITICAL MAFIA" WHICH HAS KILLED AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE THREAT TO IT. PHRASES SUCH AS "POLITICAL BANDITISM PROMOTED TO STATE POLICY", "GANGSTERISM", AND "LAW OF THE AMERICAN JUNGLE" HAVE BEEN USED.

3. MOST COMMENTARIES TOUCHING ON ASSASSIN EXPRESS DOUBT EITHER THAT SIRHAN WAS KILLER OR THAT HE ACTED ON HIS OWN. MEDIA HAVE REFERRED TO "AMERICAN PROPAGANDA MACHINE" TRYING TO DEPICT SIRHAN, LIKE OSWALD, AS SOLITARY FIGURE.

4. ONE OF CRUEST AND MOST VICIOUS PIECES IS BY STEFKA POBOVA IN WEEKLY POGLED JUNE 12 WHICH SAYS "EVERY INFLUENTIAL

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SUBJECT: LOCAL OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY OVER DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY UNLEASHED IN THIS AREA AN EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT--A COMBINATION OF DEEP SYMPATHY FOR AMERICAN'S LOSS AS WELL AS A STUNNED IMCOMPREHENSION OF THIS RENEWED MANIFESTATION OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWING SO QUICKLY UPON THE HEELS OF THE KING ASSASSINATION-- WHICH APPROACHED THAT WITNESSED UPON THE EQUALLY TRAGIC DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY 4 1/2 YEARS AGO. WITHIN HOURS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, DOZENS OF MUNICH'S CITIZENS--INCLUDING SUCH NOTABLES AS LORD MAYOR VOGEL--HAD ALREADY SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE BOOK, WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGH TOMORROW (JUNE 12), ALREADY HAS OVER 2500 SIGNATURES IN IT AND WE HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM GERMANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

2. THE MUCH-ABUSED PHRASE "BY POPULAR DEMAND" IS GENUINELY APPLICABLE WITH REGARD TO THE INITIATION OF PLANS FOR THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MUNICH'S AMERICA HOUSE ON JUNE 12. FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICH'S PRESS AND

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MANY CITIZENS HAD CALLED AMERICA HOUSE LAST FRIDAY (JUNE 7) TO INQUIRE NOT IF, BUT WHEN, SUCH A SERVICE WAS BEING HELD. IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, MOREOVER, THAT CSU LANDTAG DEPUTY ROLAND FRIEDRICH MESSNER, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR A GROUP OF HIS COLLEAGUES, APPEARED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 7 TO CONVEY PERSONALLY AND VIGOROUSLY TO ME THE EXPECTATION THAT "OF COURSE, THERE MUST BE A SERVICE IN AMERICA HOUSE JUST LIKE THE ONE WHICH WAS HELD FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY 1963. OTHERWISE THE GERMAN PEOPLE WILL SIMPLY NOT UNDERSTAND." OUR INITIAL RESERVATIONS THAT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS NOT QUITE THE SAME THING AS A PRESIDENT IN OFFICE WERE BRUSHED ASIDE WITH THE COMMENT "THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT A KENNEDY IS DIFFERENT."

3. THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 12 AT AMERICA HOUSE WILL INCLUDE REMARKS BY MYSELF AND BY HERR MESSNER. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL OFFER PRAYERS, AND TWO DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN OPERA AND CONCERT SINGERS -- CLARE WATSON AND THOMAS CAREY -- WILL SING.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4067

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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH: LOCAL REACTION

1. DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY RECEIVED HEAVY COVERAGE URUGUAYAN PRESS JUNE 6-9. ONE PAPER, EL DIA, PUBLISHED SPECIAL EIGHT-PAGE EDITION JUNE 6 DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY LIFE AND DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. ALMOST ALL PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS EXPRESSING SHOCK AND DISMAY AT SUDDEN VIOLENT DEATH OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LEADER. SOME EDITORIALS DEPLORED INCREASING FREQUENCY OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SEVERAL ASKED HOW THIS CAN BE HAPPENING IN MOST ADVANCE COUNTRY IN WORLD. FOR MOST PART EDITORIALS SIMPLY RAISED THIS QUESTION WITHOUT ATTEMPTING ANSWER IT OR INDICT AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. FAR-LEFT PRESS HAS USED KENNEDY DEATH TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST UNITED STATES. COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN EL POPULARI HAS CARRIED ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS UNDER HEADLINES SUCH AS: "US -- REIGN OF CRIME CONTINUES," "DEMOCRACY OF GANGSTERS," AND "SOCIETY OF CRIME." SOCIALIST WEEKLY IZQUIERDA AND FAR-LEFT INTELLECTUAL WEEKLY MARCHA HAVE ALSO CARRIED VITRIOLIC EDITORIALS CONDEMNING AMERICAN SOCIETY (SEE A-759).

① 3. APPROXIMATELY 1,400 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED EMBASSY AND EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOKS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN RECEIVING NUMEROUS LETTERS, TELEGRAMS AND PHONE CALLS FROM URUGUAYANS WISHING EXPRESS THEIR SORROW. LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH HELD MEMORIAL MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY JUNE 8 WHICH SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED. PRESIDENT PACHECO AND FOMIN FLORES

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CABLED THEIR CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SECRETARY
RUSK RESPECTIVELY. SENATE PAID HOMAGE TO SENATOR AT JUNE 5
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FROM : American Consulate, TRIESTE

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT: Reaction to Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy has had a profound impact throughout this Consular District. The Consulate has received more than 50 letters and telegrams from officials, organizations and individuals throughout the District, including the Prefect and the Mayor of Trieste, the President of the Regional Junta, the President of the Regional Council, the Archbishop of Trieste and the Consular Corps of Trieste and Venice. More than 3000 persons visited the Italo-American Association to sign the Book of Condolences made available under a photograph of Senator Kennedy draped with an American flag. All the officers of the Consulate have been approached by innumerable friends, and strangers, who wished to express their sorrow.

Both in Trieste and Venice all activity throughout the cities - in factories, offices, courts, railways, etc. - was halted for five minutes on Friday, June 7 in tribute to Senator Kennedy. The Mayor of Trieste offered a special eulogy at a formal meeting of the City Council.

This extraordinary outpouring of emotion has only been exceeded in recent years by that following the assassination of President Kennedy. It reflects not only the underlying pro-Americanism existing in this Consular District as a whole and in Trieste in particular, but also the very great impact which President Kennedy and later Senator Kennedy exercised on untold millions around the world.

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Apart from widespread grief, the principal reaction in this Consular District appears to be one of relief (a) that the assassination of Senator Kennedy apparently did not involve a conspiracy and (b) that it was not associated with civil violence. Finally, most of the comments made to the reporting officer have expressed hope that somehow better protection can be afforded public officials generally in the future, particularly through rigorous controls over weapons.

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FROM : Amconsul NASSAU

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT: Message of Condolence over the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The Consulate General has been asked by the Very Reverend Dr. W. G. McPhee, Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Nassau, to transmit the attached expression of condolences to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT SOME 3,700 PERSONS CALLED AT THE CHANCERY BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AND SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. A NUMBER OF LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED. THE BOOKS AND THE LETTERS TOGETHER WITH THOSE FROM THE CONSULATES GENERAL WILL BE CONSOLIDATED HERE AND SEND IN DUE COURSE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. A REQUIEM MASS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA IN WHICH ECCLESIASTICS OF OTHER FAITHS PARTICIPATED AND WAS ATTENDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMBASSADORS ETC. BUTTERWORTH

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THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Suggested Reply to Condolence Message
from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on
the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

The President has received the enclosed message
of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy
from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI.

A suggested message of reply is enclosed.

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Papal message.
2. Suggested message of reply.

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT TO POPE PAUL:

QUOTE:

YOUR HOLINESS:

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE UPON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
WE DRAW STRENGTH FROM YOUR PRAYERS FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS
AND FOR THE NATION AT THIS SAD MOMENT.

I AM PLEASED THAT ARCHBISHOP TERENCE COOKE HAS AGREED
TO SERVE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO SEEK
OUT THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.

SENATOR KENNEDY BELIEVED THAT AMERICANS COULD, IF THEY
WOULD, END THE BLIGHT OF POVERTY AND BIGOTRY. IN THIS HE
WAS AT ONE WITH THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES
HAS ENJOYED FOR THE PAST THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

I MUST REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
TOWARD A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM
DURING THE PARIS TALKS. MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE
MOUNTED A SAVAGE, INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK ON SAIGON--ON THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND ON ORDINARY CITIZENS ALIKE.

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THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION THAT THESE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS ARE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO SHAKE THE GOVERNMENT, BUT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMUNISTS HOLD THE MILITARY INITIATIVE--AND THEREFORE TO SECURE AN ADVANTAGE IN PARIS. IT IS A TRAGEDY--ONE OF MANY IN THIS WAR--THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM MUST SUFFER AS THEY DO BECAUSE OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OF THE COMMUNISTS.

I CANNOT PREDICT WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN PARIS; NOR CAN I ESTIMATE HOW LONG THE COMMUNISTS' OFFENSIVE WILL CONTINUE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I FEAR THAT NEITHER WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS ALL MANKIND DESIRES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE WITH WHOM WE ARE ALLIED WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK AN HONORABLE PEACE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AS WE SHALL REMAIN FIRM IN RESISTING TERROR AND AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I DEVOUTLY HOPE THAT MY NEXT LETTER TO YOU WILL BRING MORE HOPEFUL TIDINGS. UNLESS IT IS MYSELF, I KNOW OF NO ONE ON EARTH WHO SO LONGS FOR NEWS OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN VIETNAM AS YOUR HOLINESS.

I SHALL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED MY CHATS WITH THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

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June 15, 1968

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

Senator Kennedy believed that Americans could, if they would, end the blight of poverty and bigotry. In this he was at one with the political leadership the United States has enjoyed for the past thirty-five years.

I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during the Paris talks. Meanwhile, the Communists have mounted a savage, indiscriminate attack on Saigon -- on the government of South Vietnam and on ordinary citizens alike.

There is much speculation that these rocket and mortar attacks are designed not only to shake the government, but to give the impression that the Communists hold the military initiative -- and therefore to secure an advantage in Paris. It is a tragedy -- one of many in this war -- that the people of South Vietnam must suffer as they do because of the aggressive intentions of the Communists.

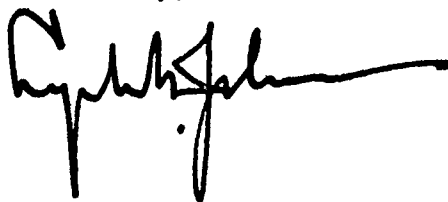
I cannot predict when the North Vietnamese representatives will be more forthcoming in Paris; nor can I estimate how long the Communists' offensive will continue in South Vietnam. I fear that neither will occur as soon as all mankind desires.

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Nevertheless, the United States and those with whom we are allied will continue to seek an honorable peace at the negotiating table, as we shall remain firm in resisting terror and aggression in South Vietnam. I devoutly hope that my next letter to you will bring more hopeful tidings. Unless it is myself, I know of no one on earth who so longs for news of progress toward peace in Vietnam as Your Holiness.

I should tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Paul VI', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

Vice White House
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DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY AND VIOLENT PASSING OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY, WE OFFER YOU OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE
LOSS OF AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT, ASKING GOD TO CONSOLE,
GUARD AND BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES

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Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the nation at this sad moment.

Senator Kennedy's belief in the equality of all men, his compassion for the poor, his confidence in the essential goodness of men and his unfailing courage serve as an inspiration for all. As we mourn the passing of this extraordinary young man we dare to hope that what he lived and died for may, with God's help, come to pass.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Holiness

Pope Paul VI,

Vatican City.

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SUBJECT REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 5044

1. FURTHER OFFICIAL REACTION-PRESIDENT KENYATTA ORDERED KENYA FLAG FLOWN AT HALF STAFF ON ALL OFFICIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY JUNE 8 IN MEMORY OF SENATOR. MINISTER ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA REPRESENTED PRESIDENT AT REQUIEM HIGH MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL, NAIROBI, 10:00 A.M. JUNE 8 (MBOYA READ EPISTLE AT MASS) AND IN SAME ROLE CAME TO EMBASSY AFTERWARDS (FOR SECOND TIME: SEE REFTE) TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK. INSCRIPTION READS: "ON BEHALF OF H.E. THE PRESIDENT MZEE JOMO KENYATTA, M.P., THE GOV'T. AND PEOPLE OF KENYA, WE OWE RESPECTS TO A GREAT MAN", SIGNED T. MBOYA AND PAMELA MBOYA. REQUIEM MASS:

ALSO ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING OSOGO (WHO ALSO SIGNED EMB. CONDOLENCE BOOK AFTERWARDS) AND NUMBER OF GOK CIVIL SERVANTS, MP'S, REPRESENTATIVES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND PUBLIC, FILLING LARGE CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM.

MINISTRY DEFENSE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT JUNE 7 ON BEHALF OF MINISTER NJOROGE MUNGAI: "THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, DR. NJOROGE MUNGAI HAS EXPRESSED PROFOUND SHOCK OVER THE CONCENTRATION OF KILLINGS ON THE KENNEDY FAMILY. DR. MUNGAI, OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY

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UPSET BY THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY DESCRIBED THE KENNEDY FAMILY AS ONE WHICH, " HAS VERY HIGH IDEALS FOR MANKIND BOTH IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE." DR. MUNGAI ADDED THAT THE KENNEDYS STOOD FOR HOPE IN THEIR COUNTRY AND OVERSEAS. THEY STOOD FOR JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY. THE MINISTER WENT ON, "IT IS MY HOPE THAT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE TO DISCOVER THE SICKNESS OF SOCIETY WHICH DRIVES PEOPLE TO BEHAVE THIS WAY. I EXPRESS MY SYMPATHY TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, THE CHILDREN AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY IN THEIR DEEP SORROW."

2. PUBLIC AND PRESS REACTION- BEFORE SCHEDULE FOR LAST RITES KNOWN HERE, EMB. ANNOUNCED JUNE 6 THAT CONDOLENCE BOOKS WOULD BE OPEN IN CHANCERY AND USIS LIBRARY FRIDAY JUNE 7 THROUGH TUESDAY, JUNE 11 (EXCEPTING SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY). STREAM OF PEOPLE COMING TO SIGN BOOKS THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 10 HAS CONTINUED UNABATED.

PRESS COVERAGE OF FUNERAL AND EVENTS SURROUNDING IT, AS WELL AS WORLD REACTION TO ASSASSINATION AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ASSASSIN WAS DOMINANT SUBJECT IN SPACE AND ATTENTION IN LOCAL PRESS THROUGH WEEK-END AND MONDAY. SUNDAY NATION COMMENTARY BY HILARY NUGUENO WARNS AMERICANS AGAINST "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE AND SHAME" OVER THIS NEW MURDER OF DEVOTED PUBLIC LEADER. NUGUENO ASSERTS THAT AMERICANS AGAIN WILL ATTEMPT REJECT IDEA THAT THERE WAS CONSPIRACY BEHIND THIS MURDER. THAT " THEY WILL NOT WANT TO ADMIT TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ONE BIG CONSPIRACY WHICH ALONE EXPLAINS THE KILLING, THE SHOOTING AND THE LOOTING THAT SWEEPED THROUGHOUT THEIR COUNTRY IN RECENT TIMES... THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE, SILENCE ON THE PART OF THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS IN THE FACE OF THE APPALING CONDITIONS WHICH BREED VIOLENCE... DIKE POVERTY AND THE SQUALOR OF GHETTO LIFE... THE INJUSTICES AND DEGRADATIONS OF RACIAL PREJUDICES AND DISCRIMINATION... THE EVIL INFLUENCES OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL-MILITARY COMPLEX... THE EVIL POWER OF Lobbies... CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE... THE LIP SERVICE THAT AMERICAN LEADERS CONSTANTLY PAY TO THEIR HIGH IDEALS ENSHRINED IN THEIR COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION... NUGUENO BELITTLES HALF-WAY MEASURES OF PAST TO CORRECT THESE ILLS, SAYS TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON

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AMERICA AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNTRY TURN INWARD AND CORRECT THESE ILLS BEFORE IT DESTROYS THE WORLD ALONG WITH ITSELF. IN N'GUENO'S WORDS "PERHAPS IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS OF VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE, AMERICANS SHOULD TURN MORE TOWARDS THEIR OWN DOMESTIC SICKNESS, SPEND MORE ON THE GHETTOS OF AMERICA THAN ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VIETNAM; MORE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, THAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER PEOPLE; ATTEND TO THEIR OWN WEAKNESSES RATHER THAN THOSE OF OTHERS. THE DEVELOPING NATIONS MAY NOT BE HAPPY AT THE PROSPECTS OF REDUCED AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, BUT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND IT IF IT MEANS THAT THE NEGROES AND THE POOR OF AMERICA WILL THEREBY BE REMOVED FROM CONDITIONS OF SQUALOR AND INJUSTICE; IF IT MEANS LESS VIOLENCE IN AMERICA, IF IT MEANS THAT AMERICA WILL BE MORALLY HEALTHIER AND THEREFORE IN A BETTER POSITION TO BE OF LASTING ASSISTANCE TO OTHER NATIONS LATER. FOR THE FERGUSON

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1. RESPONSE OF POLISH PEOPLE TO KENNEDY DEATH HAS POURED INTO EMBASSY IN FORM OF HUNDREDS OF VISITORS TO LOBBY CONDOLENCE BOOKS, PLUS LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, MOUNDS OF FLOWERS, AND GIFTS.

2. SINCE MIDDAY JUNE 6, MORE THAN 4,300 PERSONS SIGNED EMBASSY'S SEVEN BOOKS, AND MANY MORE WHO UNABLE SIGN DUE TO BIG CROWDS AT TABLES CAME TO PAY RESPECTS BEFORE PICTURE OF SENATOR WREATHED IN BLACK. BRIGHT FLOWERS OF EVERY KIND FILLED LOBBY, MANY IN VASES SET IN FRONT OF PICTURE. MANY VISITORS KNELT IN PRAYER, AND MANY WEPT. SOME BROUGHT PICTURES OF SENATOR TAKEN DURING HIS 1964 VISIT TO POLAND. CROWDS INCLUDED YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD, PEASANTS, SOLDIERS, WORKERS AND PRIESTS. MEMBERS OF POLISH GOVERNMENT CAME, AS WELL AS OF WARSAW DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. DEMAND TO SIGN BOOKS SO HEAVY EMBASSY KEEPING THEM OPEN AT LEAST UNTIL EVENING JUNE 10.

3. BIG CROWDS COLLECTED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY'S UJAZDOWSKIE SIDEWALK DISPLAY CASES DEVOTED TO SENATOR. ONE CASE, CONTAINING BLACK-RIMMED PICTURE OF KENNEDY, WAS STREWN AND HUNG WITH FLOWERS BY PASSERSBY. OTHER CASES SHOWING PICTURES FROM KENNEDY'S LIFE AND VISIT TO POLAND ATTRACTED THROGS OF VIEWERS. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, EMBASSY LOBBY FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH VISITORS, AND CONSTANT STREAM OF PEOPLE FLOWED IN AND OUT.

4. SOLEMN MASS WILL BE CONDUCTED MONDAY, JUNE 10, AT 1800 GMT AT ST. JOGN'S CATHEDRAL IN WARSAW. MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WILL ATTEND. EMBASSY HAS

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SATURDAY MORNING ARCHBISHOP OF LAGOS HELD REQUIEM MASS IN COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY TO HONOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. MASS ATTENDED BY GENERAL PUBLIC, U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL. CONDOLENCE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM LEADING MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND FRIENDS OF U.S. CONDOLENCE BOOKS OPENED AT CHANCERY, RESIDENCE AND USIS INFORMATION CENTERS. BEING SIGNED BY ALL LEVELS NIGERIAN SOCIETY. MATHEWS
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FOREIGN MINISTER BOMBOKO, INTERIOR MINISTER TSHISEKEDI,
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ALL CAME TO EMBASSY JUNE 8TH TO SIGN BOOK FOR SENATOR KENNEDY.
ALL MADE A POINT OF EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY.
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WORLD HAS MORE CAUSE TO BE FRIGHTENED OF A RICH AND POWERFUL BUT SICK AND VIOLENT AMERICA THAN OF THE DISADVANTAGES WHICH DWINDLING OF AMERICAN FOREIGN AID WOULD HAVE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, ASIA OR LATIN-AMERICA. AMERICANS WILL NEVER MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY UNTIL THEY HAVE FIRST MADE THEIR OWN COUNTRY SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY, UNTIL THEY HAVE ENDED THEIR NATIONAL CONSPIRACY OF VIOLENCE." NAIROBI SUNDAY POST EDITORIAL, JUNE 9, PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO SENATOR KENNEDY AND "TALENTED BUT TRAGEDY-RIDDEN KENNEDY FAMILY", THEN EMPHASIZES THAT "KILLER OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS A PALESTINIAN ARAB... FED ALMOST SINCE BIRTH ON THE RABID, HATE-AROUSING ANTI-ZIONISTS VENOM SPEWED FORTH INCESSANTLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. POST CONCLUDES THAT "ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH IS JUST AS MUCH AN INDICTMENT OF THOSE WHO SPOUT RACIAL AND SECULAR HATRED AS IT IS AN INDICTMENT OF THE LAW REGULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.... THE LOS ANGELES CRIME CONTAINS A MORAL FOR MANY WHO ARE NOT AMERICANS." FERGUSON

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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY MEMORIAL SERVICES

1. MOURNERS CONTINUE ARRIVE AT EMBASSY IN STEADY BUT DWINDLING STREAM THIS CRISP AND SUNNY MONDAY MORNING TO SIGN REMEMBRANCE BOOKS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. SCORES OF BOUQUETS AND FLORAL BASKETS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS TO OFFICES AND HOMES OF OFFICERS AND STAFF, AND THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES CALLING CARDS, LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, IN AN ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED AND UNINTERRUPTED OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

2. ST JOSEPHJ'S, PARIS CHURCH OF ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLICS, HELD SPECIAL HIGH REQUIEM MASS SATURDAY EVENING WHICH DREW RECORD NUMBER WORSHIPPERS AND WAS ATTENDED BY ALPHAND FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT, IRISH AMBASSADOR AND REPRESENTATIVES PAPAL NUNCIO AND ARCBISHOP OF PARIS. THIS MOVING CEREMONY ALSO ATTENDED BY SHRIVER CHILDREN AND CHARGE. YESTERDAYJ'S COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH SERVICES WERE LITERALLY PACKED. 1389 PERSONS WERE COUNTED ENTERING AMERICAN PRO-CATHEDRAL WITH SCORES MORE UNDOUBTEDLY MISSED AS PEOPLE HURRIED IN TO CEREMONY. ST. JOSEPHJ'S HAD CAPACITY CROWDS OF WORSHIPPERS ON SUNDAY AS DID AMERICAN CHURCH ON QUAI D'ORSAY.

3. IMPOSSIBLE CITE NAMES OF ALL DIGNITARIES AND FRENCH OFFICIALS WHO PRESENT THESE CEREMONIES OR WHO HAVE SENT MESSAGES OR SIGN REMEMBRANCE BOOKS, BUT LIST INCLUDES MOST AMBASSADORS TO FRANCE, NUMEROUS HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SUCH AS GENERAL DE GAULLE (PARIS

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TEL 158651, PRIME MINISTER POMPIDOU, MINISTERS SECRETARIES OF STATE MESSMER, FAURE, DEBRE, COUVE DE MURVILLE, ALPHAND AND BETTANCOURT, POLITICAL FIGURES AND GROUPS SUCH AS GUY MOLLET AND COMMUNIST PARTY. IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED PARIS 5729, PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY HAVE BEEN MADE BY FRANCOIS MITTERAND, GISCARD D'ESTAING, MICHEL DEBRE, PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE, ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS MARTY AND STRIKING ORTF EMPLOYEES.

4. LATEST GUESSTIMATE OF TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS TO EMBASSY IS BETWEEN 18 AND 10.000 AND NUMBER CONTINUES TO GROW. MANY OLD-TIME AMERICAN RESIDENTS AMAZED AT SPONTANEITY AND SIZE OF MANIFESTATIONS.

5. ACCORDING PRESS, LATE SENATOR J'S BOOK "TO SEEK ANOTHER WORLD" WHICH RECENTLY APPEARED IN FRENCH, WAS SOLD OUT AT PARIS BOOKSTORES, WHICH HAD EXHAUSTED SUPPLIES BY SATURDAY EVENING. WALLNER

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On June 6 over 1200 people heard Dr. Alan Paton, President of the Liberal Party of South Africa, which has been forced to disband because of the new Bill banning multi-racial political parties, deliver the 6th annual "Day of Affirmation of Academic and Human Freedom" address at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Exactly two years before Senator Robert Frances Kennedy had delivered the fourth "Day of Affirmation" address at the University of Cape Town. In his address Dr. Paton paid tribute to Senator Kennedy and extended sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and her children. Mr. John Kane-Berman, President of the Students' Representative Council at the University of the Witwatersrand who welcomed Dr. Paton, asked the audience to stand in silence for a few moments in tribute to the late Senator.

In the closing address, Mr. John Daniel, President of the National Union of South African Students, and host to the Senator on his visit to the Republic in 1966, said that in Senator Kennedy young people "saw a hope for a new brand of politics in the future... Now that he has gone it is difficult not to despair of all hope for the future. But we will not despair; the message of Kennedy lives on and we will carry it forward."

Encl. Pix from Rand Daily Mail.

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SUDAN TV EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 7 ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. REPORTAGE INCLUDED: REPEAT OF STATEMENT BY GOS SPOKESMAN HASSABU CARRIED PREVIOUS DAY BY PRESS, RADIO AND TV; TV CLIPS OF KENNEDY CAREER, CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN, VICTORY STATEMENT, SHOOTING IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL, AND CAPTURE OF ACCUSED; AND STILL PHOTOS OF SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN. ALL NEWSCASTS RADIO OMDURMAN JUNE 7 CARRIED REUTER REPORTS ON ASSASSINATION INCLUDING FULL BACKGROUND SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN.

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FROM : American Consulate, TRIESTE

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT: Reaction to Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy has had a profound impact throughout this Consular District. The Consulate has received more than 50 letters and telegrams from officials, organizations and individuals throughout the District, including the Prefect and the Mayor of Trieste, the President of the Regional Junta, the President of the Regional Council, the Archbishop of Trieste and the Consular Corps of Trieste and Venice. More than 3000 persons visited the Italo-American Association to sign the Book of Condolences made available under a photograph of Senator Kennedy draped with an American flag. All the officers of the Consulate have been approached by innumerable friends, and strangers, who wished to express their sorrow.

Both in Trieste and Venice all activity throughout the cities - in factories, offices, courts, railways, etc. - was halted for five minutes on Friday, June 7 in tribute to Senator Kennedy. The Mayor of Trieste offered a special eulogy at a formal meeting of the City Council.

This extraordinary outpouring of emotion has only been exceeded in recent years by that following the assassination of President Kennedy. It reflects not only the underlying pro-Americanism existing in this Consular District as a whole and in Trieste in particular, but also the very great impact which President Kennedy and later Senator Kennedy exercised on untold millions around the world.

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Apart from widespread grief, the principal reaction in this Consular District appears to be one of relief (a) that the assassination of Senator Kennedy apparently did not involve a conspiracy and (b) that it was not associated with civil violence. Finally, most of the comments made to the reporting officer have expressed hope that somehow better protection can be afforded public officials generally in the future, particularly through rigorous controls over weapons.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amconsul NASSAU

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Message of Condolence over the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The Consulate General has been asked by the Very Reverend Dr. W. G. McPhee, Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Nassau, to transmit the attached expression of condolences to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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SUBJECT : Quebec Condolences for Senator Kennedy's Death

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The assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has brought messages of condolence from all walks of life in this consular district.

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Federal Sympathy

Flags on the Citadel and on Canadian federal vessels here were at half mast June 8. Many private buildings also flew the Canadian and Quebec flags at half staff. Governor General MICHENER was in residence at the Citadel this past week. Major Patrick TREMBLAY, Commandant of the Citadel and Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General, told me that His Excellency was very much disturbed at the Senator's assassination.

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Lieutenant Governor Hugues LAPOINTE expressed his condolences to me.

Other Official Condolences

Premier Daniel JOHNSON announced that he had sent the official condolences of the provincial government and of all the population of Quebec to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and her "handsome family of ten children."

- Enclosures:
1. Letter of June 6 from Mayor Lamontagne of Quebec
 2. Translation of Enclosure 1
 3. Le Soleil editorial "Robert Kennedy a succombé"
 4. L'Action editorial "L'infecte violence"
 5. Le Soleil editorial "Contre la violence"

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Mr. Johnson continued: "I express the hope that from this sacrifice will come a harvest of peace and fraternity because one day, which I hope is not far away, people will realize that it serves no purpose to kill those who carry the torch of liberty because there will always be someone, some other men, to carry on in their stead." I do not know how Mr. Johnson sent his condolences, and suppose he sent them directly through public channels. They were not communicated to or through the Consulate General.

The Honorable Jean LESAGE, former Premier and now Leader of the Opposition, spoke of the assassination with "deep consternation." He continued: "We are all aware that the whole world is experiencing troubling and tragic hours. The entire world is in effervescence. Nevertheless, hate and violence will settle nothing. They can only bring anarchy."

The French Consul General and British representative expressed condolences.

Telegrams and Letters of Condolence

Telegrams and letters of condolence came from the club of Americans known as the "American Colony of Quebec," from the Mayor of Quebec (Enclosures 1 and 2) and his chief counsellor, and from private citizens known to us and from some we do not know. There have been telephone calls, including one identified only as from a "group of Canadians," to express sympathy.

Signing the Book of Condolence

Interest in signing a book appeared slowly. Indeed, my first impression was that the idea would not arise here. There have been some signatures, but in no real proportion to other expressions of sympathy.

Radio and Television

Radio and TV stations here have carried a great deal about the Senator and his tragic death. They have carried statements by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Cardinal, etc. On June 8 Radio Station CHRC asked me for a statement, and in response I translated into French and read the President's Proclamation of June 6 declaring Sunday, June 9, a day of national mourning.

The local radio and TV stations of Radio-Canada (the French network of the CBC) carried the funeral practically all day Saturday, June 8. So did the CBC's English television transmitter.

Mail for the Widow and Family

There were some inquiries as to how to address Mrs. Kennedy. We have also received some letters for her, which we forwarded immediately.

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Editorials

Le Soleil in an editorial of June 7 (Enclosure 3) wrote:

Robert Kennedy Has Succumbed

The emotion that has stupefied the United States after the attack on and the death 25 hours later of Senator Robert Kennedy is quite understandable. In the space of a little less than five years the two most eminent members of the Kennedy family have fallen to the bullets of assassins....

In both cases, the Kennedys were victims of the bullets of persons who had less against the persons aimed at than against the ideas they incarnated, those of liberalism and of democracy, which are constant values of American life....

Moreover, the United States is an open and free society. Protocol and hierarchical barriers are reduced there to a minimum. Thus it is easy to come into contact with great political personalities, which explains how a Sirhan could slip into the hotel where Senator Robert Kennedy was celebrating his victory. Liberty includes risks. This can easily be used as an argument by regimes that deny liberty.

L'Action for June 7 carried an editorial entitled "Horrible Violence" (Enclosure 4). This editorial began:

What nobody dared imagine in the worst of nightmares has just happened. After President Kennedy, after the Reverend Martin Luther King, it is Senator Kennedy's turn to be the victim of an unspeakably savage assassination.

Le Soleil for June 8 had an editorial entitled "Against Violence" (Enclosure 5). It concluded:

After all the others, the assassination of Robert Kennedy has struck the imagination of Americans hard enough to mobilize all their energy to prevent violence and its causes. In the past, Americans have shown that they knew how to recognize their weaknesses and that they could take steps to remedy them. It will not be uninteresting for other countries to observe, in this respect, the evolution of the United States, because the other industrial countries are experiencing more or less the same phenomenon, which is, it seems, tied to the development of strongly urbanized societies.

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