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TO : A. H. Belmont *attn*

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FROM : S. B. Donahoe

John F. Kennedy ✓

SUBJECT: UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC REACTION TO SPEECH OF SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY INTERNAL SECURITY - UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

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United Arab Republic (UAR) Ambassador to U.S. advised his country 8/26/60 Senator John Kennedy delivered speech to Zionists Congress re resolution Arab-Israeli dispute. UAR Ambassador stated speech contained fallacies and exaggerated statements and promises. UAR Ambassador subsequently contacted by Senator J. W. Fulbright, Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee, who apologized for Kennedy's speech and explained it was dictated by political expediency. (TS)

On 9/22/60, National Security Agency furnished an intercept of coded diplomatic traffic from UAR Ambassador to Cairo, dated 8/26/60, classified "Top Secret Daunt" as it relates to communications intelligence. (TS)

According to the intercept, UAR Ambassador claimed Senator Fulbright stated Kennedy's speech was not an expression of what could be considered policy of Democratic administration with Kennedy as President. (TS)

UAR Ambassador reportedly advised Senator Fulbright of Ambassador's official displeasure with Senator Kennedy's speech as it was replete with fallacies and bias and disparagements regarding UAR rights and disregarded UAR feelings, thus indicating Senator Kennedy places personal interest before justice and interests of U.S. Senator Fulbright was advised continued efforts to obtain Jewish votes at expense of Arabs will have serious consequences, and UAR Ambassador expected Senator Fulbright to exert efforts to end such activities. Senator Fulbright stated he would attempt to comply with this request. (TS)

UAR Ambassador advised his superiors Senator Fulbright contacted him probably after consulting with Senator Kennedy whose speech was motivated by Senator Kennedy's desire to obtain Jewish, Catholic, and Negro minority votes in order to compensate for his loss of votes among Protestant majority which opposes Kennedy because of his Catholicism. The Ambassador was

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RE: UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC REACTION TO
SPEECH OF SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY

of the opinion purpose of speech was solely to obtain Jewish votes rather than to formulate party or governmental policy. He believed such speeches are consistent with Zionist's efforts to create breach between UAR and other governments. ~~(S)~~ (u)

It was opinion of [redacted] t Senator Fulbright's [redacted] visit with him not be discl [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

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