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

93 DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC EVENT THAT HAS PLUNGED NOT
ONLY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, YOUR COUNTRY, AND LATIN AMERICA BUT THE
WHOLE DEMOCRATIC WORLD INTO MOURNING, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY
TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES WHICH, THROUGH YOU, I EXTEND TO
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY,

GUSTAVO LARREA CORDOVA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OF ECUADOR)

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
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THE NEW, TERRIBLE ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE UNITED STATES AND RUTHLESSLY SNUFFED OUT THE GENEROUS LIFE OF ROBERT KENNEDY, TAKING AWAY FROM ALL FREE MEN AND FREE PEOPLE A VALLANT AND NOBLE CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY, DEEPLY MOVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, WHICH JOINS IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE EXPRESSIONS OF MY PERSONAL HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

FEDERICO BIGI
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASINATION

1. FOLLOWING CABLE ADDRESSED TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY
C/O AMERICAN EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, RECEIVED AT 1545 LOCAL
TODAY:

A. QUOTE ALLOW ME TO SHARE YOUR SORROW IN THE
UNTIMELY AND HORRIBLE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND TO
DEEPLY DEPLORE THIS ACT OF ASSASINATION WHATEVER
THE MOTIVES WERE. BISHARA SIRHAN. UNQUOTE.

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1. AT BRITISH RECEPTION YESTERDAY FONMIN HAJEK OFFERED
 CONDOLENCES ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

2. I SAID I ACCEPTED THEM WITH THE SAME SINCERITY HE HAD
 PROFERRED THEM BUT FELT OBLIGED TO CALL TO HIS NOTICE SOME
 SURPRISING STATEMENTS MADE BY AN OFFICER OF HIS MINISTRY.
 I THEN READ HIM PASSAGES FROM TRHLIK'S PRESS INTERVIEW
 DIRECTING HIS ATTENTION TO THE SENTENCE "IN THE US, IT SEEMS,
 THE METHOD OF ASSASSINATION HAS BECOME A MEANS OF POLITICAL
 STRUGGLE." I TOLD HAJEK SOME OF OUR CITIZENS MAY SAY THINGS
 LIKE THIS AMONG THEMSELVES BUT THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM A
 STATEMENT FROM A SUPPOSEDLY RESPONSIBLE CZECH OFFICIAL.

3. HAJEK REPLIED HE HAD READ THE STATEMENT IN THE PRESS AND
 IT DID NOT SEEM TO HIM OBJECTIONABLE IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE;
 POSSIBLY THE TRANSLATION WAS AT FAULT. I ANSWERED THE
 TRANSLATION WAS FROM THE OFFICIAL CTK SUMMARY WHICH WE
 HAD VERIFIED FOR ACCURACY; STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND WERE
 OFFENSIVE IN AN HOUR OF TRAGEDY. HAJEK SAID HE VERY MUCH
 REGRETTED IT IF THIS WERE THE IMPRESSION GIVEN.

4. HAJEK MENTIONED HE HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S
 TALK WITH DUDA RE CIRCULAR 665 SINCE HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE
 OFFICE ALL DAY BUT HE WELCOMED THE STEP. THEREAFTER A

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C. MISS PAULINE TURNER - TRANSFER FROM NHATRANG TO LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST POSITION AT DANANG IN JULY/AUGUST AND SERVE BALANCE OF CURRENT TOUR, MARCH 1969.

D. AID/W SHOULD ASCERTAIN USPHS' WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE TWO EXPERIENCED NURSE ANESTHETISTS AND ONE REGISTERED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST ON DEPARTURE ABOVE-NAMED INCUMBENTS.

E. OTHER USPHS ADVISORS TO DEPART DANANG AND NHATRANG WITHOUT REPLACEMENT AT THE END OF CURRENT TOUR.

3. CAN IDENTIFY NO REQUIREMENT FOR NURSES KEEFE AND SAUNDERS NOMINATED PREVIOUSLY.
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1. IN MY REPLY TO CARDINAL CICOGNANI'S LETTER (REFTEL) I SAID THAT UNREASONED VIOLENCE OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT SPIRIT OF THE US AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE NOT JUDGE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY ACTS OF TRAGICALLY DISORIENTED INDIVIDUALS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY BY CARDINAL CICOGNANI TODAY, FOLLOWING MY MOST CORDIAL AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI.

3. "YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LETTER AND I WISH TO RENEW THE SENTIMENTS OF MY SINCERE AND PROFOUND SYMPHY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE SAVAGERY AND BRUTALITY WHICH REMOVED SENATOR KENNEDY FROM THE POLITICIAL SCENE IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. "FOR MANY LONG YEARS I SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND I CAME TO LOVE AND TO ADMIRE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT THEY DEPLORE THIS VIOLENT ACTION WITH ALL THEIR POWER BECAUSE IT IS SO ALIEN TO THEIR BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS. THE SORROW AND THE SHOCK THAT HAS GRIPPED THE NATION IS THEREFORE ALL THE MORE PROFOUND. WE ARE UNITED WITH THIS GRAND PEOPLE IN THEIR SORROW AND SUFFERING, AND WE PRAY THAT GOD WOULD GRANT THIS PEOPLE HIS CONSOLING AND STRENGTHENING GRACES AS THEY MOURN

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THE LOSS OF A DEDICATED AND LOYAL SON. MAY GOD GRANT THAT THIS TRAGIC EVENT BRING ABOUT A UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION OF SUCH VICIOUS AND VIOLENT MEANS.

5. "PLEASE BE SURE THAT WE, AND I IN PARTICULAR, SHARE THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECAUSE WE KNOW THEIR GREATNESS. SINCERELY YOURS, A. G. CARDINAL CICOGNANI. VATICAN, JUNE 7, 1968."

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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAKIA MOURNS FOR KENNEDY

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LEADERSHIP LED NATION IN EXPRESSING SORROW OVER KENNEDY DEATH AND SYMPATHY FOR FAMILY. SVOBODA, DUBCEK AND HAJEK SENT SYMPATHY TELEGRAMS TO ETHEL KENNEDY AND SMRKOVSKY WIRE US SENATE, PRESIDENT CONVEYING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DEEP EMOTION AND INDIGNATION OVER EVENT, OFFERING HIS OWN AND ALL DEPUTIES' PROFOUND CONDOLENCES. CERNIK ISSUED FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT: "ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH CAME AS A DEEP SHOCK TO ME AND CERTAINLY TO ALL OUR PEOPLE. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES." EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS FROM BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, AND HUNDREDS HAVE SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK IN LIBRARY.

2. HAJEK MADE THIS POLITICAL APPRAISAL IN CTK INTERVIEW: "THE OBJECTIVE EFFECT OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S MURDER IS UNFAVORABLE FOR THE REALISTIC AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES IN THE US, ALTHOUGH THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CANNOT BE ESTIMATED AS YET. AFTER THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, IT IS ANOTHER TRAGIC EVENT WHICH MEANS THAT A PERSONALITY WITH A CERTAIN POSITIVE PROGRAM ENDS BY

VIOLENT DEATH. THIS CANNOT BUT CAUSE A FEELING OF SURPRISE AND CONDEMNATION. (KENNEDY) BELONGED TO THOSE STRONG PERSONALITIES WHICH REPRESENTED, ESPECIALLY IN THE US DOMESTIC POLICY, THE EFFORT TO FIND SUCH POLITICAL FORMS AS WOULD CORRESPOND TO A MODERN SOCIETY. HE ALSO BELONGED TO THOSE WHO PURSUE

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A REALISTIC COURSE IN US FOREIGN POLICY, LIBERATING IT FROM THE DOGMAS OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND COLD WAR, WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AS WELL AS FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY ITSELF."

3. ASSASSINATION AGAIN LEAD STORY IN TODAY'S PRESS. NEWS COVERAGE HEAVY WITH EXTENSIVE PICKUPS FROM AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN SOURCES. MANY EDITORIALS CONTINUE TO BELABOR RIGHTIST CONSPIRACY THEME AS WELL AS CONDEMNING "SICK" US SOCIETY. RUDE PRAVO'S JAROSLAV BOUCEK FULMINATES THAT "FANATIC WHO SHOOT MEANS MORE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY THAN 6 MILLION VOTERS. THE NATIONALITY OR RELIGION OF MURDERERS LIKE SIRHAN, OSWALD, RUBY OR THE STILL UNKNOWN MURDERER OF KING IS ABSOLUTELY SECONDARY. THE MAIN THING IS WHAT LINKS THEM. THE MILLIONS PROTESTING AGAINST WAR, HATRED, AND SOCIAL INJUSTICES HAVE RECEIVED THE SAME ANSWER FOR THE THIRD TIME. THE PRESIDENTIAL THRONE OF THE USA IS STAINED WITH BLOOD--MORE TERRIBLY THAN MACBETH'S THRONE, AND THE WAY TO IT STINKS OF GUNPOWDER. HOW MANY OF THOSE WHO START OUT ON THE PATH MARKED BY THE DEAD BODIES OF THE IRISH BROTHERS AND THE BLACK PASTOR WILL END WITH A BULLET IN THEIR HEADS?" PRACE ASSERTS US SOCIAL SYSTEM PERMITS WELL-DEVELOPED RIGHT-WING FANATICISM TO EXIST, AND SAYS "STLMYG#FEARS" AROUSED THAT POLITICAL MURDER MIGHT BECOME SYSTEMATIC METHOD OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN COUNTRY REGARDED AS MOST ADVANCED IN WORLD. THIS, PAPER SAYS, WOULD BE GREATEST OF ALL AMERICAN TRAGEDIES. LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE IN MORE BALANCED AND SOBER EDITORIAL SAYS ASSASSINATION MANIFESTS TENDENCY TO SEEK SOLUTION TO VEXED QUESTIONS BY VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASONED ARGUMENT, AND THIS THREATENS NOT ONLY US BUT WHOLE "HOUSE OF DEMOCRACY...WHETHER DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ARE IN CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, VIET-NAM, CALIFORNIA OR EVEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." BEAM

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1. POLISH MEDIA REPORT TODAY MFA VICE MINISTER WINIEWICZ SENT MESSAGE CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH RECEIVING MAJOR PLAY IN ALL REGIME MEDIA, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTARIES THAT CONTINUE YESTERDAY'S THEMES OF CONSPIRACY, THE AMERICAN SICK SOCIETY AND VIET NAM. TYPICAL COMMENTARY BY KAROL MALCUZYNSKI IN PARTY ORGAN TRYBUNA DUDU ALLUDES TO CONSPIRACY THEORY AND ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY MURDER SUSPECT AS HAVING COMMUNIST VIEWS, NOTING THAT THIS "TOO ABSURD" FOR STATE DEPARTMENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK WHO HAVE DENIED FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN EVENT. MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHO SHOT KENNEDY IS QUESTION OF WHY POLITICAL ASSASSINS IN UNITED STATES FIRE "ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION."

3. "CAN THE FACT BE EXPLAINED THAT NO FANATIC AND NO MADMAN FIRED AT ONE OF THE HAWKS, ADVOCATES OF IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION? HOW CAN FACT BE EXPLAINED THAT ADVOCATES OF PATHOLOGICAL RACISM IN SOUTH AND APOSTLES OF OBSCURANTISM IN USA CAN SLEEP AND LIVE UNDISTURBED?" ANSWER LIES IN INTOLERANCE, CHAUVINISM, NATIONAL PRIDE AND SOCIAL CONSERVATISM WHICH ARE "REAL SOURCES BEHIND AMERICAN TRAGEDY."

4. GLOS PRACY COMMENTARY ON U.S. POLITICAL SCENE SAYS "EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT PART OF ODIUM FOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FALLS ON ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT WHICH WILL BY NO MEANS HELP HUMPHREY." COMMENTATOR ADDS THERE IS "REALISTIC" CHANCE KENNEDY FORCES MAY LINE UP BEHIND MCCARTHY CANDIDACY.

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5. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY HAS INCREASING INDICATIONS POLISH POPULAR OPINION REACTING TO SENATOR'S DEATH IN MUCH SAME WAY AS IT DID TO THAT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO EMBOFF, VOLUNTEERED BY PEOPLE SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT EMBASSY THURSDAY NIGHT, GIVE FLAVOR OF REACTION: "MANY EXPRESSIONS DEEP SORROW FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, AND LOVE FOR ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR MRS. KENNEDY AND CHILDREN. WILL HE BE BURIED NEXT TO BROTHER? IS IT TRUE ASSASSIN WAS AN ARAB? IS THIS A CONSPIRACY? THE POLISH PEOPLE LOVE AMERICA AND AMERICANS. THE POLES ARE NOT COMMUNISTS. WHY DON'T AMERICANS PROTECT PROMINENT PERSONALITIES? NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF SENATOR KENNEDY."

6. CROWD INCLUDES ALL STRATA OF SOCIETY. NO INTERFERENCE OR OTHER INTIMIDATION FROM MILITIA POLICE IN FRONT OF EMBASSY. THREE PRIESTS, DRESSED IN SPORTS CLOTHES ALLEGEDLY TAKING A WALK AS RUSE TO PAY RESPECTS, ASKED FOR KENNEDY PHOTO FOR PLANNED CHURCH SERVICES.
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1. HUNDREDS OF POLISH CITIZENS JAMMED EMBASSY LOBBY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING TO SIGN KENNEDY CONDOLENCE BOOKS. EMBASSY ESTIMATES TOTAL FIFTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS STOOD IN LINE UNTIL AFTER TEN O'CLOCK, TWO HOURS AFTER BOOKS WERE TO BE CLOSED FOR NIGHT. MOST PEOPLE SIGNING NAMES ALSO ADDED COMMENTS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY, AMERICAN PEOPLE. POZNAN CONSULATE ALSO REPORTS HEAVY SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. BOOKS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 0830 TO 2000 HOURS FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. VOA SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUBLICIZE.

3. TWO EMBASSY DISPLAY WINDOWS, ONE FEATURING LARGE KENNEDY PORTRAIT, THE OTHER SCENES FROM HIS LIFE INCLUDING VISIT TO POLAND, HAVE DRAWN THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS. FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DRAPED OVER DISPLAYS BY POLISH CITIZENS SINCE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

4. AS SIGN OF RESPECT FOR KENNEDY NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING SUNDAY, PLANS FOR HAVING CEREMONY OPENING UNITED STATES PAVILION AT POZNAN FAIR BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WALTER JENKINS AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. PAVILION WILL HOWEVER REMAIN OPEN ON SUNDAY, FIRST DAY OF FAIR. PORTRAIT OF SENATOR KENNEDY, DRAPED IN BLACK, WILL STAND AT ENTRANCE PAVILION. AMERICA DAY CEREMONIES, INCLUDING JENKINS

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STATEMENT, REMAIN AS PLANNED.

5. IN TELEGRAM SENT VIA EMBASSY TO MRS. KENNEDY, DOMINICAN FATHERS OF DOMINICAN CHURCH, 15 SW. KATARSYNY STREET, WROCLAW, EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES AND SAID MASS FOR SENATOR WOULD BE SAID AT CHURCH JUNE 10 AT 1900 HOURS. MANY OTHER TELEGRAMS BEING RECEIVED AT EMBASSY. JENKINS

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1. LEAD STORY IN JUNE 7 PRESS IS DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WINIEWICZ TO MRS. KENNEDY IS REPORTED. BOTH IN COMMENTARIES AND IN NEWS STORIES THERE ARE TRACES OF SOME EMBARRASSMENT AND EVEN DEFENSIVENESS IN TREATMENT OF SIRHAN AND HIS MOTIVES. DEATH OF FIGURE WELL-KNOWN AND LIKED IN POLAND APPARENTLY AT HANDS OF ARAB NATIONALIST SIMPLY DOES NOT FIT INTO POLISH PROPAGANDA PICTURE EITHER OF US OR OF ALLEGED WORLD ZIONIST CONSPIRACY. THUS, STORIES AND COMMENTARIES MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND DEATHS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND TRYBUNA LUDU HEADLINE SPEAKS ALREADY OF "CAMPAIGN OF LIES BY AMERICAN RADIO AND TV CONCERNING MOTIVES OF MURDER."

2. OTHER ITEMS IN JUNE 7 PRESS INCLUDE REPORT OF POLISH CULTURAL DELEGATION TO HANOI HEADED BY FONMIN DEPT DIR ZULAWSKI AND INTERVIEW BY FRENCH CP POLITBURO MEMBER GEORGES MARCHAIS WITH ZYCIE WARSZAWY (ZW) ON FRENCH INTERNAL SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO SURPRISINGLY FRANK QUESTIONS BY ZW CORRESPONDENT KOLODZIEJCZYK, MARCHAIS GAVE CAUTIOUS AND STEREOTYPED REPLIES.

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SUBJECT: OJUKWU'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY

1. RADIO BIAFRA BROADCAST MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE SENT BY OJUKWU TO MRS. KENNEDY ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY;
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3. OJUKWU COMPARED KENNEDY FAMILY TO BIAFRANS SAYING BOTH VICTIMS OF "BITTER ENVY," NARROW MINDEDNESS AND BLIND HATE. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE "TRIUMPH OF TRUTH OVER FALSEHOOD, JUSTICE OVER BRUTE FORCE AND ALL OTHER CHAUVINISM".
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AS RESULT WIDESPREAD SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSIONS CONCERN AND
SYMPATHY

HERE OVER ASSASSINATION SEN KENNEDY, WE HAVE PLACED BOOK IN
EMBASSY LOBBY FOR THOSE WISHING EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. THROUGHOUT
DAY THERE HAS BEEN STREAM OF VISITORS TO SIGN BOOK AND REGISTER
THEIR SENTIMENTS. AMONG THEM HAVE BEEN CABINET SECY GEN CONIQUE
REPRESENTING PRESIDENCY AND GOVT, PRESIDENTS OF SUPREME
COURT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FOREIGN MINISTER MALEKOU, FRENCH
AMB AND OUR OTHER DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, PLUS MANY OTHER
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS PRIVATE GABONESE AND FRENCH COMMUNITIES.
PLAN TO KEEP BOOK OPEN FOR WEEK AFTER WHICH WILL FORWARD TO
DEPT FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. BANE

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SUBJECT: REACTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. SAO PAULO REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY ONE OF DEEP GRIEF, SHOCK, AND BEWILDERMENT OVER QUOTE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE UNITED STATE UNQUOTE. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED COUNTLESS EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY FROM GOVERNOR, VICE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, FOREIGN CONSULATES AND GENERAL PUBLIC. GOVERNOR, MAYOR AND PRACTICALLY ALL MEMBERS STATE ASSEMBLY ISSUED STATEMENTS AND/OR EULOGIES OF SENATOR. DESPITE GENERAL SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC ADVERSE REACTION AGAINST UNITED STATES IN SAO PAULO.

2. NEWSPAPERS ARE UNANIMOUS IN LAMENTING LOSS TO UNITED STATES AND WORLD. HOWEVER, SOME NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS FOLHA DA TARDE AND ULTIMA HORA GIVING SENSATIONAL COVERAGE LINKING DEATHS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ROBERT KENNEDY TO BIG BUSINESS, MILITARY AND CIA, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE THESE MEN REPRESENTED THREAT TO STATUS QUO. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO SETS EVENT IN PERSPECTIVE AND CASTIGATES SOVIET ATTEMPTS BLAME ALL AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

3. NEGROES SUCH AS PELE BLAMED ASSASSINATION ON U.S. RACE PROBLEM AND COLORED STATE DEPUTY TARQUINHO CASTIGATED QUOTE BIG BUSINESS UNQUOTE. OTHER BRAZILIANS REFUSED ACCEPT EVIDENCE REGARDING ASSASSIN'S ORIGIN CLAIMING EXISTENCE OF PLOT MOTIVATED BY RIGHTIST FORCES. IN MAUDLIN, SENSATIONAL AND EMOTIONALLY-

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CHARGED ATMOSPHERE, FEW PAULISTAS JUDGING ASSASSINATION OB-
JECTIVELY AS ISOLATED ACT. PERHAPS MORE SERIOUS IS THAT KENNEDY
MURDER, SO CLOSE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING'S, HAS RAISED REAL QUES-
TIONS IN MINDS OF BRAZILIANS REGARDING FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY
AND REGARDING VALIDITY OF U.S. WORLD LEADERSHIP.

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FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM PRIME MINISTER JAWARA JUNE 6
QUOTE DEAR JOHN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCEPT FROM ME AND MY
COLLEAGUES IN CABINET AND TO EXTEND SAME TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED
MY DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY THIS CRUEL AND SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE HAS SHOCKED
AND DISMAYED THE WHOLE WORLD YOURS SINCERLEY DAWDA JAWARA
PRIME MINISTER UNQUOTE. LOGHRAN

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SUBJ: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

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FONOFF CALLED MORNING JUNE 7, WISHING KNOW CORRECT WAY TRANSMIT TO KENNEDY FAMILY RESOLUTION PASSED BY UPC CONVENTION YESTERDAY. (REFTEL). WE OFFERED THREE ALTERNATIVES: (A) EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, (B) UGANDA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THENCE EITHER TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR OFFICE MR. PALMER, (C) COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM TO OFFICE SENATOR KENNEDY, U.S. SENATE. WE URGED USE OF EITHER (A) OR (B) AS BEING MOST EFFECTIVE. IT NOT CLEAR TO US YET WHAT MEANS TRANSMISSION WILL BE UTILIZED, HOWEVER, QUOTED BELOW IS UNCLASSIFIED TEXT RESOLUTION FOR DEPT'S INFO:

"WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SHOCKING NEWS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAS DIED. IT IS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

"THIS DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF THE U.P.C. HAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT SHOCK THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THIS CONFERENCE AND PARTICULARLY THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES FROM T.A.N.U., K.A.N.U., U.N.I.P., AND THE CONGOLESE GOVERNING PARTY SEND THERE DEEP AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY." DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. STEBBINS

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GOVERNOR GENERAL AND LADY SINGHATEH REQUESTED FOLLOWING MESSAGE
BE CONVEYED MRS ROBERT KENNEDY AND FAMILY QUOTE PLEASE ACCEPT
FROM MY WIFE AND MYSELF DEEPEST SYMPATHY CONDOLENCES AT TRAGIC
DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY THIS IS DREADFUL TRAGEDY WHICH HAS
SHOCKED WHOLE WORLD UNQUOTE.

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FOR WILLIAM BUNDY

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MCGEORGE BUNDY ARRIVING JFK AIRPORT NEW YORK 12:40 P. M.
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 VIA BOAC FLIGHT 503 FROM LONDON, FORD
FOUNDATION PERSONNEL WILL MEET. UPON ARRIVAL YOUR
BROTHER WILL CONTACT YOU, NO SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
REQUIRED,
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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY SINGLE PAGE NEWS SUPPLEMENTS DISTRIBUTED FREE BY THE TWO MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS, TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE. AMONG THESE WERE LETTERS FROM BURGERMEISTER HANS KOSCHNICK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BREMEN BURGERSCHAFT AND A JOINT TELEGRAM FROM THE SPD BURGERSCHAFT FRAKTION AND THE LAND PARTY ORGANIZATION. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A MODERATE TO HEAVY TRAFFIC OF PERSONS COMING TO THE CONGEN TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK.

AMONG THE FIRST TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK WAS BURGERMEISTER KOSCHNICK WHO FOLLOWED THE SIGNING WITH A CALL ON THE CONSUL IN CHARGE. THERE FOLLOWED A HALF HOUR CONVERSATION ON WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED "THE STATE OF THE NATION. KOSCHNICK WAS OBVIOUSLY PERSONALLY DISTURBED BY THE SENATOR'S DEATH AND BY WHAT HE THOUGHT IT PORTENDED FOR THE U.S., GERMANY AND THE WORLD. HE FREELY CREDITED THE US FOR IMPARTING DEMOCRACY TO THE FRG AND STATED THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS, AND STILL IS, FAR FROM PERFECT HE AND MANY GERMANS FELT THAT THE AMERICAN MODEL HELD BEFORE THEM SERVED AS A GOAL TOWARD WHICH THEY COULD WORK. DURING THE INTERVENING YEARS HOWEVER HE HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY DISAPPOINTED WITH AMERICA'S SEEMING INABILITY TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND BRING FULL DEMOCRACY TO ITS OWN PEOPLE. HIS DISPAIR GAVE WAY TO HOPE DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN KENNEDY BUT AFTER HIS DEATH THOUGHT THAT AMERICA WAS AGAIN LOSING ITS SENSE OF

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DIRECTION AND MOMENTUM. HE THOUGHT THAT ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE ONE MAN WHO COULD SAVE AMERICA AND NOW HE TOO WAS DEAD. THE CONGEN OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECEASED SENATOR WAS INDEED AN IRREPARABLE LOSS FOR AMERICA, THE OTHER LEADING CANDIDATES OF BOTH PARTIES, IN ESSENCE, SHARED HIS GOALS FOR AMERICA. THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EMULATE HIS PARTICULAR STYLE OF LEADERSHIP, THEY NEVERTHELESS, IN THEIR OWN WAY, CAN STILL ATTAIN THESE GOALS. WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO DISPUTE THE ABOVE, KOSCHNICK APPARENTLY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN DESTINED TO PLAY A UNIQUE ROLE ON THIS EARTH AND WITH HIS DEATH IT WILL REMAIN UNPLAYED. KOSCHNICK CONCLUDED HIS VISIT, HOWEVER, WITH THE HOPE THAT AMERICA WILL SOLVE ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND THEREBY REGAIN ITS FORMER STATURE. OTHERWISE, HE FELT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE HOPE FOR GERMANY, OR EVENTUALLY, FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD. ELLISON

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SUBJ: PEARSON TO ATTEND KENNEDY FUNERAL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S STATEMENT RELEASED THIS NOON: QTE THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES THAT THE RIGHT HONORABLE L. B. PEARSON WILL REPRESENT HIM PERSONALLY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AT THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN NEW YORK CITY. THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT NO MAN COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENT AND EXPRESS THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF ALL CANADIANS IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. A. E. RITCHIE, WILL REPRESENT CANADA AT THE CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN WASHINGTON. END QTE

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UNCLAS OTTAWA 1810

SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

1. FOUR EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB AFTER SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH SHARED OBSERVATION THAT US MUST NOT BE JUDGED ONLY SOURCE AND VICTIM OF VIOLENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD. LA PRESSE MOST ELOQUENTLY SUMMED UP THEIR ATTITUDES. QTE WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO THROW ROCKS AT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... IN THIS GREAT REPUBLIC AS ELSEWHERE IT IS A MINORITY OF EXTREMISTS WHO DESPISE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS LIKE THEM THAT SOWS HATE AND TERROR... IT IS TOO EARLY TO DANCE ON THE TOMB OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AS COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE HAVE DONE. WE BELIEVE INSTEAD THAT THIS THIRD TRIAL WILL REQUIRE FROM THE WHOLE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY A NEW COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND TO CIVIL RIGHTS UNQTE.

2. GLOBE AND MAIL, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S ACRI-MONIOUS EDITORIAL, ADMITTED SEEDS OF VIOLENCE MAY BE PRESENT IN HATE-SMEAR LITERATURE BEING PRODUCED IN PRESENT CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. PAPER ADDED QTE FIXING THE BLAME IS RISKY. IT TENDS TO HELP OUTSIDERS OVERLOOK THE EVILS WHICH THEY SHARE... WITH THOSE THEY EXCORIATE UNQTE.

3. YESTERDAY'S OTTAWA JOURNAL ALSO SPECULATED ON POSSIBILITY SUCH VIOLENCE COULD HAPPEN IN CANADA AND WARNED AGAINST CONDEMNATION OF US. QTE A NATION AS A WHOLE CANNOT BE INDICTED FOR ITS MADMEN... POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS NOT INDIGENOUS TO THE US UNQTE. TODAY'S JOURNAL CALLED FOR CLOSER EXAMINATION OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT IN

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ORDER UNDERSTAND ROOT CAUSES OF SUCH VIOLENCE. JOURNAL
CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT QTE THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS
LATEST TRAGEDY MAY WAKEN SOCIETY TO THE NEARNESS OF THE
ABYSS OF ANARCHY UNQTE.

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GABON MATIN WHICH ORDINARILY DOES NOT HAVE PHOTOS ON COVER PAGE
APPEARED THIS MORNING WITH PICTURE OF SEN KENNEDY ON COVER AND
CARRIED FOL MESSAGE WHICH SENT BY PRESIDENT BONGO TO
PRES JOHNSON: "THE NEWS OF SEN KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS
BEEN GRIEVOUSLY FELT BY THE GABONESE PEOPLE, THE GABONESE
GOVT AND BY ME. FOR THE SECOND TIME THE KENNEDY FAMILY
PAYS WITH ITS BLOOD FOR ITS ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION
IN THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE
GREAT AMERICAN NATION. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD
TRANSMIT TO THEM, WITH OUR MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES, OUR
PROFOUND SYMPATHY. WE SADLY ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THIS
CRUEL BEREAVEMENT WHICH IS ALSO THE BEREAVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE
EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST AND FRIENDLIEST CONSIDERATION." BANE

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SUBJECT : STATE 176747

1. OFFICIAL REACTION. NEWS OF SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY REACHED PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN LATE MORNING OF JUNE 5 AT NAIROBI AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED WEEK-LONG STATE VISIT TO KENYA. BOTH KENYATTA AND KAUNDA EXPRESSED PROFOUND SHOCK (NAIROBI 4994). VICE PRESIDENT MOI STEPPED ASIDE TO EXPRESS HIS SHOCK AND SYMPATHY TO AMB. FERGUSON AND. AFTER KAUNDA'S DEPARTURE. FORMIN ARGWINGS- KODHEK AND MINDEF MUNE# NED AT AIRPORT TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TO AMB. LATTER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS OF SAME NATURE DURING AFTERNOON FROM MINECON PLANNING

AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA AND MINAGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY MCKENZIE

2. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) NEWS OF DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY JUNE 6 EVOKED THESE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS:
FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY-

"I HAVE LEARNED WITH PROFOUND REGRET OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DEATH. AMERICA AND INDEED THE WORLD HAS LOST A COURAGEOUS LIBERAL AND FAR-SIGHTED PERSONALITY. THE

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IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STRIVED WILL LIVE ON AND INSPIRE PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER TO LIVE IN UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND LOVE. AT THIS MOMENT OF GRAVE PERSONAL TRAGEDY, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES."

VICE PRESIDENT MOI, WHO WAS IN KAMPALA WHEN NEWS OF DEATH MADE PUBLIC, JOINED UGANDAN, ZAMBIAN, TANZANIAN, AND CONGO-KINSHASA LEADERS IN JOINT STATEMENT AND MESSAGES IN HONOR OF DECEASED (KAMPALA 2280).

MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING OSOGO MADE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT: " I REGARD THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS A BARBARIC ACT WHICH SEEMS TO BE COMMON IN THE UNITED STATES. IT REFLECTS BADLY ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE USA THAT SUCH BARBARIC ACTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THOSE LEADERS WHO ADVOCATE HUMANITY AND EQUALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS AND WHO HAVE BEEN ADMIRERD THE WORLD OVER FOR THEIR CONVICTION FOR HUMAN JUSTICE. IT IS SAD THAT THE YOUNG KENNEDY WAS NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO WIN THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SO AS TO CONTINUE THE POLIECY HIS BROTHER HAD EMBARKED UPON. SOME OF US WERE ALREADY CONVINCED THAT WITH THE PROGRESS HE HAD ALREADY MADE HE WAS GOING TO MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR."

MINISTER OF ECON. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA MADE THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT - " AMERICA'S IMAGE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. IT IS TARNISHED AND ANY CLAIMS TO BE THE CUSTODIANS OF DEMOCRACY WILL RING HOLLOW AND RIDICULOUS. THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS A CRIME TO ALL MANKIND. THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED A GREVIOUS LOSS BUT AMERICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE HAVE SUFFERED THE BITTEREST AND IRREPARABLE BLOW. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT HIS MURDERERS COULD ACHIEVE EXCEPT. THE CONTEMPT AND CONDEMNATON OF MANKIND. HERE IS A LESSON FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE GUN HAS REPLACED THE BALLOT BOX AND SOME HEINOUS FORCES ARE BENT ON STOPPINGCHANGE. THIS IS THE TRAGEDY FACING THE WORLD TODAY. BUT KENNEDYJS DEATH CANNOT BE EXPLAINED IN SIMPLE TERMS. IT SHOULD AROUSE THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN AND MODERN GOVERNMENT TO RETHINK THE PURPOSE OF SOCIETY. JJ LATTER ON JUNE 6 MBOYA MADE FOLLOWING ENTRY IN EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK: JJ THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL FEELINGS OF THIS TRAGEDY. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL

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AND GIVE US ALL THE SANITY THAT WE SO MUCH NEED. JJ
IN MOMBASA ON JUNE 6 MP CLEMENT LUBEMBE. IN HIS ROLE
AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF KENYA'S CENTRAL ORGANIZATION
OF TRADE UNIONS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF
WORKERS OF KENYA: " THE KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY APPEARS
TO BE A SHOCKING AFFAIR AND SHOOTING IN AMERICA TODAY
BECOMES THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SINCE AMERICANS ARE OUT TO
SHOOT AND KILL THEIR OWN LEADERS., I WOULD APPEAL TO THE
WORLD TO MOVE UN HEADQUARTERS FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA,
EEEE GENEVA, WHERE IT STARTED, FOR THERE IS A DEFINITE DANGER TO
OUR LEADERS WHO ARE SERVING US THERE. JJ

3. (OFFICIAL REACITON - CONT.) WHEN NEWS OF SENATOR
KENNEDY'S DEATH REACHED KENYA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING
EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION JUNE 6, SPEAKER HUMPHREY SLADE
MOVED STANDING TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF
DECEASED AND IN SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY. SLADE MADE THIS
STATEMENT : " WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BEYOND MEASURE BY THE NEWS
OF THE DEATH OF OUR FRIEND SEN. KENNEDY AT THE HANDS OF
AN ASSASSIN. I SAY " OUR FRIEND " BECAUSE IT IS NOT VERY
LONG AGO SINCE HE AND MRS. KENNEDY WERE HERE WITH US IN
THIS PARLIAMENT . WE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THEIR FRIENDLY
VITALITY AND ENTHUSIASM AND THE LIBERALITY OF THEIR IDEAS.
THIS EVEN IN EEE EVEN IS A TRAGEDY FOR HIS NATION , NOT ONLY
IN THE LOSS OF A LEADING FIGURE WITH SUCH HOPE, BUT ALSO IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH HIS DEATH OCCURRED. WE THINK ALSO OF HIS
WIDOW AND THEIR CHILDREN." AFTER MOMENTS OF SILENCE, MP J. K. KEBASO
SUGGESTED MOVE TO SUSPEND BUSINESS OF ASSEMBLY FOR REST OF
DAY " AS A SIGN OF RESPECT, IN VIEW OF THE WORLDWIDE SHOCK."
SPEAKER SLAD NOTED THAT SUCH MOTION COULD BE MADE AT ANY
TIME BUT HE FELT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD HAVE WANTED
THOSE CHARGED WITH PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY AROUND WORLD TO
CONTINUE THEIR TASKS. MIN. MBOYA ROSE TO SAY THAT
CHAMBER SHARED KEBASO'S FEELINGS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SPEAKER
SHOULD INSTEAD SEND APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO MRS. ROBERT
KENNEDY. SPEAKER SLAD AGREED. MP KAMWITHI MUNYI SUGGESTED
THAT MP'S RECORD THEIR FEELINGS AT EMBASSY IN BOOK OPENED
THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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ALTHOUGH EMB. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON JUNE 6 HAD ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH RADIO, PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC NOTES THAT CONDOLENCE BOOKS WOULD BE OPEN AT EMB. AND USIS LIBRARY FOLLOWING DAY, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MP'S, INCLUDING MINISTERS MBOYA, NYAGAH, SAGINI, MCKENZIE AND ATTORNEY GEN. NJONJO CAME TO EMB. SAME AFTERNOON (JUNE 6) TO SIGN BOOK AND EXPRESS FEELINGS VERBALLY TO AMB. SPEAKER SLADE VISITED EMB. JUNE 7 AND ON SAME DAY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BERNARD HING CALLED AMB. TO EXPRESS DEEP SYMPATHY AND SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS.

4. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) MFA INFORMED EMB. TODAY THAT MBOYA (ACCOMPANIED BY MFA OFFICIALS AND PRESS) WILL CALL AT EMB. JUNE 8 TO SIGN BOOK AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND GOK AT REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT NEARBY HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.). IN ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA EARLY AFTERNOON JUNE 6, AMB. RELAYED NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH BY PERSONAL CALL TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (PERMSEC KARIITHI), NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS AND MAJ. GEN. PENFOLD.

5. REACTION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND EMBASSY RESPONSE. GENERAL FEELING KENYANS PATENTLY ONE OF SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF CALLS AT RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY, AND USIS BETWEEN FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING AND DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT. MOST

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CALLERS SOUGHT INFORMATION ON SENATOR'S CONDITION; SOME INDICATED PRAYERS BEING SAID FOR HIM PERSONALLY OR IN PLACES OF WORK, STUDY OR WORSHIP. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS SEEMED PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED BY NEWS. NO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT CONVEYED BY CALLERS ALTHOUGH SOME EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY AND LINK WITH MURDERS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WHILE OTHERS CRITICIZED US GUN LAWS. MOST KENYANS APPEAR GENUINELY UPSET BY DEATH AND MOST BELIEVE THEY HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND. EMBASSY OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT CHANCERY AND USIS MID-AFTERNOON JUNE 6. BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 7 NEARLY 700 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAD SIGNED. CONDOLENCE BOOK HAS ALSO BEEN OPENED ON BOARD VISITING AMERICAN SHIP IN MOMBASA, USS CLAUDE JONES. 6. PRESS REACTION. KENNEDY SHOOTING HAS RECEIVED EXTREMELY HEAVY PLAY (CLIPPINGS FOLLOWING BY POUCH) IN ALL LOCAL PAPERS. DAILY NATION RAN TWO UNPRECEDENTED SPECIAL EDITIONS (FIRST

ONE ON SHOOTING AND SECOND ON DEATH) WHILE SWAHILI-LANGUAGE TAIFALEO RAN SPECIAL EDITION ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. HAVE OBSERVED THAT THESE SPECIAL EDITIONS SOLD OUT QUICKLY, MOSTLY TO AFRICANS. EAST AFRICAN STANDARD EDITORIAL ASKED HOW US CAN

TOLERATE THIS OUTRAGE AGAINST SOCIETY AND CALLED FOR STRICTER

CONTROL OVER WEAPONS. IN TWO SEPARATE EDITORIALS TAIFALEO LEVELED HARSH CRITICISM AT LACK OF CONTROL OVER GUNS IN AMERICA. JUNE 6 DAILY NATION EDITORIAL CONCLUDED "POLITICAL THUG IS PART OF THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT" AND CASTIGATED US FOR TOLERATING COMPLETELY INADEQUATE GUN CONTROL LAWS. JUNE 7 NATION EDITORIAL DEPLORED STATE OF SOCIETY IN US AND SAID SINGLE OVERRIDING ISSUE "IS AMERICA'S DOMESTIC DISINTEGRATION AND COLLAPSE INTO VIOLENCE". VOICE OF KENYA COMMENTARY SOMEWHAT Milder IN TONE THAN PRESS EDITORIALS BUT ECHOES SAME CRITICISMS OF TREND OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. FERGUSON

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SENATOR KENNEDY

ALL FOUR DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN MOZAMBIQUE GIVING VIRTUALLY
UNPRECEDENTED COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. ABOUT 90 PERCENT
FRONT PAGE AND FOREIGN NEWS SECTIONS LAST TWO DAYS DEVOTED
THERETO, WHICH SOMEWHAT MORE THAN COVERAGE GIVEN SIX DAY
WAR AND FAR GREATER THAN ANY EVENT SINCE.

NO EDITORIAL COMMENT WHATEVER IN SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
"NOTICIAS" BUT EXTENSIVE QUOTES REACTION AROUND WORLD.
REGULAR EVENING NEWS BROADCAST RADIO CLUBE JUNE 6 DEVOTED
ENTIRELY SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH AND IN FACT WAS EFFECTIVE
AND MOVING 15 MINUTE SPECIAL WHICH UNIQUE HERE IN EXPR.

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IENCE PRESENT CONGEN STAFF.

CONDOLENCES MAJOR ITY CAREER CONSULAR CORPS COLLEAGUES AND
A FEW LOCAL FRIENDS WERE PROMPT AND MOVING. WRITTEN
CONDOLENCES FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS NOW BEGINNING COME IN.
BRITISH AND GERMAN CONSULATES HAVE WITHOUT REGARD PROTOCOL
LOWERED THEIR FLAGS. OUR TENTATIVE APPRAISAL REACTION
LOCAL CITIZENRY IS GREAT INTEREST WITHOUT WIDESPREAD
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH OUT LOSS. GOSSETT

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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH LED FRANCE'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON PRESS AND STILL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE FRIDAY MORNING PAPERS. THE STRIKE AND ELECTORAL SITUATION AT HOME HOWEVER REGAINED PROMINENCE IN MANY OF THE LATTER AS GEN. DE GAULLE WAS TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEARANCE ON TV TONIGHT.

MICHEL HABIB-DELONCLE WROTE IN LA NATION THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY HAS FOUND ITS EPILOGUE. AT THE AGE OF 43, ROBERT KENNEDY SUCCEMPTED TO THE CRIMINAL ATTEMPT OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM, AS HIS BROTHER DID LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AGO. THREE BROTHERS DIED OF VIOLENT DEATH, THE FIRST ONE IN THE WAR, AND THE TWO OTHERS UNDER THE BULLETS OF ASSASSINS IN THE FIELD OF HONOR OF CIVISM. WHAT A TRAGIC DESTINY! WHO WOULD NOT BE FILLED WITH HORROR AND COMPASSION BEFORE THESE MEN MOWED DOWN IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES BY AN IMPLACABLE FATE? TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TO MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY AND TO THIS ENTIRE FAMILY, SO BRILLIANT, NOT SO LONG AGO AND NOW SO SORELY TRIED, LA NATION ADDRESSES ITS SADDENED CONDOLENCES. TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SO RIGHTLY MOVED AND STUNNED BY THAT TRAGEDY, WE TELL THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE ENTIRE FRENCH PEOPLE UNDER THESE TERRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES."

LOUIS GABRIEL-ROBINET SIMILARLY WROTE IN FIGARO: "MAY WE BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS HOW MUCH WE PARTICIPATE TO THIS TRAGEDY IN THESE FUNERAL HOURS. BEYOND

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THE VERY PERSON OF THE YOUNG, BRILLIANT AND COURAGEOUS STATESMAN SO COWARDLY SHOT DOWN, THIS NEW TRAGEDY PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE FREE MEN, THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, WHO HATE HATRED AND WHO ARE HORRIFIED BY VIOLENCE. IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE BOW BEFORE A FAMILY SO CURELLY TRIED AND BEFORE A GREAT PEOPLE PLUNGED INTO SADNESS AND STUPER."

LE MONDE EDITORIALIZED: "WHETHER THE MURDERER OF ROBERT KENNEDY ACTED ON HIS OWN OR WAS THE INVOLUNTARY INSTRUMENT OF A SOMBER CONSPIRACY, THE CRIMINAL GESTURE OF A PALESTINAAN NATIONALIST ON THIS JUNE 5, THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE 'SIX-DAY WAR' IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC. A YEAR AFTER THE VICTORY OF GEN. DAYAN'S TROOPS, TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. DESPAIR AND HATRED HAVE NEVER BEEN SO INTENSE AMONG A PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES ROBBED OF THEIR HOMELAND... THE RESOLUTELY PRO-ISRAELI STATEMENTS OF ROBERT KENNEDY DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HIS CALLS FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF AMERICAN WEAPON DELIVERIES TO MR. ESHKOL'S GOVERNMENT COULD EXASPERATE THIS 24-YEAR OLD YOUNG MAN WHO, LIKE MANY OF HIS FORMER COMPATRIOTS, ONLY DREAMS OF REVENGE AND 'LIBERATION'."

COMBAT EDITORIALIZED: "IT LITTLE MATTERS THAT ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN WAS NOT AMERICAN-BORN AND IT IS NOT IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE EXPLANATION OF THAT TRAGEDY HAS TO BE SOUGHT. EVEN SUPPOSING THAT THE MURDERER ACTED ALONE ON HIS OWN, WHICH IS NOT PROVEN, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FORCES OF VIOLENCE AND INTOLERANCE EXIST IN THE USA WHICH DO NOT RECOIL BEFORE ASSASSINATION TO STOP OR DELAY INCLUCTABLE EVOLUTIONS. THIS NEW TRAGEDY SHOULD MAKE THE AMERICANS AWARE OF THE URGENT NECESSITY OF TAKING MEASURES FOR INSURING THE FREE FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH THEIR FRIENDS INCREASINGLY HESITATE TO CITE AS AN EXAMPLE, AND WHICH THEIR ENEMIES ARE ONLY TOO GLAD TO SEE DESTROYING ITSELF. TO TAKE THE PROBLEM UNDER ITS MOST ELEMENTARY ASPECT, IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES CAN ANY LONGER OBTAIN A FIREARM AS EASILY AS A CAR. NOR IS IT CCONCEIVABLE, - AND THIS APPLIES TO ALL COUNTRIES - THAT MODERN NEWS AND ENJOYMENT MEDIA CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT CONTROL TO INDULGE IN A PERMANENT APOLOGY OF VIOLENCE. TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE THING, WHAT HAS TO BE RESTORED IS CIVISM, OR IN OTHER WORDS THE SENSE OF RESPONSIRILITY. THIS IMPLIES AN IMMENSE WORK OF INFORMATION, FORMATION AND RESEARCH, WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN SACRIFICED TO THE EXCLUSIVE SATISFACTION OF MATERIAL AND

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MERCANTILE NEEDS. THIS ALSO IMPLIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FIRST TO GIVE THE EXAMPLE OF CIVISM BY STRIVING TO HEAL THE TWO CANCERS THAT ARE PRAYING ON AMERICA: THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE NEGRO PROBLEM. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS AWARE OF THAT. HE HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO THAT STRUGGLE, HE DIED BECAUSE OF THAT. BUT WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY FINALLY WILL BE HEARD."

GENEVIEVE TABOUIIS NOTED IN PARIS-JOUR: "THE REAL SECRET WAS THAT, AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S ASSASSINATION. HE HAD KEPT SILENT IN ORDER NOT TO CAUSE HORRIBLE CONVULSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF RELEASED FROM HIS OATH IF HE HAD ONE DAY THE AUTHORITY OF A US PRESIDENT. THIS IS WHY, BEFORE THE MURDER, ORGANS OF THE FAR-RIGHT DESIGNATED HIM AS THE MAN TO KILL, USING HIS POSITIONS AN VIETNAM AS A PRETEXT."

LUCIENNE HUBERT-RODIER IN LA NATION CONSIDERED A HUMPHREY-MCCARTHY TICKET LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE CHICAGO CONVENTION "UNLESS NATURALLY, PRESIDENT JOHNSON, IN A LAST MINUTE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT, BE SOLICITED BY A CHEERING CONVENTION TO PURSUE HIS TASK AT THE HEAD OF THE STATE."

G. ANDERSEN IN COMBAT CONSIDERED ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AS "A NEW TRUMP FOR MR. JOHNSON... TO THE POINT THAT HE WILL BE LED TO RECONSIDER HIS RENUNCIATION OF ANOTHER TERM." WHILE THE USSR PREVIOUSLY COULD BE INTERESTED IN PROLONGING THE WAR IN VIETNAM WITH A VIEW TO FAVORING THE ELCTION OF AN UNCONDITIONAL PARTISAN OF PEACE", HE REMARKED, "NOW, AFTER ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AND THE NEW DIVERGENCES OF OPINION WITH PEKING, SOVIET DIPLOMACY HAS NO MORE REASON FOR PUSHING TO AN EXTENSION OF THE CONFLICT NOR FOR PUTTING A SPOKE IN JOHNSON'S WHEEL. THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY, DESPITE ITS RAVAGES, MAY THUS IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS CONTRIBUTE TO FAVOR EAST-WEST DETENTE." WALLNER

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SYMPATHETIC REACTION TO NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH CONTINUES, AND EMBASSY ESTIMATES AT LEAST SEVEN THOUSAND PERSONS-- MOSTLY FRENCH OF ALL CLASSES -- HAVE NOW SIGNED REMEMBRANCE BOOKS. AS OF SIX-THIRTY P.M. TONIGHT MORE THAN HUNDRED STILL WAITING IN LINES AND OTHERS ARRIVING.

AT LEAST FOUR CHURCHES, ST. JOSEPH'S, ST. JEAN DE MONTMARTRE, AMERICAN CATHEDRAL AND AMERICAN CHURCH PLANNING COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AND MANY FRENCH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES PLAN ATTEND ONE OR MORE OF SAME. CONSULATES REPORT SAME REACTION WITH SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES SCHEDULED AT AMERICAN CHURCH NICE. WALLNER
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JOINT STATE/USIA MESSAGE.

1. REACTION OF PRETORIANS TO THE ASSISSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY HAS BEEN ONE OF SHOCK, DISBELIEF AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY WHICH HAS NOW LOST TWO SONS BY ASSISSINATION. THE EMBASSY AND USIS TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN JAMED BY CALLERS EXPRESSING SORROW AND SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF A STATESMEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. TELEGRAMS HAVE COME IN FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY.

2. THE ASSISSINATION HAS PUSHED ALL OTHER NEWS FROM THE FRONT PAGES. FULL ACCOUNTS OF THE TRAGEDY HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXTENSIVE PLAY IN ALL LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS UNDER SUCH HEADLINES AS "BOBBY FIGHTS FOR LIFE," "A HORRIBLE DEED," "DEBATE AND VIOLENCE," "LAW OF THE JUNGLE," "BEHIND THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY." ARTICLES HAVE GENERALLY BEEN OBJECTIVE IN SEEKING TO EXPLAIN THE HISTORICAL PATTERN OF POLITICAL LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM, THE ASSISSINATION AS IT OCCURED AND THE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS FACING THE UNITED STATES. AT SAME TIME, THERE HAS BEEN UNDERCURRENT OF SATISFACTION WITH A RELATIVE DEGREE OF ORDER IN SA SOCIETY, DESPITE RECORD OF VERY WEIRD ASSISSINATION.

3. THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE AND EXCELLENT COVERAGE WITH VOA ACTUALITY SPOTS SPICING THE NEWSCASTS. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION, AND OTHER ITEMS FEATURING ON SPOT COVERAGE HAVE BEEN HIGH-

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4. THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY STREAM OF VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE REGISTER. AMONG THE MANY PROMINENT PERSONALITIES HAVE BEEN THE MAYOR OF PRETORIA, THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS EMBASSIES, DR. SITA, FOLLOWER OF GHAN-DAIAN PRINCIPLES OF NON-VIOLENCE AND OPPOSER OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT AND MANY PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, LEGAL PERSONALITIES, EDUCATIONISTS AND STUDENTS. TELEPHONIC MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY HAVE COME FROM MANY OTHERS, INCLUDING MR. D.F. SOLE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MAJOR GENERAL G.D. MOODIE, CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE PLANNING STAFF.

5. IN AN ADDRESS, JUNE 6, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND'S SIXTH ANNUAL DAY OF AFFIRMATION OF ACADEMIC AND HUMAN FREEDOM, DR. ALAN PATON PAID TRIBUTE TO SENATOR KENNEDY AND EXTENDED SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. JOHN KANE-BERMAN, PRESIDENT STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, ASKED THE AUDIENCE TO STAND IN SILENCE IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR. IN THE CLOSING ADDRESS JOHN DANIEL, PRESIDENT NUSAS, AND HOST TO SENATOR KENNEDY ON HIS VISIT TO 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 IS 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."

6. THE ARCHBISHOP OF PRETORIA, THE REV. GARNER, HAS ASKED ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES TO HOLD PRAYERS FOR KENNEDY AND FAMILY. A REQUIEM MASS IS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 11 A.M., IN PRETORIA'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE. ROUNTREE.

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1. CONGEN ASMARA REPORTS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO EMPEROR INQUIRING ON BEHALF H.I.M. WHETHER WHITE HOUSE HAS REPLIED TO MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WHICH PRIVATE SECRETARY STATES EMPEROR SENT PRESIDENT YESTERDAY FOLLOWING DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. APPRECIATE DEPT'S REPEATING ANSWER THIS MESSAGE TO ASMARA.

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SUBJECT: HONDURAN PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, TO WIDOW OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY:

QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY THE EMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TEGUCIGALPA. I OFFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PERSONNEL OF YOUR EMBASSY THIS EXPRESSION OF MY PROFOUND GRIEF FOR THE DEATH OF THE VERY ILLUSTRIOUS SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE LOSS IS JUSTLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SINCERELY, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO.
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2. ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR, CHARGE HAS MADE APPROPRIATE REPLY.
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SUBJECT: HONDURAN PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, TO WIDOW OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY:

QUOTE EXCMO SENOR EMBAJADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, CIUDAD. HAGO PRESENTES A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA, EXTENSIVAS AL PERSONAL DE ESA EMBAJADA, LAS MANIFESTACIONES DE MI PROFUNDO PESAME ANTE DECESO MUY ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY CUYO DESAPARECIMIENTO HA CONMOVIDO JUSTAMENTE LA CONCIENCIA UNIVERSAL. ATENTAMENTE. OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLAN
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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

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1. NICARAGUAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PASSED UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION JUNE 6 EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ON OCCASION TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INCLUDING ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL OPINION CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CROCKETT JUNE 7 TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS CONDOLENCE MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS. NEWS MEDIA CONTINUING HEAVY COVERAGE ALONG SAME LINES AS REPORTED REFTEL.

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KING HAS DECIDED APPOINT REV. GAMEDE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND KENNEDY FUNERAL AND HAS SENT HIM FOLLOWING MESSAGE VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. "I AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF MY KINGDOM HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED AND GREATLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATERST LEADERS IN THE CAUSE OF THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION AND HUMANITY OF ALL PEOPLE. I AND MY PEOPLE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY WITH CONDOLENCES TO THE SADLY BEREAVED WIDOW AND ORPHANS OF SENATOR KENNEDY. I WISH YOU TO ATTEND AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE THE FUNERAL OF SENATOR KENNEDY AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY IN WASHINGTON AND TO GIVE SUCH PUBLICITY AS YOU CAN SUITABLE ARRANGE TO THIS MESSAGE OF MINE TO YOUR."

WOULD DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT GAMEDE WITH THIS MESSAGE AND ASSIST HIM ATTEND FUNERAL. SWAZI SYMPATHY AND GRIEF IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND. REQUEM MASS HERE JUNE 8.
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 FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2094

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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

REF: DEPIEL 176747 —

1. UPON RECEIVING NEWS PRESIDENT AHIDJO IMMEDIATELY CABLED CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY. ALSO ON DAY DEATH MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEC GEN FOREIGN MIN, DIRECTOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND CHIEF PROTOCOL VISITED EMBASSY PAY RESPECTS AND SIGN BOOKS. MIN FOR AFF GAVE SHORT EULOGY KENNEDY TO CHARGE.

2. NUMEROUS AMBASSADORS AND OTHER DIPLOMATS PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CALLED AND SIGNED BOOKS, SENT LETTERS CONDOLENCE AND/OR TELEPHONED. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ENTIRELY OVERCOME BY GRIEF ON ARRIVAL.

3. MANY CAMEROONIANS CAME TO EMBASSY, SOME PREFERRED NOT SIGN BOOKS. OTHERS WROTE STATEMENTS IN TRIBUTE TO KENNEDY AND/OR DEPLOING VIOLENCE IN U.S. IRONIC STATEMENTS MADE REGARDING AMERICA BEING A POLITICAL MODEL FOR REST WORLD.

4. NEWS PROGRAMS RADIO CAMEROON ALMOST CONFINED TO KENNEDY DEATH. USUAL LONG RUN-DOWN WORLD REACTIONS ON 8 P.M. NEWS. RADIO CAMEROON EDITORIAL ECHOED EARLIER SENTIMENTS QUOTE WHY DOES VIOLENCE REIGN SO STRONGLY IN THE UNITED STATES? POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS GROWING IN THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. DENNIS

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SUBJ: VICE PRIME MINISTER DE CLERCQ'S EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES
TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY FAMILY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY
BY THE AMBASSADOR FROM VICE PRIME MINISTER WILLY DE CLERCQ:

"DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I WISH TO ASK YOU TO TRANSMIT MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. ALL PEACE LOVING MEN WILL FEEL THE BRUTAL DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS A BLOW AND AN AGRESSION AGAINST THE IDEALS OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY. IT IS AN IMMENSE LOSS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES." KNIGHT

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FM AMEMBASSY RAWALPINDI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3759

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY FUNERAL

MFA STATES GOP AMBASSADOR OR IN HIS ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY,
CHARGE BEING DESIGNATED GOP REPRESENTATIVE IN KENNEDY FUNERAL.
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