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FROM

Amconsul MBABANE

DATE: June 30, 1968

SUBJECT

Reaction to Kennedy's Death

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Book of Condolence

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Enclosed is the condolence book signed by people from all aspects of Swaziland life. With it are several letters received by the Consulate, including the official sympathies of the Swaziland Parliament. King SOBUZA'S personal message has been cabled previously to the Department.



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ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO CITY

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI, ORIT:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Jauregui.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Jauregui's message to the President:

QTE In the name of 28 million workers in America please accept our condolences on the death of Robert F. Kennedy a great American citizen and a true friend of the working people of the world STOP His spirit and ideals will live on. Arturo Jauregui General Secretario ORIT. UNQTE

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Drafted by: ARA-LA/ID/L:WABell, Jr.	Tel. Ext. 5893	Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by ARA-LA/ID/L:Thomas E. Walsh
Clearances: LA/ID:RCulbertson ARA-ELTZ	S/CPR MR. ABELL S/S-S Mr. Houdek	WH - Mr. Bowdler

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

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Attention MULLET T  
Keep this study together.

MEMORANDUM FOR

BENJAMIN READ

Director

Executive Secretariat

Attached is our reply to a letter of  
condolence to the family of Senator  
Robert F. Kennedy from the Associacao  
dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de  
Sao Paulo in Brazil. Would you please  
have our reply sent by pouch to the  
Consulate General in Sao Paulo for  
information and dispatch?

Thanks.



Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Borges:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Associacao dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo at this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,



Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Christovam Benedicto Borges  
Presidente do Conselho  
Associacao dos Funcionarios  
Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo  
Rua Formosa, 367  
16. Andar  
Caixa Postal, 4369  
Sao Paulo, Brazil

# *do Estado de São Paulo*

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São Paulo, 11 de junho de 1.968.

Excelentíssima Senhora:

O Conselho Deliberativo da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, tem a honra de expressar-lhe, e a todos os membros da ilustre família Kennedy, os sentimentos de profundo pesar pelo infausto passamento do preclaro Senador da República Norte Americana, Robert Francis Kennedy.

Robert Kennedy, a exemplo do saudoso Presidente Kennedy, representou a melhor expressão dos sentimentos cristãos do grande povo americano, seu profundo humanismo, seus anseios de liberdade e democracia, reagivando, com bravura moral, e autenticidade, as luminosas tradições dessa grande nação que nos brasileiros tanto admiramos.

Tombou um mártir das liberdades humanas, mas, a sua bandeira de luz tremulara nos ceus americanos como um símbolo eterno de fraternidade humana, de entendimento entre os povos, de liberdade, justiça e democracia !

Os grandes homens, como o Senador Robert Kennedy não morrem: vivem a eternidade do seu ideal, principalmente do grande ideal de Paz Universal !

Queira, portanto, Senhora, receber a solidariedade de todos os membros da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, na grande dor que a atingiu e feriu a sensibilidade cristã de toda a humanidade.

Respeitosamente,

CHRISTOVAM BENEDICTO BORGES

Presidente do Conselho Deliberativo

Excelentíssima Senhora  
ETHEL KENNEDY  
Casa Branca  
Estados Unidos da América do Norte

The Speaker's Rooms  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Honorable William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

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*no reply (# informed)  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

*AB-100* I have for acknowledgment your letter of  
June 26, 1968 transmitting to the Congress the con-  
dolences of the Embassy of Peru on the death of  
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

INFO : ROME (2)

FROM : Amconsul MILAN

DATE: June 28, 1968

SUBJECT : Milan Mourns the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

During the week of June 5, residents of Milan mourned the death of Senator Robert Kennedy with religious and commemorative services and expressed their condolence in numerous letters, telegrams and phone calls to USIS and the Consulate General. In addition, well over 2000 visitors signed the Consulate General's book of condolence. These signatures are attached as enclosure No. 1 to this airgram.

Immediately following the death, masses were celebrated at the Church of San Vito in Pasquirolo and the Church of San Gioachino in honor of Senator Kennedy and a memorial service was held at the Anglican Church of All Saints on June 8. The Associazione Giovanile Cattolica Milanese celebrated a special mass on the evening of June 11 at the Church of SS Trinita' under the auspices of Cardinal Colombo. On June 12, the International School of Milan also held a commemorative program. In addition to these services, the three major trade unions authorized a five minute work stoppage on the morning of June 7 in honor of Senator Kennedy.

The Consulate General received approximately 50 telegrams and 50 letters and notes of condolence. Particularly touching were numerous letters written by students in Milan schools. Attached as enclosure No. 2 are letters addressed directly to the Kennedy family in care of the Consulate General.

Enclosures: *act*

1. Signatures *act*
2. Letters addressed to the Kennedy family.

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Shock and sympathy were typical of the reaction from Milan's four major newspapers (Corriere della Sera, Corriere d'Informazione, La Notte, Il Giorno). For several days following the assassination, national developments were relegated to the inside pages as Milan's dailies devoted front page coverage almost exclusively to the death and funeral of Senator Kennedy.

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ACTION: Amembassy, PANAMA

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1. Following is translation of message from Max Delvalle to President on death Senator Kennedy.

QTE The tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply moved my country. He symbolized in the United States the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the good of mankind. For that reason we believe that the grief of the United States will indeed arouse deep sorrow throughout the world. With sincere sentiments of high consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

Max Delvalle UNQTE

2. We believe written acknowledgment not rpt not desirable. However, if Embassy concurs, suggest Ambassador orally express gratitude to Delvalle for message.

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ARA - Miss Eltz

S/S - Mr. Houdek

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FOR P/DONNELLY

1. AP CORRESPONDENT WARSAW FILING PIECE JUNE 27 CONCERNING EMBASSY'S RECENT EFFORT PLACE PAID ADVERTISEMENT IN FIVE WARSAW DAILIES THANKING POLISH PUBLIC ON BEHALF KENNEDY FAMILY FOR ITS MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AFTER SENATOR'S DEATH. AP LEARNED OF THIS EFFORT IN COURSE OF PLACING AD OF HIS OWN LOOKING FOR NEW LIVING QUARTERS. HIS STORY WILL CITE RELIABLE SOURCE FOR DETAILS, ADDING THESE LATER CONFIRMED WITH EMBASSY.

2. DETAILS ARE THESE: EMBASSY JUNE 10 TELEPHONED TRYBUNA LUDU, ZYCIE WARSZAWY, EXPRESS WIECZORNY, SZTANDAR MŁODYCH AND DZIENNIK LUDOWY ASKING IF AD COULD BE ACCEPTED. ALL REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, AND COPY DELIVERED ALL FIVE SAME DAY. TWO PAPERS ASKED ADVANCE PAYMENT.

3. AD HAS NOT APPEARED ANY NEWSPAPER. ZYCIE CALLED BACK JUNE 11 TO SAY AD "IMPROPER" AND COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. LATER, SZTANDAR MŁODYCH RETURNED ADVANCE PAYMENT WITHOUT COMMENT AND EXPRESS ADVISED AD UNACCEPTABLE DUE SMALL SIZE OF NEWSPAPER AND FACT IT DOES NOT PUBLISH DEATH OR SIMILAR NOTICES. TRYBUNA SAID WILL PUBLISH "WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH." NO FURTHER WORD FROM DZIENNIK LUDOWY. NEITHER OF LATTER HAD ASKED FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT, AND ALL

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1. Tom Mboya sent following telegram to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy  
June 6: Quote Tragic death of Senator Kennedy is a painful loss  
to all freedom loving people in the world. We share with you  
your grief and pray that God may give you the strength needed  
at this hour. Unquote
2. Ambassador requested acknowledge receipt message and express  
appropriate sentiments of appreciation on Mrs. Kennedy's behalf.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy OSLO

DATE: June 27, 1968

SUBJECT : Condolence Book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : A-643

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Transmitted herewith is a book of signatures gathered at the United States Information Office at Tromsø, Norway in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. A list of officials and community leaders whose signatures are among those in the book also is enclosed.

The Embassy's condolence book was transmitted under cover of the referenced airgram.

*[Signature]*  
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Enclosure:  
One Book of Signatures

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy BELGRADE

DATE: June 27, 1968

SUBJECT: Yugoslavs Pay Tribute To Senator Kennedy.

REF :

Throughout Yugoslavia people mourned the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In letters and telegrams and in personal visits to the Embassy during the period June 7-14 the people, from Federal Executive Council President Mika Spiljak and other high government officials, church leaders, and professional and cultural personalities to ordinary workers, housewives and students, sent expressions of sympathy and sorrow. President TITO sent a personal message of condolences to the Kennedy family and Milentije POPOVIC, President of the Federal Assembly, also sent a more formal message to Vice-President Hubert HUMPHREY.

The accompanying book of condolences reflects in some measure their warm feelings of compassion for Robert Kennedy and his bereaved family. The Department may wish to consider forwarding the book to the Kennedy family along with a copy of the airgram.

People thronged in front of USIS display windows in Belgrade and Zagreb to gaze in silent but poignant tribute before blown-up pictures of the man many of them feelingly referred to as "Bobby" Kennedy. In Zagreb, capital of Croatia, they lit candles on the sidewalk in front of the USIS reading room, and several young girls touchingly affixed flowers to the windows exhibiting pictures of Senator Kennedy.

A special funeral mass was held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Belgrade on Sunday afternoon, June 9. Archbishop Gabriel Bukatko of Belgrade officiated. The eulogy was given in English by Father Mirko POLGAR of St. Peter's. The church was crowded with over 500 persons; many stood through the hour-long service. Among those who attended were

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the Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Radivoj Uvalic and numerous members of the Diplomatic Corps and Embassy staff.

Embassy officers reported that many Yugoslavs whom they knew, sometimes only slightly, got in touch with them to express their condolences. One officer, while visiting the Macedonian frontier town of Bitolj, near Greece, found himself frequently stopped by strangers who recognized him as an American and wanted to express their feelings about Senator Kennedy's death.

When the book of condolences ("Knjiga Zalosti") was opened in a room off the Embassy's lobby on the morning of June 7, people began to stream in. Many were ordinary working men who had laid aside their tools to come and painstakingly write brief words of tribute to the dead American. One man apologetically asked an Embassy officer, who was taking his turn in receiving visitors, for help in writing his name in the book.

On both Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, queues of people, some carrying babies, stood quietly and patiently waiting to inscribe their names in the book and to pen a tribute to the late Senator. Among the visitors were Federal Executive President Mika Spiljak, Serbian Executive Council President Djurica JOJKIC, and First Army Commander Colonel General Pero KOSOVIC. State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Marko NIKEZIC was out of town, but Deputy State Secretary Miso PAVICEVIC signed the book in the former's stead on the first morning after the Senator's death was announced.

A large number of the members of the Diplomatic Corps, including most Ambassadors, also came to the Embassy to pay their tribute to Robert Kennedy.

All the following week people from Belgrade and from nearby towns and villages still continued to come to the Embassy to sign the book of condolences, to give their simple tribute to Senator Kennedy and, sometimes, to give remembrance to the late President John F. Kennedy.

One man wrote (in Serbian): "I will always remember this wonderful and noble-hearted man who died fighting for peace in the world. I express herewith my sympathy to the Embassy as well as to the family of the assassinated Senator. Dragoman Radojkovic."

Veljko MICUNOVIC, former Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington, and his wife, both visibly moved, also came in to sign the book. Both had known Senator Kennedy personally. Only the day before Mr. Micunovic, who is now Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament, had sent a letter to Senator Kennedy. In the book Mr. Micunovic wrote: "I express my deep and sincere sympathy to the family of Robert F. Kennedy as well as to the American people who have lost one of their great leaders in the struggle for the friendship among the nations, for peace in the world and for the progress of mankind. We in Yugoslavia and other countries have lost enormously through the death of Robert F. Kennedy."

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His Holiness, the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church, GERMAN, wrote: "Deeply touched by the tragic death of a generous man, a great patriot of the United States, Robert Kennedy, we extend our sincere sympathy to the Kennedy family as well as to the whole U. S. nation."

The universal feeling of sympathy and sorrow of the Yugoslav people was summed up in the words of Professor Zivojin Simovic, who enscribed in the book of condolences the following: "I firmly believe that many generations of our school students, studying the history of the people of the United States, will remember with respect the brothers John and Robert Kennedy who fell in the struggle for the humanism and dignity of man while continuing the work of Jefferson and Lincoln."

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A handwritten signature, possibly "HSA", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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ACTION: Amembassy BONN

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STATE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the ~~xxxxx~~ by death of Senator Kennedy and your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Erhard.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ex-Chancellor Erhard's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance

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classification approved by:

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EUR/GER - Mr. Johnpoll

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EUR - Mr. Beaudry

S/S - Mr. Walker

White House - Mr. Fried

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and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Ludwig Erhard UNQTE

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our recommendation (Ruth Booth  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 26, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Copies To:  
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ARA/PAN  
S/S-S:RF

Subject: Message to the President from Panamanian  
First Vice President Max Delvalle on the  
Death of Senator Kennedy

Panamanian First Vice President Max Delvalle has sent the President the enclosed message of condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Delvalle was proclaimed Constitutional President of Panama in March 1968 when the opposition-controlled National Assembly tried unsuccessfully to remove President Marco Robles. Although Robles has remained in office and in control of the Government, Delvalle has never formally relinquished his claim to be the legitimate President.

As a high-ranking government official (his status as First Vice President is unchallenged) and a prominent member of the opposition group that won the May 1968 elections, Delvalle would merit a reply. However, the confusion surrounding his claim on the Presidency and the sensitivities of the various Panamanian political factions argue against any written message. Accordingly, we recommend that our Ambassador in Panama be instructed to acknowledge orally receipt of Delvalle's message. A suggested telegram of instructions to Embassy Panama is enclosed for your approval.

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Incoming message from  
Max Delvalle dated June 6

Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Clearances:

ARA:PAN - Mr. Sharp (in draft)  
ARA - Miss Eltz  
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Suggested Telegram to Embassy Panama

Following is translation of message from Max Delvalle to President on death Senator Kennedy.

QTE The tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply moved my country. He symbolized in the United States the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the good of mankind. For that reason we believe that the grief of the United States will indeed arouse deep sorrow throughout the world. With sincere sentiments of high consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

Max Delvalle UNQTE

We believe written acknowledgment not rpt not desirable. However, if Embassy concurs, suggest Ambassador <sup>ORALLY</sup> express gratitude to Delvalle for message.

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THE HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS DEEPLY MOVED  
MY COUNTRY. HE SYMBOLIZED IN THE UNITED STATES THE NOBLEST  
EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM LIFE AND THE WORLD FOR THE GOOD OF MAN-  
KIND. FOR THAT REASON WE BELIEVE THAT THE GRIEF OF THE UNITED  
STATES WILL INDEED AROUSE DEEP SORROW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
WITH SINCERE SENTIMENTS OF HIGH CONSIDERATION, I REMAIN,  
RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

MAX DELVALLE

*6-22-65  
Panama  
Max Delvalle*

Mr. Dwight D. Johnson  
Washington

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EXCELENTISIMO SENOR LYNDON B JOHNSON PRESIDENTE DE LOS  
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NORTE AMERICA CASA BLANCA WASHINGTONDC  
LA TRAGICA DESAPARICION DEL SENADOR ROBERTO F. KENNEDY HA  
CONMOVIDO PROFUNDAMENTE EN MI PATRIA EL SIMBOLIZABA EN  
ESTADOS UNIDOS LOS MAS NOBLES EMPENOS POR TRANSFORMAR LA  
VIDA Y EL MUNDO EN BENEFICIO DE LA  
HUMANIDAD POR ESO PENSAMOS QUE EL DUELO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS  
HABRA DE SUSCITAR EN VERDAD EMOCIONES DE DOLOR EN EL MUNDO ENTERO

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SUBSCRIBIRNOS ATENTAMENTE

MAX DELVALLE



To: PAN - Mr. Guthe.

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TO ~~ARA - Miss Roberson~~

DATE June 17, 1968

SUBJECT

Tel. to the President from Max Delvalle, 6/6/68, re tragic death of Senator Kennedy

Prepare a Read to \_\_\_\_\_

memo enclosing or containing:

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft reply for President's signature.

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft reply for signature by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

\_\_\_\_\_ Comment or recommendation.

Direct reply:

\_\_\_\_\_ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to \_\_\_\_\_ memo.

\_\_\_\_\_ Comeback copy required for S/S.

XXX Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

\_\_\_\_\_ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to \_\_\_\_\_ memo.

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to White House request of \_\_\_\_\_.

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NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

COPIES TO:

*Lesly*  
Alan Parker X7552

Secretariat Staff  
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6-26-68

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Laos and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of his kind note of condolence of June 7, 1968, on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy expressed by the Royal Government of Laos is deeply appreciated and has been conveyed to the bereaved Kennedy family.

Pol 6-2 US/KENNEDY, ROBERT F.

Department of State,

Washington

June 26, 1968

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Clearances: EA/LC - Mr. Herz  
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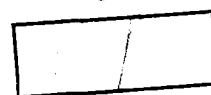
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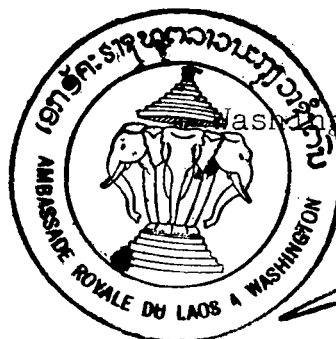
The Ambassador of Laos presents his compliments to The Honorable the Secretary of State and wishes to express the deep regret of the Royal Government of Laos at the untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The people of Laos share the grief and sorrow of the people of the United States in the tragic loss of this dedicated young leader, who is yet another victim of the terrible violence of these times.

On this sad occasion, it would be greatly appreciated if the Secretary of State could convey the sympathy and condolences of the Royal Government of Laos to the bereaved Kennedy family.

The Ambassador of Laos avails himself of this opportunity to renew to The Honorable the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

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Washington, June 7, 1968

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

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Pol 6-2 715 Kennedy, Robert F.

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June 26, 1968

Senator Haysen  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Peru  
Lima, Peru

Dear Senator Haysen;

On behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your kind words of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy expressed by the Grand Lodge of Peru is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Berlin  
Acting Director  
Office of Ecuadorian-  
Peruvian Affairs

Clearances: ARA - Miss Eltz any  
S/S - Mr. Parker any  
S/CPR - Mr. King any

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FROM: LIMA, PERU 21 6 1953

TO: PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I OFFER CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE EMINENT CITIZEN,  
ROBERT KENNEDY, IN THE NAME OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

SENATOR HEYSEN, GRAND MASTER

*Pol 6-2 US/ Kennedy,  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 26, 1968

Mr. Bueno Tizon  
President  
National Press Association  
Lima, Peru

Dear Mr. Tizon:

On behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your kind words of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sentiment expressed by the National Press Association is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Berlin  
Acting Director  
Office of Ecuadorean-  
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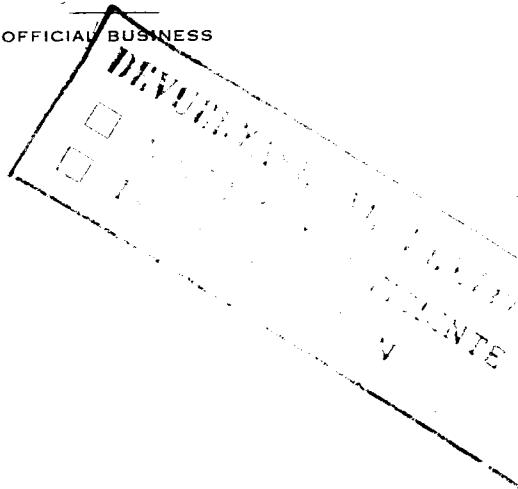
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TO : Department of State

INFO: QUEBEC CITY

JUN 26 12 25 PM 1968

FROM : Amembassy OTTAWA

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram to the President from Quebec  
Premier Johnson

REF : STATE 184338 of June 17, 1968

EUR/CAN

As suggested in the telegram under reference, the Embassy instructed Quebec City Consul General Cunningham to respond to the telegram of condolence on Senator Kennedy's death addressed by Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson to the President, received at the White House on June 8.

A copy of Consul General Cunningham's response, dated June 19, is attached (see enclosure).

BUTTERWORTH

Enclosure:  
Copy of Consul General  
Cunningham's letter of  
June 19, 1968 to Premier  
Johnson of Quebec

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Copy for Ottawa

Encl. to  
A-1432 from  
Ottawa

Québec 4, Qué.

June 19, 1968

The Honorable Daniel Johnson  
Premier of Québec,  
Québec.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I have been instructed by my Ambassador to write to you to acknowledge your very sympathetic message to the President on the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Your message of condolence has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Your expression of sympathy in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec is deeply appreciated by the President and by us all.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Cunningham  
Consul General of the United States

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**AIRGRAM**

*Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy*  
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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State  
 (Office of Congressional Relations)

FROM : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death: Messages of Condolence

REF : CA-24, June 20, 1968

Transmitted herewith for forwarding to the Kennedy family are the following:

1. Tape of radio address given by Deputy Prime Minister J. Cameron Tudor. Mimeographed copies of the address were transmitted to the Department under cover of A-190 dated June 17, 1968. *H*
2. Letter of condolence and copy of music entitled "Robert Kennedy," written by Barbadian composer Archibald Alleyne, Jr., Government Hill, St. Michael, Barbados.

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Clearances:

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June 26, 1968

Mr. Bueno Tizon  
President  
National Press Association  
Lima, Peru

Dear Mr. Tizon:

On behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your kind words of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sentiment expressed by the National Press Association is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Berlin  
Acting Director  
Office of Hemisphere-  
Peruvian Affairs

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Clearances: ARA - Miss Eltz *[Signature]*  
S/S - Mr. Parker *[Signature]*  
S/CPR - Mr. King *[Signature]*

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MUERTE ROBERT KENNEDY Y ESPERA MAXIMO

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BUENO TIZON PRESIDENTE.

Pol 6-245/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

LS NO. 2542-C

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THE PRESIDENT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION OF PERU DEEPLY DEPLORES THE  
DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY AND HOPES THAT THE CRIMINAL WILL BE GIVEN  
MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT.

BUENO TIZON, PRESIDENT

*Pol 6-245/Kennedy  
Robert J.*

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FROM : Amembassy OTTAWA

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram to the President from Quebec Premier Johnson

REF : STATE 184338 of June 17, 1968

EUR/CAN

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Enclosure:

Copy of Consul General Cunningham's letter of June 19, 1968 to Premier Johnson of Quebec

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Copy to Ottawa

Encl. to  
A-1432 from  
Ottawa

Québec 4, Qué.

June 19, 1968

The Honorable Daniel Johnson  
Premier of Québec,  
Québec.

Dear Mr. Premier:

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Your expression of sympathy in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec is deeply appreciated by the President and by us all.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Cunningham  
Consul General of the United States

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The Honorable  
Hubert H. Humphrey  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

JUNE 26, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

The Embassy of Peru has asked that the Department of State convey to the Senate its condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The text of the note from the Embassy follows:

"The Embassy of Peru presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request that its expressions of profound condolences and sympathy on the demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy be kindly conveyed to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America.

"The tragic death of Senator Kennedy is not only mourned in this country, but as representing the the loss of a leader of exceptional values, his assassination is deeply felt all over the world.

"Although the Government of Peru was officially represented by Ambassador Carlos Mackenhie, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at the religious services of St. Patrick's Cathedral and also at the funeral ceremony in Arlington Cemetery, this Embassy wishes to extend to the Congress of the United States its message of deep sorrow at the demise of one of its most distinguished members in tribute and honor to whom the Peruvian flag has been flown at half mast."

I have also sent the text of this note to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Respectfully,

William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

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President of the Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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*I have also sent the rest of this note to the Speaker of the House of Representatives*  
Respectfully,  
William B. Macomber, Jr.

William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

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The Honorable  
John W. McCormack, Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

JUNE 26, 1968

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Sincerely yours,

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William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy  
Robert F.

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House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

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June 25, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to thank you for your thoughtful  
note of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.  
Kennedy. Your expression of sympathy, both personal  
and in behalf of the Government and people of Colombia,  
is deeply appreciated.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my  
highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State,:

Robert M. Sayce

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy, Robert F.

His Excellency

Dr. Maruan Echavarria ,

Ambassador of Colombia .

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Excellency:

On behalf of the Government and people of Colombia and in my own I wish to convey to Your Excellency and to the Government and people of the United States, the most sincere expression of condolence on the untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy, one of your outstanding public servants, was well known and admired throughout the free world. His loss will be much felt in Colombia, as well as in all Latin America, where his warm friendship towards our people was much appreciated.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Hernan Echavarria*  
Hernan Echavarria  
Ambassador of Colombia

His Excellency  
Dean Rusk,  
Secretary of State,  
Washington, D.C.

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