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Dear Charles,

Having had such a long and close association with the Bureau and being lucky enough to have many friends in your country, I think I am able to understand how you must all feel about President Kennedy's death. That this terrible thing should have happened to the President of the United States is a tragedy for the whole free world and all your many friends over here feel it deeply and are suffering from a sense of shock.

My fourteen year old son, who is at boarding school in the wilds of Scotland, has written to say that when the news was announced on Friday "the whole school was silent and numb".

This must be a very sad and difficult time for your Director and your colleagues in the Bureau and I send you all my deep and most sincere sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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