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12 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE LARRY LEVINSON

Attached is the Kennedy burial after-action report which I had the Army get up for me. Two comments:

(1) In addition to the planes shown in the Army's report, I had a Jetstar which took me to NYC to meet McNamara at 2000 on 6 June. Nick Katzenbach, Tom Powers, Barrett Prettyman, Lou Oberdorfer and Jim Flug rode with me. I put one Army sedan at their disposal and kept two which I used the rest of the night in NYC. I flew back to Washington arriving 0330 on 7 June, again giving Katzenbach and Powers a ride, plus Herbert Schmertz and Chris McGrath, two Kennedy advance men.

(2) Bob Jordan's account about the candles is too laconic. We did not get the candle request until 1900 on the evening of the interment, and it took a wild dash across town by Jordan personally to pick up the candles offered by St. Matthews.

I trust the attachment meets your requirement

Alfred B. Fitt
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Attachment

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June 7, 1968 -- 10:45 p.m.

Archbishop Cooke returning Mr. Califano's call re when President Johnson should arrive for Senator Kennedy's funeral Mass in New York.

JAC: We've got problems about what time to arrive and Secret Service is pressing us to arrive as late as possible.

Cooke: Right, right.

Cooke: We did intend to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. We do not anticipate a big procession like the last time with all the Bishops and Cardinals at my installation. No big procession tomorrow. None like the one we had that time. Would expect to be moving in the doors of the Cathedral at 10:00. It is a little more fitting to be in before we proceed. If he is delayed we could always move procession. Procession will be going in the front door at 10:00. If he could arrive at 9:45 or 9:50 it would be perfect. If he can't well then what we could do is hold it for ten or fifteen minutes and have him arrive at 10:00 sharp. This would steer him right; more fitting to arrive at 9:45.

JAC: We will assume that.

Cooke: If he could arrive no later than ten to ten we will not move the procession in until he goes through. Hold off until everybody goes through until 9:50 unless we hear from you to the contrary. Family will be coming at 9:20 or 9:30. Then we would see that the President would be the last one to go in following him would be the Bishops and Cardinals.

JAC: We will be there at 9:45 in the morning.

Cooke: Thanks Joe and thank him too.

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<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM-TO</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Dr. Poppins ^e	June 5	Logan Field, Boston by helicopter to Pease AFB, N. H. Pease AFB to Los Angeles	KC-135 Jet	Dep. Pease 7:45 a.m. edt Arr. L.A. 12:51 p.m. edt
3 Kennedy children	June 5-6	Washington to Los Angeles	Jet Star	Dep. Andrews 8:15 p.m. edt Arr. L.A. 11:00 p.m. edt
6 Kennedy children	June 5	Los Angeles to Washington	KC-135 Jet	Dep. L.A. 1:30 p.m. edt Arr. Andrews 7:00 p.m. edt
Kennedy body and members of family and staff	June 6	Los Angeles to New York	Presidential Jet	Dep. Andrews 7:43 a.m. edt Arr. L.A. 9:30 a.m. pdt Dep. L.A. 1:28 p.m. pdt Arr. LaGuardia 9:00 p.m. edt

I.

RETURNING SIX KENNEDY CHILDREN FROM
LOS ANGELES

At 11:45 a.m. on the fifth of June, Jim Flug, Senator Edward Kennedy's representative called Tom Johnson and asked that an aircraft be made available to fly the six young Kennedy children from Los Angeles back to Washington.

Immediately upon receipt of that phone call, Tom Johnson notified the President and received prompt approval.

Tom Johnson relayed this to the Military Aides Office and was told that a Strategic Air Command KC-135 jet was available in the Los Angeles area and would carry the children back.

The aircraft had about 45 seats. In addition to the six Kennedy children, it carried other members of the Kennedy staff, including former astronaut John Glenn and his wife, speechwriter Adam Walinsky and his wife, speechwriter Jeff Greenfield and his wife, and several members of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The aircraft, with about 25 passengers, left Los Angeles International Airport at 1:30 p.m. EDT and landed at Andrews at 7:00 p.m. EDT, June 5th.

(See Passenger Manifest Attached)

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1. Mr. Atkinson (OSI)
2. Mr. Chambers (OSI)
3. Mr. Tassara (OSI)
4. Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn
5. Mr. and Mrs. Walinski
6. Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield
7. Carol Welch
8. Miss Jane Main
9. 6 Kennedy children
10. Mr. Praeders
11. Mr. Giordano
12. Mr. Padlozzi
13. Mr. Insley
14. Mr. Drayne
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II

FLYING THREE KENNEDY CHILDREN TO LOS ANGELES

At 7:15 a.m., June 5th, Jim Flug, an aide to Senator Edward Kennedy called the White House about the possibility of an aircraft to take the three oldest Kennedy children to Los Angeles. The operators refer him to the Military Aides offices, where he speaks to Sergeant Major Gulley.

At 8:01 a.m. the call is referred to Tom Johnson and Flug says that Senator Edward Kennedy might ask for the use of a Presidential aircraft to transport three of his brother's children to Los Angeles. He said that they would be unable to make commercial arrangements without a great deal of publicity and that there would be undue personal problems with news coverage. At this time Flug said that one of the children was in Boston and the other two in Washington.

Tom Johnson sends a note to the President at 8:15 a.m. outlining the request. Within minutes, the President calls Tom Johnson to say the request is approved and that "you should do whatever is requested to be of assistance."

At 8:20 a.m., Tom Johnson calls Flug and says that the request is approved and that a Jet Star is standing by at Andrews ready to take off in fifteen minutes. Flug says that Robert Jr. is in Washington and that the plane would have to go to Boston to pick up Joe and to Keene, New Hampshire to pick up Kathleen -- but that the family was still undecided at the moment whether the children should be brought out to Los Angeles because they were awaiting further word on the Senator's condition. Flug says that they were "deeply grateful" to the President for his quick response to their request and that Flug would be back to Tom Johnson if the request became necessary.

The aircraft was placed on stand-by at Andrews. During the day Joe and Kathleen Kennedy had come back to Washington.

At 7:00 p.m., Flug calls the Military Aides office and says the family had decided that the children should be flown to Los Angeles.

The children arrive at Andrews at 8:15 p.m.

The Jet Star departs at 8:25 p.m., refuels at Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma and arrives in Los Angeles at 11:00 p.m. (PDT)

(See Passenger Manifest Attached)

PASSENGER MANIFEST FOR AIRCRAFT #4197

1. Lemoyne Billings (Friend of Kennedy family).
2. Mrs. Evans (friend of the Kennedy family)
3. Robert Kennedy, Jr.
4. Joseph Kennedy
5. Kathleen Kennedy
6. Edward L. Williams (Secret Service)

Note: Mr. Billings and Mrs. Evans were the chaperones for the Kennedy children.

III.

AIRCRAFT TO CARRY BACK THE BODY OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
(Times are EDT unless otherwise shown)

At 7:00 p.m., June 5th, the President asks Jim Jones to get on the line with the Vice President. The Vice President gives Jones three telephone numbers through which Pierre Salinger or the Kennedy family can be reached on the West Coast.

At 5:25 a.m., June 6th, Pierre Salinger calls the White House and is referred to the Situation Room. He tells Duty Officer Epps that Senator Kennedy died at 4:44 a.m., and leaves three numbers through which he can be reached in regard to a request for an airplane to bring back the body of Senator Kennedy. The Sit Room calls Walt Rostow -- and after a brief conversation with the Vice President -- Rostow calls Jim Jones at 5:28 a.m. and at 5:54 a.m. and relays the fact that Salinger had called with respect to the availability of an aircraft.

At 5:55 a.m., Jones calls the President who tells Jones "if a Presidential plane is needed I want it provided". He also tells Jones to set up clear lines of communication to handle requests for assistance.

At 6:14 a.m. -- using the numbers which he had earlier gotten from the Vice President -- Jones reaches Salinger in Los Angeles. Salinger requests:

- an aircraft to bring back the body and about 65 people.
- the aircraft to land at the Los Angeles Airport West Imperial Terminal, near the parking ramp.
- an FAA waiver to allow the plane to land at LaGuardia Field (which ordinarily doesn't handle bigger jets).
- if possible, the aircraft to arrive in Los Angeles in time to depart Los Angeles for New York by 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. (PDT).

Jones informs Salinger that the President will do all he can to help and that a Presidential jet will be provided and will park as requested at Los Angeles Airport. Jones says he will check with the FAA on the waiver to allow the jet to land at LaGuardia.

At 7:09 a.m., Jones calls Salinger and tells him that the FAA has cleared the aircraft to LaGuardia. Salinger replies that this "is just sensational. On behalf of all of us and the Kennedy family we are gratified as to what is being done, and I hope you will pass our appreciation on to the President."

During the early morning hours of June 6th, a Presidential jet has been placed on alert by the President's Military Aide. After Salinger's request to Jones, the aircraft is readied for the take-off. Lt. Colonel Hugh Robinson goes aboard the plane -- tail number 86972 -- as the President's representative.

The aircraft leaves Andrews at 7:43 a.m. and heads West for the four hour and forty-three minute flight.

At 9:21 a.m., Jones calls Salinger and tells him that the jet will be arriving around 9:30 a.m. (PDT) with Colonel Robinson on board and that it was prepared to leave an hour later. (The Military Aides office had called ahead, making arrangements for one hour "turn around time" which included refueling, loading the passengers and putting food and refreshments aboard).

While on the aircraft, however, Colonel Robinson notes that it would be impossible to get the casket through the door into the passenger compartment. Jones consults with the Air Force at Andrews and it is discovered that if the front partition and galley are torn out, the casket could be moved on without trouble. As the jet speeds west, the partition and the galley are removed.

During his 9:21 a.m. call to Salinger, Jones tells him about the casket problem. Salinger in a state of exhaustion doesn't appear to be listening. Tom Johnson then calls Jim Flug, an Edward Kennedy aide who has set up a contact point, and is told that the casket has not yet been selected and that the Kennedy party would not be ready to depart until 1:00 p.m. (PDT). The Military Aides office checks with Arlington Cemetery and finds that the largest casket size is seven feet long. With the removal of the galley and partition, any casket could be brought aboard.

The Presidential jet arrives at Los Angeles Airport at 9:30 a.m. (PDT) -- a half hour earlier than initially scheduled. When the passengers are assembled and the casket brought on board, it is after

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1:00 p.m. (PDT) and at 1:28 p.m. (PDT), the aircraft takes off. It arrives at LaGuardia at 9:00 p.m. (EDT) -- a flight of about four and a half hours.

(See Passenger Manifest Attached)

LOS ANGELES-NEW YORK CITY

1. Mrs. Robert Kennedy
2. Kathleen Kennedy
3. Joseph Kennedy
4. Bobby Kennedy
5. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy
6. Senator Edward M. Kennedy
7. Mrs. Pat Lawford
8. Mr. Stepehn Smith
9. Mrs. Stephen Smith
10. Prince Radziwill
11. Princess Radziwill
12. Mr. James Whittaker (First American to climb Mt. Everest)
13. Mrs. James Whittaker
14. Mr. Edwin Guthman (Nat'l Editor of Los Angeles Times)
15. Mrs. Edwin Guthman
16. John Siegenthaler (Editor of Nashville Tennesseean)
17. Burke Marshall (Former Dep. U.S. Atty Gen in Charge of Civil Rights Enforcement)
18. Frank Mankiewicz (Senator Kennedy's Press Secretary)
19. Rafer Johnson (Former Olympic Star)
20. Roosevelt Grier (Los Angeles Rams Defensive Tackle)
21. K. Lemoyne Billings (New York Advertising Executive)
22. Richard Goodwin (Speech Writer)
23. Fernando Para (Mexican Architect)
24. Charles Evers (Mississippi NAACP Official)
25. Jesse M. Unruh (California Assembly Speaker)
26. Mrs. Jesse M. Unruh
27. Mr. Andy Williams (Singer)
28. Mrs. Andy Williams
29. Claudine Longet (Actress)
30. Mr. George Pizimpton (Author)
31. Mrs. George Pizimpton
32. Charles Spaulding (New York Investment Banker)
33. Mrs. Coretta King (Wife of assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King)
34. Mr. Pierre Salinger
35. Mrs. Pierre Salinger
36. John Douglass (Son of former Illinois Senator Paul Douglass).

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS NOT IDENTIFIED

IV.

AIRCRAFT TO CARRY DR. POPPEN TO
LOS ANGELES

At 6:00 a.m., on the morning of June 5th, Vice President Humphrey -- then at Colorado Springs with General McConnell visiting the Air Force Academy -- received a request from a member of the Kennedy staff to fly Dr. Poppen -- an eminent Boston Neurosurgeon and medical consultant to the Kennedy family -- to Los Angeles to act as a consultant on the Robert Kennedy case.

The Vice President called General Holloway, the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff and asked that a plane be sent.

There were no aircraft in the Boston area for this mission. The Navy flew Dr. Poppen by helicopter from Logan Field, Boston (departing at 7:04 a.m. EDT and arriving at 7:30 a.m. EDT at Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire).

From Pease a KC-135 jet flew Dr. Poppen to Los Angeles. The aircraft left Pease at 7:45 a.m. EDT and arrived at Los Angeles at 12:51 p.m. EDT or 9:51 PDT.

V.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

I. Eligibility for Burial in Arlington Cemetery

Upon learning of Senator Kennedy's death, the Chief of Support Services, U.S. Army, was asked to formally determine if he was eligible for burial in the Arlington National Cemetery. Since Senator Kennedy had served in the U.S. Navy and his last period of service had terminated under honorable conditions, he was eligible for burial in a national cemetery. Further, Senator Kennedy was eligible for burial in the Arlington National Cemetery since he had held the office of Attorney General and was a U.S. Senator.

II. Clear Lines of Authority Established

By order of the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) was designated as the single point of contact for all Department of Defense support for the funeral. The Army was directed to provide principal support. Military support arrangements in New York were handled by Major General Osmund Leahy, Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps, Fort Wadsworth. Military support in Washington was furnished by the Special Assistant (Civil Functions) in conjunction with the Commanding General, Military District of Washington and other offices. Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State, was in over-all charge of arrangements and transmitted requests through his office to the Pentagon. Secretary Robert McNamara was asked by the family to select a gravesite in Arlington; members of Senator Kennedy's staff in New York and Washington handled other arrangements.

III. Events in New York-June 7 and 8, 1968

The Presidential aircraft containing Senator Kennedy's body arrived in New York at LaGuardia Airport during the evening of 6 June. From there, a motorcade took the members of the family and other mourners to Saint Patrick's Cathedral. On 7 June, the body lay in state in Saint Patrick's and the Cathedral was open to members of the general public. The funeral service was held in Saint Patrick's at 10:00 a.m., 8 June. Thereafter members of the family and other mourners went by

motorcade to the Pennsylvania Station; the funeral train left for Washington early in the afternoon.

The following support was provided at the request of the Kennedy family:

a. Three USAF aircraft were provided to transport members of Congress and the Supreme Court from Washington to New York. These aircraft transported approximately 180 individuals, leaving Washington at 8:00 a.m., 7 June and returning to Washington at 2:00 p.m. Upon arrival in New York, five commercial buses were rented by the Army to transport the Congressional delegation to Saint Patrick's Cathedral. After the funeral service, these buses took members of Congress either to the funeral train or back to the airport. In addition, twelve Army sedans were provided for special requirements (i.e., to transport members of Congress who wished to remain in New York beyond 2:00 p.m. and yet return to Washington before the interment in the Arlington Cemetery).

b. 340 folding chairs were supplied from Fort Hamilton and moved by Army trucks to Saint Patrick's Cathedral. In addition, a 20-man detail from Fort Hamilton picked up 800 chairs from a high school in Manhattan and transported them to the Cathedral. This detail then assisted in setting up the chairs.

c. A military radio network between the Armed Forces Police, Saint Patrick's Cathedral and LaGuardia Airport was provided.

d. An Army ambulance and medical team was stationed at the Cathedral.

e. Detailed arrangements to provide transportation and escort service for various individuals, including Chief Justice Warren, Secretary Rusk, Mr. Nitze, General Wheeler and Admiral Sheppard, were made.

IV. Events in Washington - June 8, 1968

1. Arrival in Union Station and Funeral Motorcade. The funeral train was initially scheduled to arrive at the Union Station at approximately 4:30 p.m., 8 June. The family wanted U. S. Navy pallbearers at Union Station with a joint service honor cordon inside the

station. The Navy Band was to provide music. From there, the funeral motorcade would leave Union Station, pass the New Senate Office Building, pause briefly at the Department of Justice, and then drive the wrong way around the Lincoln Memorial with a brief pause at Resurrection City. A choir would provide music at the Lincoln Memorial. The hearse would then proceed to the Arlington Cemetery. Persons on the train and not part of the funeral motorcade, members of the press, and persons meeting the train would move by bus directly to Arlington. These arrangements were substantially followed during the evening of 8 June.

In connection with these plans, the following support was provided:

- a. Approximately 900 men from the Metropolitan Police Department and 1200 men from the D. C. National Guard were assigned to provide security along the route. In addition, the Secret Service (with augmentation from other law enforcement agencies in the Treasury Department) and the U. S. Park Police were fully committed.
- b. Approximately 347 troops were involved in the activities at Union Station. This included the joint cordon (211), pallbearers (9), the U. S. Navy Band (50), construction personnel (16) and other individuals to plan and guide the motorcade. All units reported to the Union Station at 2:30 p.m. and were released at 10:30 p.m. Major General Charles O'Malley, Commanding General, Military District of Washington, was in command.
- c. The hearse from the Arlington Cemetery, along with a back-up hearse and a floral car, were sent to the Union Station and were part of the funeral motorcade.
- d. Detailed instructions for members of the funeral motorcade and for the persons on the train traveling to the Cemetery by bus were prepared and were reproduced and distributed to representatives of the family by the Department of Defense. This included 4000 maps of the Arlington Cemetery and the Kennedy gravesite, printed by the Defense Printing Office; 500 sets of instructions for the funeral motorcade; and 5000 sets of instructions for persons riding on the buses. These were reproduced by the Army Operations Center and distributed by my office to members of Senator Kennedy's staff.

e. Under the direction of the Army Chief of Legislative Liaison, six buses were rented from commercial sources by the Army to provide transportation for Members of Congress from the Senate Office Building to the Arlington Cemetery. In addition, Army sedans were provided to pick up Congressmen arriving from New York during the afternoon and move them to the Senate Office Building.

f. Ten members of the U.S. Marine Corps Band were located at the Lincoln Memorial to assist the choir.

g. Twenty-five military buses were provided to assist in transportation arrangements. This included seven buses stationed at the Pentagon North Parking area to move persons arriving from New York at the National Airport to the Arlington Cemetery and fifteen buses to move the press in advance of the motorcade.

h. Fifty-one military sedans were provided for special requirements. This included twenty sedans located at Union Station and six located at the Capitol.

2. Interment in the Arlington National Cemetery. After initial contact with representatives of the Kennedy family, it was agreed that Senator Kennedy would be buried within or adjacent to the 3.2 acres reserved for the burial of President John F. Kennedy and members of his family. The Superintendent at Arlington thereafter surveyed the exact contours of the Kennedy plot and began to determine appropriate areas for the gravesite. Mr. McNamara visited the area at 1:00 p.m. 7 June and selected several preliminary sites. During the visit the gravesite area was closed to the public. The final site selection was reported by Mr. McNamara at approximately 9:30 p.m. 7 June.

The ceremonial aspects of the interment service were prepared by the Kennedy family and either passed through Mr. Katzenbach's Office to Defense or announced by the Kennedy family representative at the Cemetery. In essence, the family did not request any military participation during the service; music was to be provided by the Harvard Band. The service was to be the traditional Catholic interment service.

In connection with the events at Arlington, the following support was provided:

a. Upon the selection of the site, the Cemetery Superintendent directed that the gravesite be prepared. Work was completed by approximately 11:00 a.m., 8 June. The Superintendent provided workmen to close the grave, maintain floral displays and provide a standby canopy in the event of rain. The Superintendent also prepared waiting areas for members of the Diplomatic Corps and members of Congress.

b. Arrangements for press coverage and the placement of television cameras were prepared by the Cemetery Superintendent, the family representative and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

c. Security arrangements in the Cemetery were handled by the Superintendent in conjunction with the Secret Service and the Commanding General, Military District of Washington. All civilian guards employed by the Cemetery were assigned to police roads inside the Cemetery and direct the flow of traffic. Additional security inside the Cemetery was provided on the night of the interment by 612 men from the Third Infantry. The Third Infantry also provided a cordon of 82 men to close the Kennedy gravesite area while it was being examined by Secretary McNamara on 7 June. At present, a guard of seven men is stationed in the gravesite area.

d. In addition to the men from the Third Infantry, 212 military personnel were located inside the Cemetery during the interment ceremony. This included signal (66), construction (30), medical (22) and information (15) personnel.

e. Two hundred fifty sets of instructions for members of the funeral party for use during the interment ceremony were prepared by you, reproduced by the Army Operations Center, and distributed by the Army to representatives of the family at the Union Station.

f. When it became apparent that the interment service was to be held in the dark, the Superintendent arranged for lights to supplement the television lights in the area. The Kennedy family requested that 200 torches, to be carried by the funeral party, be provided.

When these torches could not be located, the Army secured 490 candles from PX's in the Military District of Washington and 1000 candles from St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington. These were transported by the Army to the gravesite and used during the ceremony.

requests for assistance

11 June 1968

ADDITIONAL ^{support} ~~DATA~~ INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALFRED B. FITT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Burial of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

^{Eligibility for}
I. BURIAL IN ARLINGTON (PMCTAN)

Upon learning of Senator Kennedy's death, the Chief of Support Services was asked to formally determine if he was eligible for burial in the Arlington National Cemetery. Since Senator Kennedy had served in the U.S. Navy and his last period of service had terminated under honorable conditions, he was eligible for burial in a national cemetery pursuant to 24 U.S.C. § 281. Further, according to paragraph 24d(5), AR 290-5, Senator Kennedy was eligible for burial in the Arlington National Cemetery since he had held both an office listed in 5 U.S.C. § 5312 (Attorney General) and an elective office of the U.S. Government.

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JUNE 7 & 8, 1968

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~~Support by agencies of the Federal Government in New York was limited and principal arrangements were made by the Kennedy family in conjunction with the New York City Police Department. However, the following support was provided:~~ AT THE REQUEST OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

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IV Events in Washington -

JUNE 8TH, 1968
INITIALS

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office ~~by you~~ or announced by the Kennedy family representative at the Cemetery. In essence, the family did not request any military participation during the service; music was to be provided by the Harvard Band. The service was to be the traditional Catholic interment service.

In connection with the events at Arlington, the following support was provided:

a. Upon the selection of the site, the ^(Cemetery) Superintendent directed that the gravesite be prepared. Work was completed by approximately 11:00 a.m., 8 June. The Superintendent provided workmen to close the grave, maintain floral displays and provide a standby canopy in the event of rain. The Superintendent also prepared waiting areas for members of the Diplomatic Corps and members of Congress.

b. Arrangements for press coverage and the placement of television cameras were prepared by the Superintendent, ^(Cemetery) in conjunction with ~~you~~, the family representative and OASD(PA).

c. Security arrangements in the Cemetery were handled by the Superintendent in conjunction with the Secret Service and the Commanding General, Military District of Washington. All civilian guards employed by the Cemetery were assigned to police roads inside the Cemetery and direct the flow of traffic. Additional security inside the Cemetery was provided on the night of the interment by 612 men from the Third Infantry. The Third Infantry also provided a cordon of 82 men to close the Kennedy gravesite area while it was being examined by Secretary McNamara on 7 June. At present, a guard of seven men is stationed in the gravesite area.

d. In addition to the men from the Third Infantry, 212 military personnel were located inside the Cemetery during the interment ceremony. This included signal (66), construction (30), medical (22) and information (15) personnel.

e. Two hundred fifty sets of instructions for members of the funeral party for use during the interment ceremony were prepared by you, reproduced by the Army Operations Center, and distributed by the Army to representatives of the family at the Union Station.

f. When it became apparent that the interment service was to be held in the dark, the Superintendent arranged for lights to

supplement the television lights in the area. The Kennedy family requested that 200 torches, to be carried by the funeral party, be provided. When these torches could not be located, the Army secured 490 candles from PX's in the Military District of Washington and 1000 candles from St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington. These were transported by the Army to the gravesite and used during the ceremony.

~~(Signed) Robert E. Jordan, III~~

~~Robert E. Jordan, III~~
~~Special Assistant (Civil Functions)~~

EXECUTIVE

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert
CO 27

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

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June 28, 1968

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 19, 1968

Mr. Arden duBois,

Please have the attached registered letter translated and returned to me as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mary H. Simon
Mary H. Simon
White House Mail Room

REG. #700440 - BRAZIL

// This letter of condolence is addressed to
Mrs. Ethel Kennedy. Only the envelope is
addressed to the President. //

*To: Mr. Shoemaker
6/20*

JUN 20 1968

Associação dos Funcionários Públicos 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 precioso 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 martir das liberdades humanas, mas, a sua bandeira de luz tremulou 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

EXECUTIVE

June 27, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
R.F.

ND9/P-*

Dear Private Pellingra:

My decision not to seek renomination was motivated by my desire to achieve the same objectives you cite in your thoughtful letter: greater unity among our people and peace with honor in Vietnam.

I believe I can work best toward these goals if, for the remaining months of my Presidency, I remove myself from all political partisanship.

I hope I can count upon the understanding of you and your brave comrades who man the lines of freedom in Vietnam. Your loyalty has sustained me through the years; it continues to encourage me as I face the difficult tasks and decisions of the months ahead.

Sincerely,

VB

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PFC Anthony Pellingra
US 52 759 210
Company A
716th Military Police Battalion
APO San Francisco 96243

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cc: Juanita Roberts/Will Sparks/Jack McNulty/Charles Maguire/CF

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June 25, 1968

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Dear Mr. Adams:

Joe Califano shared your letter with me, and I wanted to tell you that I was deeply touched by the sincerity of your feeling.

As one of the architects who worked on President Kennedy's gravesite, the repetition of yet another tragic death in the family must have been a heavy personal blow.

But "the youthful ray of hope" Robert Kennedy brought for a better America has not been snuffed out. We are a youthful country, and we are a hopeful country. I have confidence that our people will find their way into light -- and in so doing will produce their leaders.

Sincerely,

RB

Mr. Harold L. ^XAdams
1707 Regent Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

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C. Maguire

June 25, 1968
10:30 a.m.

TO: FRED PANZER *CM*
FROM: CHARLES MAGUIRE

For Presidential reply and return
to me today, please.

(Harold L. Adams)

HW
6-22-68
4:00p

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1968
Saturday, 2:15 p.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT'S NIGHT READING

FROM Joe Califano *LC*

I thought you might be interested in the
attached letter from one of the architects
who worked on President Kennedy's
grave site.

Attachment

"nice letter to him
for LBJ signature"

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6-22-68

5:00p

HAROLD L ADAMS

1707 Regent Road
Baltimore, Maryland
June 6, 1968

Dear Joe:

I was supporting Robert Kennedy for President not only because of my close association with him and Ethel while I was with Jack Warnecke, but also, and primarily, because of the youthful ray of hope he brought for a better America.

With the tragic events of this week, I am convinced that there is but one man this country can turn to to bring us out of another of the all too frequent dark hours of history. That man is President Johnson.

I hope that you will convey my appeal for him to reconsider his earlier decision not to seek another term of office.

Sincerely,



Mr. Joseph Califano
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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HAROLD J. ADAMS

1707 E. 12th Street
Baltimore, Maryland
June 5, 1969

Dear Joe:

I was expecting Robert Kennedy for President not only because of my close association with him and Ethel while I was with Jack Warner, but also, and primarily, because of the youthful ray of hope he brought for a better America.

With the tragic events of this week, I am convinced that there is not one man in this country who can be so brave as our old friend of the old and forgotten dark hours of history. That man is President Johnson.

I hope that you will convey my appeal for him to reconsider his position and to seek another term of office.

Mr. Joseph Califano
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President and Lady Bird -

I do thank you so much for your
wire about Bobby - and for all you did
in those sad days, - to make it possible
for him to be laid to rest with all the love
and care and nobility that meant so
much to those who loved him -

Sometimes there are no words to say things -
only this - I am deeply grateful -

Thank you -

as ever

Jackie

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FG2/Kennedy, John F.

June 21, 1968

Dear Father McConnell:

I was deeply touched by your warm and generous letter. It is a wonderful comfort to know that Americans of your good heart and strong faith are looking in the windows of the Presidency, and finding reassurance there of the future we seek as one people. Your concern for the burdens of this office is itself of assistance in lightening them. God bless you. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely,

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The Reverend Charles W. ^xMcConnell
Diocesan Director
Diocese of Providence
^xCatholic Youth Organization
25 Fanner Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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June 21, 1968

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate letter.

It sounds a note that is paradoxically pleasing and disturbing at the same time ... pleasing because of the praise, disturbing because it sounds too much like a eulogy to one departed.

We can only do our best, with no guarantees that we will be understood, or appreciated, or find our proper niche in history.

You say you are working among the poor in Cambridge and Roxbury, and for a Presidential candidate who differs with my Vietnam policy. Good. You are acting out your convictions and conscience in your way -- as I am in mine.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert M. Palmer
Seven Devens Street
Concord, Massachusetts 01742

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cc:Fred Panzer

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June 20, 1968

EXECUTIVE

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

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JL3

Dear Mrs. Cowell:

Thank you for sending me the thoughtful editorial from Computerworld.

I share its faith -- and yours -- in the future of America and the American people.

Sincerely,

★
Mrs. Evelyn Cowell
x Computerworld
60 Austin Street
Newton, Massachusetts

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CC: Juanita Roberts, Peter Benchley, Loyd Hackler, Mary Hooper, CF/

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W. J. Taylor

June 20, 1968

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Thank you for sending me the thoughtful
editorial from Conspicuous.

I share the faith -- and yours -- in the
future of America and the American
people.

Sincerely,

W. J. Taylor
★
Mrs. Evelyn Cowell
Conspicuous
66 Austin Street
Boston, Massachusetts

CC: Warren Roberts, Peter Benchley, Lloyd Hackler, Mary H. Hays, CT
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THE NEWSWEEKLY FOR THE COMPUTER COMMUNITY

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June 12, 1968

Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In these troubled times I am sure you will be pleased to know that there are those who believe in the United States - that there are millions of Americans who still believe that ours is the finest form of government in the world - that these same citizens still believe in Love of God, Love of Country, Honor.

We are aware of the certain segment of society who preach that there are no such things as patriotism, religion, morality. If any society is sick, it is this segment.

We are aware of the problems that exist in our government, but we are also aware that problems can be solved.

For this reason I am enclosing a copy of the June 9th issue of COMPUTERWORLD which contains an editorial on page four written by Alan Taylor, Editor of COMPUTERWORLD.

Respectfully yours,

COMPUTERWORLD

Evelyn Cowell
(Mrs.) Evelyn Cowell

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JUNE 13, 1968

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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We are aware of the problem that exists in our government, but we
are also aware that problems can be solved.

For this reason I am enclosing a copy of the June 1st issue of
"CONSTITUTIONALISM" which contains an editorial on page four written by
Alan Taylor, Editor of "CONSTITUTIONALISM".

Respectfully yours,

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THE NEWSWEEKLY FOR THE COMPUTER COMMUNITY

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For

Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Editorials

America Is Not Sick

Last November, while going to the Fall Joint Computer Conference, I flew into Los Angeles with the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. It was before he had his hair cut, and his liveliness shone through a sometimes apparently sullen disposition which ineffectively concealed a brain that was furiously thinking.

As we parted at the Los Angeles Airport, I for the sights and excitements at Anaheim, he for one of the many speaking engagements of his career, it was with no knowledge of the tragic future events to occur in Los Angeles. And yet, an airport was the most suitable place for that last parting.

For he was then surrounded by the fruits of the technologies of the 1930s. The airplanes, and the television cameras which I believe contributed to his death.

Since his death, there have been a lot of people saying that the American Society is sick. I do not believe one word of it. As an immigrant to these shores, I believe that the American dream and the American action is as vital now and alive now as it has ever been. I believe that civilization and a will to fight for the right lives now in this country as strongly, or more strongly, as it does anywhere on this globe.

But, I concede that there are problems. When Sen. Kennedy boarded that airplane last November, he was no stranger to me or to my family. We were strangers to him, but television had so affected our minds that to us he was a live person — someone we might see every day — a type of next door neighbor — and the fact of our meeting thousands of miles away from home was not surprising in the era of mobility brought about by the airplane. Similarly, Sen. Kennedy, like George Lincoln Rockwell, like Martin Luther King, like Malcolm X, and like President Kennedy, was "personally" known to the assassin and brought into their lethal sphere of influence by the speed of the airplane.

No, it is not the American Society that is sick — but society in general which is beginning to pay the price of the 1930 technological creations.

We in the computer field have a special interest in this area, because we have in our hands a much more dangerous — to society — weapon than had our predecessors of 30 years ago. Computers, misused or uncontrolled, can kill society — American, German, Indian, or any other human society that we now know — as surely as an assassin's bullet. And computers are our concern.

We will not be able to wait for the danger to become apparent to take preventive action. The events of 1968 had their seeds years before.

We are not yet too late. We can now look ahead to the 1980s and can prepare ourselves and society for those challenges. They are major ones — because parts of the American dream may have to be modified, as part of the price for computers. Let us therefore do so.

If, in 20 years time, we are to be able to look back and to say that we have not failed our responsibilities, then we must act now individually and in a way that no technological group, to my knowledge, has ever done.

Yet the self-sacrifice of Sen. Kennedy will go to no avail if we do not. American Society will be called the guilty one, and we shall go scot-free. Let this not happen.

Let our associations stand up and be counted — or be thrown aside. Let the real dangers be seen — and let us avoid having to demand sacrificial victims. Let our community act today — and tomorrow — and throughout the coming years to safeguard American Society from the dangers which only we can effectively control.

Then we will deserve the blessings of the healthy American society — and the service of good men of all types. — A.T.

Viewpoint

Dansiger Cites Ways to Ward Off Computer Embezzlement Problems

The Wall Street Journal story on "embezzlement by computer" (CW April 17) has stirred considerable controversy. One of the persons quoted in the story was Sheldon Dansiger, president of EDP Associates Inc., New York. In the following statement, he presents his views on the issue.

The article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal on embezzlement by computer has caused much comment in data processing circles, including your own publication. The article in question began, "I could steal a company blind in three months and leave its books looking balanced" boasts Sheldon Dansiger, a burly, 33-year-old data processing specialist. Well, I am Sheldon Dansiger. I am 33 years old. I admit to being a data processing specialist and, if pressed, I will even admit to being burly. However, I feel that after those admissions, the rest of the situation must be more clearly defined. The Wall Street Journal reporter called to interview me because of my article on embezzling published by a technical news monthly. We had six lengthy interviews during which I outlined my views, which were already a matter of record due to the magazine article. I spoke mostly in the future tense, stating that because of the current wave of paper hitting financial institutions, the elements of pressure and confusion existed that could lead to serious cases of defalcation. I did not at any time indicate that the time was the present. (EDP Associates Inc. has come across cases from time to time at clients, but this information is of course treated as privileged.)

Furthermore, the "boast" was taken out of its context, as it had myriad stipulations and reservations; even then it was stated in the middle of a series of six interviews and was probably plucked out for its headline value.

Cases of this nature, however, have begun to crop up. The Minneapolis Tribune of October 18, 1966



Sheldon Dansiger

carried the headline story of a programmer who manipulated his checking account at the National City Bank of Minneapolis. In commenting on this story, Donn Parker, chairman of the Professional Standards and Practices Committee of the Association for Computing Machinery, writing in the Communications of the ACM said, "It is certain that more incidents of this type and of a more serious nature will occur with the proliferation of computer usage in increasingly important roles in society."

Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to say, in consolidated form, what I have said in my magazine article and to the Wall Street Journal reporter.

1. Embezzlers exist.
2. Circumstances are such that they will probably begin to flourish in a computerized environment.

(Continued on Page 5)

Research Report

Is Cobol Dying?

In view of the current controversy over whether Cobol is dying, Computerworld decided to research the question: How is PL/I being used in comparison with Cobol?

We selected a system (the IBM 360/50) which allowed for either approach, and set a sample size (150) which would be adequate for the degree of accuracy which we wanted — about 5%.

We then contacted each installation last month and asked the following two questions:

Could you estimate the percentage breakdown of

programming language used in terms of machine time?

Do you expect this breakdown to change significantly in the near future? If so, how?

The results we received are tabulated in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Table 1 shows that most installations have one prime, dominant language and are not really, insofar as machine use is concerned, using much of any other language. It also shows that Cobol is the most favored language, not Fortran or PL/I.

We felt that these results imply strongly that the business/scientific division between installations is still as valid as it ever has been, and that the provision of "general purpose" systems, although valuable, has not reduced the value of systems which specialize either in business or scientific operations.

In combination, Tables 1 and 2 show the still small number of installations where PL/I had over 30% of the machine time. Less than 10% of the installations surveyed reported using PL/I to this extent, which made it the least used language by far.

Table 2 is provided primarily because of the unexpectedly low showing of PL/I. It shows those cases where the second language in the installation was being used at least 30% of the time.

In the future use of languages (Table 3), the favorite was still clearly Cobol, which was already the dominant language in half of the cases, and which was forecast to continue its position, with 21% of the respondents seeing an increasing use of it in the future; which was more than there were people who saw PL/I use increasing in the future (about 15%).

TABLE 1

Dominant Language Used in Installation by Machine Time Involved

	Strongly Dominant	Dominant
Cobol	32%	18%
Emulation	16%	9%
Fortran	5%	3%
PL/I	1%	4%

Note: Strongly Dominant means that more than 70% of the time involved uses this language.

TABLE 2

Second Language Used in Installations More Than 30% of the Time

No such second major language	75%
Cobol	11%
Emulation	7%
Fortran	4%
PL/I	3%

TABLE 3

Changes Expected in Future

No Change	40%
Emulation Decrease	23%
Cobol Increase	21%
PL/I Increase	15%
Fortran Increase	4%

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June 20, 1968

EXECUTIVE

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Dear Mrs. Locken:

Thank you for your letter, and for sending along the tear sheet from Bemistery.

I am glad that my statement was reprinted in your magazine, for I believe in its principles most deeply. I believe that we must carry out the promise of progress, but always under the rule of law.

There is no progress in disorder, no victory in violence. The future of America lies, instead, in the spread of reason and tolerance and brotherhood.

Sincerely,

pm

**X*
Mrs. Lisa Locken
Editor
+ Bemistery
+ Bemis Company, Inc.
800 Northstar Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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CC: Juanita Roberts, Peter Benchley, Loyd Hackler, Mary Hooper, CE. *Dart*

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June 12, 1968

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

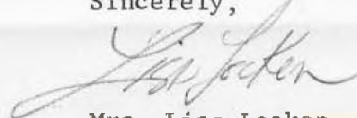
The speech you made on the evening of May fifth was exceptional from every standpoint.

Your words will be quoted, remembered and hopefully will be followed. Toward this end, we reprinted what seemed to us the most important part of that speech in BEMISTORY, the Bemis Company employee magazine which is read by company personnel throughout the country.

Enclosed is a tear sheet of the speech reprint, which is backed on the previous page by editorial comment about the assassination.

Again, our sincere applause for the right words at a very difficult time.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Lisa Locken
Editor

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Jackson
Editor

LJ/m

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The most necessary task of civilization is teaching man to think.

— EMERSON

Kennedy Death Shocks Nation

JUNE 5, 1968 — This page was to have been filled with a variety of information regarding the final tabulation of the presidential poll which was conducted by BEMISTORY.

But the serious assassination attempt early today on one of the presidential candidates, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, gives rise to some other, more sobering thoughts about our democratic system of government.

The attempt on the life of Kennedy provokes thoughts about the very freedoms which make it possible for citizens to conduct such polls of opinion, and about the freedom of people to select the candidates who they would like to have represent them in government.

Violence is a threat to these freedoms.

The vital breath of democracy is individual liberty, but democracy must have organization and controls.

Without these controls or laws protecting not just political candidates, but all citizens, there is anarchy.

The many non-thinking acts of violence occurring around the world today might indicate that we are not far from a state of anarchy.

The events today — and those in the past which re-

sulted in the deaths of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others — dramatically illustrate that individual liberty can be jeopardized by the stupid behavior of just one man.

A logical alternative to violence is thinking.

The people of the United States, as well as the people in every country, perhaps should take a better look at themselves — as to what they are for and what they are against.

Perhaps they then will realize that there are solutions to be found through reasoning.

Precisely how the shooting of June 5 will affect the 1968 presidential election is uncertain.

But one certainty is that total disregard for individual liberty is not a solution to anything.

JUNE 6, 1968 — Senator Robert F. Kennedy died.

— Lisa Locken

A brief listing of the final results of the BEMISTORY presidential poll appears on page 14.

Never Justification for Violence

Following are excerpts from the speech made by President Lyndon Johnson on the evening of June 5. His statements were made just hours before Senator Robert F. Kennedy died.

Tonight our nation faces, once again, the consequences of lawlessness, hatred, and unreason in its midst.

It would be wrong — it would be self-deceptive — to ignore the connection between lawlessness, hatred and this act of violence.

It would be wrong — just as self-deceptive — to conclude from this act that our country is sick — that it has lost its balance, its sense of direction, even its common decency.

Two hundred million Americans did not strike down Robert Kennedy last night — any more than they struck down John F. Kennedy in 1963, or Martin Luther King in April of this year.

But those awful events gave us ample warnings:

— That in a climate of extremism, or disrespect for law, of contempt for the rights of others, violence may bring down the very best among us.

And a nation that tolerates violence in any form cannot expect to be able to confine its minor outbursts.

My fellow citizens: We cannot, we must not tolerate the sway of violent men among us.

We must not permit men filled with hatred, and careless of innocent lives, to dominate our streets and fill our homes with fear.

We cannot sanction the appeal to violence no matter what its cause, no matter what the grievance from which it springs.

There is never — never — any justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

— That inspires such fear in peaceful citizens that they arm themselves with deadly weapons.

— That sets citizen against citizen, or group against group.

A great nation can guarantee freedom for its people, and the hope of progressive change, only under the rule of law.

Let us — for God's sake — resolve to live under the law.

Let us put an end to violence — and to the preaching of violence.

Let the Congress pass laws to bring the insane traffic in guns to a halt. That will not in itself end the violence. But reason and experience tell us it will slow it down — that it will spare many innocent lives.

Let us purge the hostility from our hearts — and practice moderation with our tongues. Let us begin — in the aftermath of this tragedy — to find a way to reverence, life, to protect it, to extend its promise to all our people.

This is a sober time in our democracy. But we are a strong, resilient people, who can learn from our misfortunes, who can heal our wounds, who can find progress in public order.

We can. We must. Let us begin tonight.

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FG 11-8-1/Caligano, Joe

June 19, 1968

Dear Ethel: Kennedy

I appreciate your letter more than I can say.

I am glad that you feel I was able to help when you needed it. Practical assistance of the kind I could give is necessary, but it is never enough to assuage the loss. Only time and faith can do that, and the support of people who love you.

Thank God you have so many who love you nearby, that you have been blessed with so many fine children, and with a strong affirmative spirit in yourself.

If there is ever anything I can do to help you or yours in the future, Ethel, I hope you will let me know. So long as I have the power to help, please know that I have the desire to do so.

In the deepest sympathy,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy
1147 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Virginia

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Dear Dr. Polan:

Mrs. Stegall has forwarded your June 14 letter to the President to me. I will make this available to him at the next opportunity.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jim
James R. Jones
Special Assistant
to the President

Dr. L. M. ^xPolan
^xPolan Industries, Incorporated
Box 1720
Huntington, West Virginia 25718

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June 17, 1968

FOR Joe Califano

FROM Matt Nimetz *mm*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1968

Joe Callahan

FOR

Mark Winston

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TO JOE CALIFANO *MN*
FROM JIM JONES

"Tell Joe Califano's office to check this
out very carefully. I don't think I said
this."

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Juanita

Would you please see that
the President gets this.

Thanks.

jv

JACK VALENTI

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

June 6, 1968

From: Jack Valenti

Your speech last night was forcefully, masterfully delivered and it gained you widespread support among the early comments I heard from individuals and on TV.

But I was troubled -- perhaps others were also -- by a theme that recurred in the body of the speech, the notion that our society is disfigured, that we are sick and violent and that this assassination somehow was a mirror of that affliction.

I kept hearing this same theme on the television screen -- yesterday and today. Indeed, Senator McCarthy voiced it and declared it stemmed from our violence in Vietnam. Others are carrying it forward.

This is wrong, I believe. By no stretch of even the wildest imagination can anyone -- on the evidence thus far available -- assume that a Jordanian Arab killed Senator Kennedy because of a sick America. This is nonsense.

The reason I am troubled is because this kind of thinking, should it become enduringly prevalent among the vocal intellectuals as well as high ranking public officials, could be a malignancy.

What I was going to suggest was that some high-caliber senators not up for re-election, as well as outstanding educators and scholars be urged to speak up in behalf of the idea that the murders of President Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Senator Kennedy cannot be ascribed to "a sick society" -- anymore than a gunman who kills a storekeeper he was trying to rob can be declared the fruit of a tormented society. We have always had violence in this land -- we have more because we are more mobile and it's easier to be violent now than it was a century ago. Presidents were shot at, some were killed long before this generation. The reason why there is not more such violence in much of the world is because there is no freer society than ours. We could stop 90% of the violence overnight by withdrawing from the people the vast array of legal protection they now have.

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Moreover, the fact that some call this a sick America inferentially aims the blame at the President which obscures the solid fact that never in our history has so much been done to advance the hopes and the lives of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

At any rate, I want to pass this along to you because I believe my view is a view to be held by a growing number of Americans.

CJ
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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 15, 1968

Dear Harry:

I was very interested in your column and the
X Observer article.

I certainly agree with you; Bob Kennedy would
have wanted us to act positively with courage
towards healing the divisions in America.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Mr. Harry Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite/N.C.
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Charlotte, North Carolina 28201

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'He Had A Magic' — Harry Golden Remembers Bobby

By J.A.C. DUNN
Observer Staff Writer

Thursday morning Harry Golden came home from New York. He had sat up all night in the Algonquin Hotel waiting for news of Sen. Robert Kennedy. He was prepared for the worst because he had been at the Kennedy campaign headquarters in New York when columnist Jimmy Breslin telephoned from Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon to say that Kennedy wasn't expected to live.

Harry Golden had just gone to New York after spending 10 days in California making 20 speeches on Kennedy's behalf to Negro and Jewish groups.

Early Thursday morning, the news came: Kennedy had died.

"I felt very lonely when I heard," said Harry Golden. "I loved him like a brother."

Right away, he started writing: "When President John F. Kennedy was murdered, I remember being consumed with rage. But we are living . . . in a decade of assassination, and rage has long since passed into aching loneliness and despair . . . We despair because assassination has become a nervous impulse in American life . . ."

When he got home about 11 a.m. Thursday, Harry Golden sat down at his card table desk in his house on Elizabeth Avenue and shuffled through his mail. Margaret, the cook, brought him a bouthon and water. He chewed his cigar and thought and now and then, between answering telephone calls, he talked.

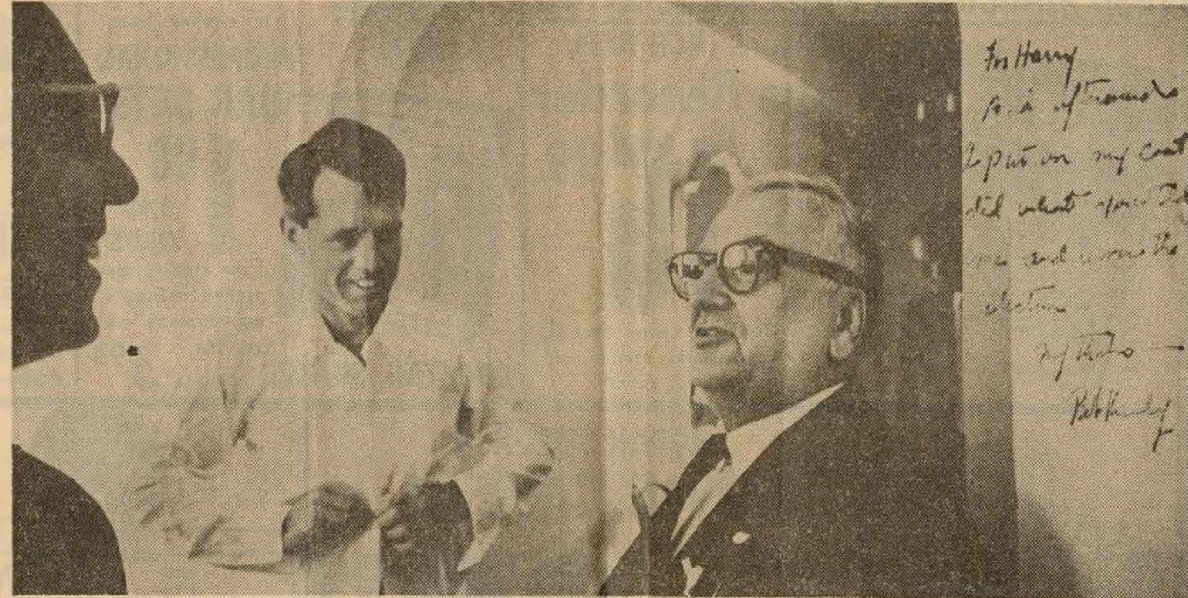
"We're taking the place of the South American banana republics — politics by assassination . . . We must be all going mad. . ."

"This man Sirhan Sirhan wasn't even a patriot. He was a frustrated pro-Arab. A patriot would have shot an Israeli minister. What good does it do to shoot Kennedy? McCarthy and Humphrey said the same things about Israel that Kennedy did. It's a policy of the U.S. government.

"I remember back during the Keating campaign in New York, we came out of the television studio and Bobby said he wanted to get something to eat. So I said fine, where would you like to go? And he leans down and whispers, 'I'd like to go to Lindy's' — just like any tourist, you know?

"So we went there, and on the way I got this hotel clerk I know. I said Ralph, how about coming over to Lindy's and doing your act for 10 bucks.

"So we're sitting in Lindy's, and Ralph comes in,



THIS PICTURE of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Harry Golden was taken during Kennedy's senatorial campaign against Kenneth J. Keating in New York. Kennedy sent it to Golden with the inscription, "and

nonchalantly looks around and notices me, and comes over and starts talking like Damon Runyon. I said to Bobby, that's Nicely-Nicely's brother. Oh, he loved it . . ."

Harry Golden munched his cigar and sipped his bourbon. The room was very quiet. He had an odd little smile on his face.

"Bobby was very shy, though you wouldn't expect that. He was nervous before a speech, shy about meeting people. He'd kind

afterwards I put on my coat, did what you told me, and won the election." Golden had told Kennedy not to mention Jews and Israel a lot in his speeches, "because Keating was doing that and the Jews were bored with it."

of back off a little and drop his eyes. He could tell a friend from an adversary by the handshake. Just hypersensitive . . .

"He had a strong Puritan strain in him, which is hard for a Boston Irishman to get. No smoking, no drinking. You couldn't tell him a dirty joke. And he had a Calvinistic view of black and white: There was right and there was wrong. No grays. That was maybe his one fault. He wasn't a compromiser.

"He was hated down here because he smashed racial segregation.

"Sen. Eastland (of Mississippi) once said to him, 'It's going to be the law of the case, not the law of the land. You're going to have to sue us for every Negro.' That was when Bobby was attorney general. Bobby said to his staff, 'Get the road maps and go.'

"He once said to Gov. Ross Barnett (of Mississippi), they were talking about segregation on the telephone, Bobby said, 'Isn't that wrong, governor? Isn't segregation wrong?'—to Ross Barnett! Barnett said, 'It's a way of life,' and Bobby said, 'But isn't that wrong?' "

Harry Golden still had that smile on his face. He neither looked nor sounded like a mourning man, but you knew he must be.

"He had a magic about him, a magnetism. Why else would people go and work for him, leave their jobs, like Goodwin and Gutman, why would they do that? And why would that man kill him and not Gen. Dayan, or McCarthy, or Humphrey? He was drawn to Bobby. The magnetism works in two ways. That makes it classical tragedy. . . ."

Beneath the smile, Harry Golden was very sad. He tried not to show it, he talked about politics, said he would offer his services to Vice President Humphrey's campaign, and tried to remember more bright little anecdotes about Bobby.

But when a woman telephoned and said through her tears that she had loved Bobby Kennedy and that she and her children had mentioned him in their prayers for years and she just had to talk to Harry Golden about it, then his sorrow showed, in his voice.

"I was in his house often. The first time I went there I rang the bell, and one of the children answered the door and I said, 'I'm Mr. Golden, and she ran through the house shouting, 'Daddy, daddy, Goldwater's here!'

"I escorted his wife Ethel a few times during the Keating campaign. She used to say to me, 'He's so thin, look at him, isn't he too thin?' She worried about him a lot."

Harry Golden sipped his bourbon and stared at nothing.

"She's through worrying about him now." Behind his thick glasses, Harry Golden blinked several times.

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Column for
Only in America

ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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Harry Golden

Twelve days ago I spent the evening with Senator Robert Kennedy in Cantor's, a Jewish restaurant in Los Angeles. I had come to California for a week to speak to Jewish and Negro groups, and to editors, on behalf of the Senator's candidacy in the coming primary.

I learned of his assassination in the early morning while I was preparing to leave Charlotte for New York. A terrible loneliness washed over me. That loneliness did not affect only those who knew Robert Kennedy; it must have afflicted millions of sensitive Americans.

When President John F. Kennedy was murdered, I remember being consumed with rage. But we are living, as Rev. Ralph Abernethy says, in a decade of assassination, and rage has long since passed into aching loneliness and despair.

We despair because assassination has become a nervous impulse in American life. The disaffected walk our streets, crouch in hotel kitchens, levelling high-powered rifles through windows. The day before Senator Kennedy's assailant shot him, a young girl gravely wounded the artist Andy Warhol, for no conceivable reason save that Andy Warhol

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was successful and she was not.

Why we harbor the murderously disaffected is best explained by the psychiatrists and sociologists. But I know this: the disaffected are usually poor and impotent and they attract the rich and the strong. The disaffected who so change our lives may be deranged and deluded, but almost always they are propelled by some political motivation.

Sirhan Sirhan, brooding over the Arab defeat, did not kill an Israeli general or an Israeli minister which is the way that patriots react. Sirhan Sirhan killed one of Israel's advocates which did nothing for his purpose but brought tumult and destruction to ours.

I do not subscribe to the notion that we are all villains. When John Kennedy was assassinated we said Dallas murdered him: when Robert Kennedy was assassinated we say we, violent America, killed him. Yet all of us do not conspire to provoke the disaffected turned homicidal. There is no doubt a disaffection at the core of the American experience. Perhaps remedial legislation will control this. The Federal arms control law might spare other national figures, but the House of Representatives, even as I write, has passed such a bill which one of its eminent members has already called a hoax. I suspect since we must blame someone or something for Kennedy's murder, most of our legislators will come around to blaming

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the Supreme Court for having asserted individual rights. Once the courts get tough they will argue no more disaffection.

The loneliness descends in the realization that the hero's death does not bring his goals to life. Imperceptibly these goals are changed. Martin Luther King's sacrifice did not bring about his dream of brotherhood; indeed, the riots inspired by his murder divided us even more.

Robert Kennedy's death will probably not bring us moral coalescence as a people. His passing will probably bring us expediency but not the morality he urged. Of course I hope but I do not expect.

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FROM LARRY LEVINSON
TO JOE CALIFANO
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JUNE 14, 1968

HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ON GUN CONTROL FOR YOUR BRIEFING.

FIRST: PRESIDENTIAL MAIL

SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 5,000 LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS ON THE SUBJECT OF GUN CONTROL. THE MAIL RAN MORE THAN 9 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF STRONG GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION. 4600 OF THE 5000 ITEMS "PRO" STRONG GUN CONTROL. 400 "CON".)

ADDITION: FURTHERMORE, SEARS WILL NOT SELL FIRE-ARMS OR AMMUNITION TO ANY PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. THESE COMPANY RULES RESTRICTING THE SALE OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION PREVAIL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH SUCH SALES WOULD ACCORD WITH STATE LAWS.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A CLIPPING FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR MAY 15, 1968, IN WHICH SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY EXPLAINS, AND EXPRESSES APPROVAL, OF THE FIREARMS POLICIES OF SEARS.

PLEASE CALL ON ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

SINCERELY,

JOHN L. WHEELER
VICE-PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

JOE: IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE TEDDY KENNEDY THE PLAY, YOU MIGHT PARAPHRASE THE LETTER. NOTE THIS IS NOT A NEW POLICY SINCE THE LETTER SAYS "SEVERAL WEEKS AGO" BUT IT IS A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND DESERVES MORE PUBLICITY.

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IL 3/Kennedy, Robert

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Carleton:

I deeply appreciated your letter and the real concern expressed by you, Mr. Smith and the other many members of the United Church Board for World Ministries and the^xUnited Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

It is good to hear from Americans who care deeply about the important problems that face us today.

As I am sure you know, many of the recommendations of the Commission on Civil Disorders have been implemented. Others are before the Congress right now, and we appreciate your support and the support of all Americans who urge their legislators to act now on those important problems.

I agree with you whole-heartedly that the deepest roots of violence can be eliminated only when our society provides full opportunities for all of our citizens.

I welcome your support towards furthering those goals. Thank you for your letter. With warmest regards,

Sincerely

Mr. Alford Carleton
Executive Vice President
The^xUnited Church Board for
World Ministries
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

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Dear Mr. Rosen:

I have read of your decision, following the tragic assassination of Senator Kennedy, to withdraw from the gun business and donate your stock to the city police.

I am proud and grateful to commend your action on behalf of millions of concerned Americans. It is my great hope that your example may serve the ultimate purpose of securing effective gun control legislation, and assuring that all our people may live in the harmony and safety of respect for the law.

Sincerely,



Mr. Marty J. Rosen^x
President

x J-Mart Family Discount Centers
Columbus, Ohio

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Kennedy, Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Asa:

I welcome your letter and fully support your concerns that this nation live by the ballot, not the bullet. I will be devoting all my days to assuring that. Your own leadership will continue to assist my own, and for that I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,



Mr. Asa T. Spaulding
Post Office Box 3804
Durham, North Carolina 27702

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P.O. Box 3804

Durham, N.C. 27702

June 6, 1968

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I commend you wholeheartedly upon your statement regarding the slaying of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and your efforts to find a remedy for what ails our country.

The assassination of Senator Kennedy is another indication of the cancer of bitterness, hatred, and lawlessness gnawing at the vitals of our nation. How we can best respond to and treat this malady is one of my great concerns.

I shudder to think of the possibility of the future course of our government being charted more by the bullet than by the ballot. We must find a better ^{way} to settle our differences before they destroy our democratic way of life.

Very sincerely

Abraham Lincoln

P.O. Box 3804

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Mr. President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:
I am very happy to hear from you and
thank you for the copy of the letter
and your efforts to find a way for our
country.

The committee of the House of Representatives
is interested in the work of the
Department of the Interior, which
has been growing at the rate of one
million acres per year and that the
Department of the Interior.

I would like to see the results of the
future work of our government being
one of the best of the world. We
have a lot of work to do and we
need our government to do it.

Very sincerely,
Lyndon B. Johnson



*Was nominated. Lacked 68 votes of leading a
list of 15 candidates for the 5 seats. The first
time in the history of the County for a Negro to be
nominated for this office.*

Facts ABOUT ...

**ASA T.
SPAULDING**

Candidate for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

MAY 4, 1968

Facts About--

ASA T. SPAULDING

Candidate for

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

BORN on a farm in Columbus County, North Carolina.

EDUCATED in Farmers Union Elementary School, Columbus County; National Training School (high school) now North Carolina College at Durham; Howard University; New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance with a B.S. in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude; University of Michigan with M.A. in Mathematics and Actuarial Science.

HONORARY DEGREES:

LL.D., Shaw University, 1958

LL.D., North Carolina College at Durham, 1960

Doctor of Business Administration, Morgan State College, 1961

LL.D., University of North Carolina, 1967

POSITIONS OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY:

Vice President, Actuary and Controller of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company until January 1, 1959; and President from January 1, 1959 to January 1, 1968.

Director:

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

Mechanics & Farmers Bank

Mutual Savings & Loan Association

W. T. Grant Company, New York

American Management Association, New York

James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

John Avery Boys Club

Boys' Clubs of America

Consultant To:

1. The Ford Foundation
2. The Chairman of the Board, the President, and certain other officers of General Electric Company

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

The President of the United States in 1946:

"On behalf of a grateful nation for his unselfish devotion to the task of helping stabilize our economy...he made a meritorious contribution to the welfare of this nation. His diligent and effective work is an example of high patriotism".

President Johnson, in a telegram, December 29, 1967:

"Few men can boast of the outstanding record of public service and business integrity that have marked your long and fruitful career".

Governor Dan K. Moore:

"Asa T. Spaulding is hereby recognized and commended for his interest in, and contribution to, the Total Development of North Carolina".

The Durham Morning Herald in an Editorial, March 15, 1968:

"No resident of Durham has a more notable record of civic service at both local and national levels".

The Durham Chamber of Commerce in its 1967 Civic Honor Award:

"For his innumerable contributions to business and industry, to the church, to the betterment of his own race and of all his fellowmen, to our Nation, State, and to his community.

"As a Negro, he has been a relentless champion of his race, while instructing us all, by his own example, that the true brotherhood of man can indeed be a reality.

"As a citizen of Durham, and as an 'Ambassador of Goodwill' throughout the world, he has always held uppermost the best interests of our entire community, and in so doing has made this a better place for all."

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White Rock Baptist Church and teacher of
Bible class

Member:

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School
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of Achievement
North Carolina "Tarheel Club"
Governor's Advisory Council, North Carolina
Technical Services Program
National Advisory Committee for Minority Af-
fairs, United States Information Agency
Business Leadership Advisory Council, Office
of Economic Opportunity
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mission
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City Board of Adjustment

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Newark, New Jersey
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Los Angeles, California

Represented United States Government on:

1. Trade missions to five Central American
and three African countries
2. Delegations to:
 - a. Inauguration of President William
V. S. Tubman of Liberia, January,
1956
 - b. UNESCO General Conference in
New Delhi, India, November and
December, 1956

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WHAT ASA T. SPAULDING SAYS:

I have been a resident of Durham County for more than forty years, and am proud of it in several respects; but I want to see it developed to its highest potentials. I do not believe this can be accomplished without **more unity** in the **community** and proper recognition of the inter-dependency of County and City residents.

In unity there is strength; and in our standing and pulling together will be found the greatest possibility of accelerating the growth, and of developing the unique potentials, of the entire area. The product of **divisiveness** is failure, and too many failures may well lead to stagnation if not to crises.

I want to see an **enlargement** of the reservoir of goodwill resident in this community, and a **reduction** of the areas of ill will.

With a spirit of cooperation and good feeling prevailing throughout our county, there will be an atmosphere and environment which will be most inviting to new businesses and industries to locate here and thereby improve our employment opportunities and markets for our products. Nothing positive thrives in a hostile climate; on the other hand, reduction of tensions will mean greater happiness for all.

Because I owe so much to so many in Durham and Durham County, I am offering to serve the community as a County Commissioner. If given this opportunity, the **best interest of the total community** will be my principal concern at all times. I shall keep an open mind on all issues; and shall form my opinions and make my decisions on all matters with which I shall be concerned only after all the facts available to me on all sides of any question shall have been carefully considered.

If the foregoing are the things you want for this community, your vote for Asa T. Spaulding will help bring them closer to realization. Vote for A-T-S — Able - Trustworthy - Sound.

Committee for Spaulding for County Commissioner

EXECUTIVE

Mr. President,

I thought you might be interested in the remark Mr. Charlie Murphy (in just casual conversation with me) made about the attached George Reedy speech ----- Mr. M said he thought it would make good "required reading!"

mjdr

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Mercy Hospital Association

Normally, I prefer to discuss the subject of Presidents and the Press -- a topic which is to me of both professional and intellectual interest. But tonight I fear it would be a thesis as remote from the minds of myself and my listeners as an abstract proposition in linear algebra. Our thoughts are elsewhere -- with a suffering family that has felt more than a share of tragedy and beyond that with a disquiet as to our country and the shape of our society.

As is obvious, I did not have the time to complete a polished address for this occasion tonight. I am speaking to you from notes lastly scribbled on foolscap in an airplane between Washington and Pittsburgh. But had there been time, I do not believe that elegant language would be a possibility on this occasion. We are too close to the tragedy to see with absolute clarity and to speak with utter lucidity. My own thoughts are necessarily inchoate and disjointed. I wish to share them with you because I believe it may be helpful to all of us to share our thoughts in these trying times.

The news came to us in the White House in the very early morning hours -- the usual time for receiving unhappy information. (I have never understood the affinity between tragedy and the post-midnight hours in Washington, D. C. But somehow, I associate events of sorrow and distress with a telephone ringing between 3 and 4 AM.) The President is not the Almighty and therefore there is no assistant to record the fall of a sparrow. But there is a situation room which is remarkably efficient at gathering information from every corner of the globe and equally efficient at sorting it out and determining which of it must be transmitted to the man in the White House, even when he is in the deepest and most restful slumber.

Naturally, the assassination of Senator Kennedy was in the category of news which had to be transmitted at once. The position of the Presidency is far more than management of our nation's affairs. He is also the Chief of State -- a man charged with the responsibility of voicing the hopes, the fears, the sorrows, the joys and the distress of the nation. What affects

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MR. PRESIDENT

This is a brief report on booklets in progress:

1. March 31 Address

In production now; printing of 75,000 copies; special mailing list completed; first color proofs next week; ready for mailing seven working days thereafter.

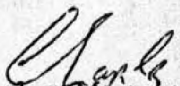
2. Statements on Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

Layout in process now; ready for you by end of week; GPO to handle printing as official White House publication; final printing of 20-30,000 copies.

I am giving this the highest priority in terms of speed and quality. The photographs are presenting some problem as the booklet calls for great understatement and good taste. I have enlisted the support of Bernie Quint of LIFE magazine. He has a selection of photographs in the mail to me, arriving today.

3. Speech to the White House Fellows

Arthur Krim is to call me back this afternoon on this booklet. We have a rough layout ready to go as soon as details of sponsorship and payment are worked out. I will be pushing this one through also.


Charles Maguire

EXECUTIVE

PP1/Kennedy, Robert F.
HO/Natl. Day of
Mourning
JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 12, 1968

Your Eminence:

Robert F.
Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Kennedy. I am sure the Senator's family appreciates, as I do, your holding special services to observe the day of mourning.

I join you most humbly in your prayer that the Lord will "inspire all of us to greater spiritual stability and deeper understanding and respect for human dignity and life."

Sincerely,

RB

The Most Reverend James^X Iakovos
X Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church
of North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

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June 12, 1968

Dear Arthur:

Robert F. *

I was grateful for your message supporting my proclamation of a day of mourning for Senator Kennedy, and the establishment of a Commission to study the causes and prevention of violence.

The sum of all the goals we seek in this country is an improvement of the quality of life for all Americans. Our encouragement at the progress that has been made must never be permitted to obscure awareness of the work that still must be done. In the Fiscal 1969 budget which I submitted to the Congress are \$78 billion worth of social programs, which I outlined in more than 20 special messages. They cover the full range of the needs of our people. Steering these measures through to enactment is an urgent task of the highest priority, which must engage us all.

The report of the Commission on Civil Disorders is receiving the deepest study throughout the Government.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. Arthur S. Flemming
President, National Council of Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A.
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

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June 12, 1968

Dear Dr. Davis:

Thank you for your thoughtful note during the tragic events of last week.

I am greatly comforted by the knowledge that I am in your prayers. I am sure that God will not be deaf to the prayers of the tens of millions of Americans who ask for His guidance as we seek the path that will lead us away from violence and toward harmony at home and peace in the world.

Sincerely,

LB

The Reverend George R. Davis
Minister
The National City
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Washington, D. C. 20005

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LAWRENCE P. SCHREIBER, S.M.M.
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June 5, 1968

H

The President of the United States
The Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. President-

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June 11, 1968

X
Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.
Judge
United States District Court of the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
2110 United States Courthouse
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Leon:

Many thanks for your letter of June 7, 1968,
concerning the President's Commission on the
Causes and Prevention of Violence.

I know that the President is very pleased, as are
we all, that you have accepted an appointment to
the Commission. This is an important mission,
and I look forward to discussing it further with
you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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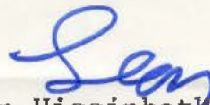
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With best regards to all, I remain

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FCI

June 11, 1968

Dear Victor:

Thank you for your kind wire.

Let us hope that out of this cruel and senseless
tragedy effective gun control will come sooner.
Let us also memorialize the late Senator Kennedy, Robert F.
by purging our hearts of hatred and violence to
make room for the love and understanding which
is truly American.

Sincerely,

WJ

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Mr. Victor Frenkil
Marylander Apartments
Baltimore, Maryland

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June 10, 1968
1:00 p.m.

FOR: FRED PANZER

Fred: These are the additional
statements for the Senator Kennedy, Robert F.
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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 10, 1968

2:15 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: George Christian

Herewith my comments on the memo from Lix:

1. I think it is quite correct that the aftermath of the assassination may be a diminishing of public recognition of your contributions as President, and a hollow victory by the Vice President in the Democratic convention.
2. I agree with her thesis that the public appetite is for drama. But the only drama that could really compete with what we have just seen must be something of high impact (another major change in Vietnam, a trip to Russia by Mrs. Johnson a major overseas trip by the President). I think it would be a mistake to launch a campaign of relatively minor dramatic actions that might appear ludicrous in light of recent events.
3. I think the biggest impact we can have at home is in the area of gun control and law and order. I believe the country is bewildered about what has happened, and probably disenchanted with politics at the moment. Most people want obedience to the law. But on gun control, we should certainly avoid any implication that we are going to confiscate weapons. This would be over-reaction, would be a futile gesture and meet public disapproval. I am aware that some on the staff would favor this extreme a move; I consider it disastrous.
4. The idea of a trip by Mrs. Johnson to Russia is excellent. I don't think much of the thought of having Ambassador Dobrynin at the ranch.
5. I agree that the Poor People should fold their tent and leave. Perhaps Senator Percy's comment on this will be picked up by others.
6. I do not think that domestic travel by the President -- especially a quick trip somewhere -- would have much effect on the present situation. In fact, the better posture would be to remain in Washington for the time being. An overseas trip later this month or next month is a horse of a different color. Yet I would imagine that now the security problems would be far greater than before.

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Joseph B. McGrath

To Mike Manatos

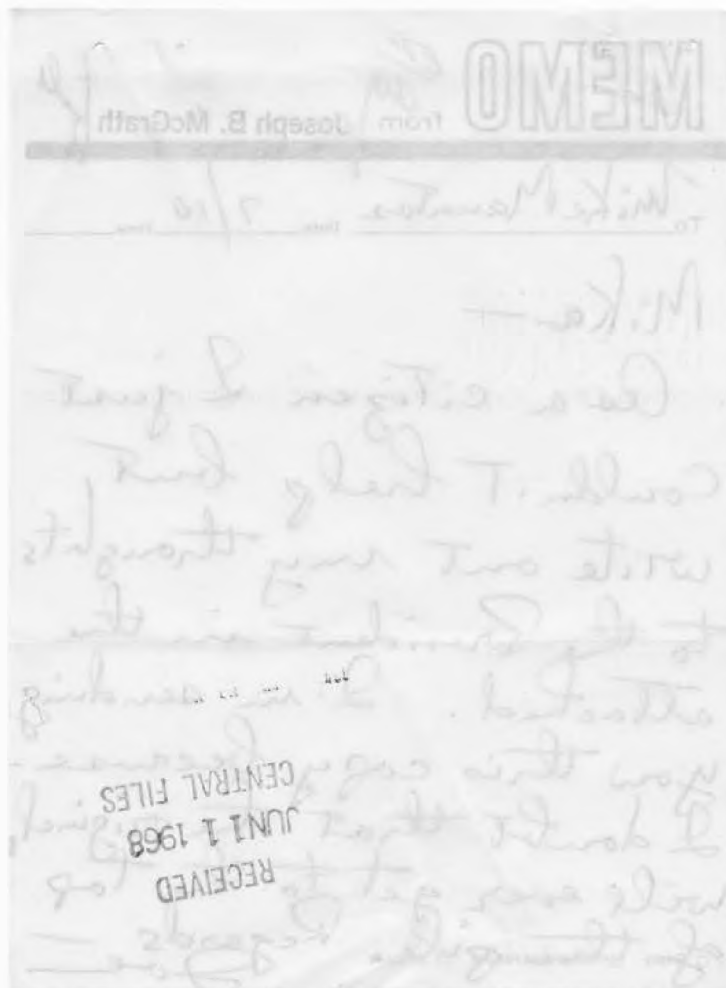
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Mike—

As a citizen I just
couldn't help but
write out my thoughts
to the President in the
attached. I'm sending
you this copy because
I doubt that the original
will ever get to the top
of the pile. Regards
Joe

☐ Reply ☐ Initial and return ☐ Send me



Joseph B. McGrath
5724 Chevy Chase Parkway, NW
Washington, D.C. 20015
June 7, 1968

EXECUTIVE

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I listened carefully and with great interest to your speech on T.V. last night and the night before urging the Congress and the country - the citizenry - to put an end to violence and to control the spreading and indiscriminate use of guns.

I agree with your indignation and your objectives and I applaud your efforts now and before now to get gun control legislation through the Congress.

But I was talking the matter over this noontime at lunch with some fellows who know their way around the Hill somewhat and I have been wondering whether anyone has really, seriously zeroed-in on the subject and on the National Rifle Association and its related interests - and its controlling interests.

I have paid little attention to the problem and the proposed solutions and therefore know nothing about what has been done up till now. But I do know that now is a timely time to marshal the kind of forces and thinking which ought to be able to achieve your objective at least sometime in the near future.

For example, I would guess that most of the responsible publishers and press in the country are on the side of fighting the rising tide of violence. Isn't it possible then to reach the publishers and the leaders in the newspaper world in some informal way so as to invite their help, their collective help, to combat and defeat this insidious plague which besets our country.

Surely, if asked, the publishers and the press leaders could suggest how best they can help. Cumulative reports of the deaths caused by guns, locally or county-wide, if repeated often enough would make people conscious of what they are skipping over day after day on the little-news or obituary pages. And if the lobby for guns is as strong as reported then the continued, persistent, deliberate aid of the public press is almost a necessity to counteract it.

For another example, it seems to me that there ought to be a real honest-to-God effort within and if necessary outside of the Government to figure out what really can be done to attack the use of guns and to do so within the present context of an overwhelming ownership of guns of all types.

Have the experts in ballistics and related sciences in the Defense Department, the Bureau of Standards, and elsewhere in the Government really been challenged to come up with approaches to the gun problem? Can controls be accomplished through changes or limitations upon their ammunition? Through alterations to casings or rifling? Through a system of taxes on ammunition or guns, or both?

These are not idle maunderings, for the truth is I cannot recall any such efforts anywhere at anytime.

There has been a big to-do about controlling interstate sale of guns by mail - and the rifle lobby has beaten it, more than once I'll bet.

But surely they weren't up against any real competition. Few groups (including the Administration) really tried hard to beat them. For example....no one spent the time to make sure the veterans' organizations were all-out to get the bill passed. If anything, I would guess the American Legion, V.F.W. and D.A.V. posts were opposed to it.

Yet of all the groups in the nation, the veterans - the real veterans of wars - are the ones who know what guns are really for and what a bullet really does to a man when it hits him.

And the heads of these veterans groups would surely cooperate in a comprehensive, well-thought out program to reduce violence by guns - if you, Mr. President, explained it to them and asked for their help. If it was done good enough and approached just right, I suspect you could get every local veterans post to back up gun (and ammunition) controls.

Have you ever thought of talking it over with Mr. Teague? You couldn't find a tougher, more respected leader for such an effort.

The gun lobby itself, it seems to me, would have to be attacked with the gloves off and with no illusions whatsoever. The full powers of Government would have to be brought to bear in order to obtain even a measure of cooperation. Yet consider the following:

The Defense Department and other branches of Government must buy extraordinary amounts of weapons and ammunition from any and all sources of supply in the United States. How could such companies hold out against any concerted effort of the Government to get their acquiescence in reasonable domestic gun or ammunition controls?

I would wager, Mr. President, that if you posed such a question to Mr. McNamara he would not be long in coming back with some concise answers and a plan of action.

What you can do, if you want to, really depends on how serious you are and how tough you want to be.

Mr. Griswold, Justice Fortas, or Burke Marshall could probably give you some pretty good ideas as to what can be done with Uniform State Laws, with anti-trust or other anti-monopoly proceedings, and with the tax laws, tariffs, excise taxes, corporate taxes, etc. They are the ones to pull in the American Bar Association, the State bars, the local bars, and the legal profession generally.

As I understand it, gun control laws are being fought by the hunters, the sportsmen, the farmers - the ones who are far removed from city streets and urban violence.

They may have a valid point and one that should be considered and included in any all-out gun-violence control effort.

In this connection there are two points that occur to me; first, the truths of legislative actions in Washington are being deliberately distorted by the gun lobby press; secondly, the hunters are not involved in creating legislation which will help the country, though a bother to them.

I don't know any great hunters, men whose skills and integrity would be respected by the ordinary men of America. But some names suggest themselves: what about Joe Foss - who had the courage to call off the American League football games during the mourning for President Kennedy? I understand he is something of a known sportsman, war-hero and Governor. What about Joe DiMaggio or Ted Williams or John Wayne? Surely they are men respected in all manly circles. Perhaps, too, the publisher of one or more of the field and stream, gun digests or hunting magazines should be included.

The objective is to allay suspicion, still opposition, negate criticism and build a foundation of support from within the forces which have so far successfully fought gun controls.

But more too is needed and from different quarters.

Men like Douglas Dillon, A. Harriman, D. Rockefeller are needed. They and they only can control the public policies of the manufacturing companies which feed the fuels of opposition to gun controls. Direction from on high is what is needed, for lower corporate officials will change their tune and their support through trade associations if their top leaders decide to close the lid on indiscriminate gun usage in America.

It seems to me that only after the ranking members of the Establishment have laid down the policy line through the financing and ownership channels will it be possible for the President to meet with the ammunition and gun makers - to recruit (or drag) them into creating a meaningful set of circumstances which will lessen violence by guns.

There is a great deal more that I think could be done also, if you really set your mind to it .. and I honestly believe the country wants you to do just that. Indeed the nation truly needs just that.

I have written this hurriedly and, quite obviously, by typing it myself on a beat-up old machine, so I apologise for its appearance. Also the thoughts are but half-formed and could be built-upon in depth by others more skilled than I. But, Mr. President, should you see this, I know you could create the kind of task force to accomplish a set of specific objectives in the foreseeable future - with the single goal of lessening gun violence in America and with its own momentum stemming from the men you chose to do the job and the urgency of the task.

I have attached a 10-point outline of my suggestions and herewith respectfully submit this letter for your consideration.

A 10-Point Program To Control Gun Violence

1. Identify Possibilities of Controls: Request reports within 30 days from specialists in Defense, Commerce and elsewhere as to what could be done with ammunition or guns or both to render useless the existing supply of guns in the hands of ordinary citizens. Ask Treasury for a similar report on what could be done by way of taxes to enforce controls or encourage cooperation with them. Get reports from Justice on the most feasible means of gun and ammunition control as they see it, and ask for similar reports from independent research outfits reporting directly to the Office of the President.
2. Determine What Leverage the Government Has: Through Defense, the Bureau of the Budget, and possibly Commerce, find out who manufactures what in the gun-ammunition business and to what extent the Government can influence their other business policies.
3. Harness the Press: The publishers, the press associations, of both advertisers and reporters, must pull the wagon if it is to move against the mud and rocks of the published stuff put out by the gun lobby. (See, for example, the piece in The New Yorker of April 20, 1968, entitled "Annals of Legislation; If You Love Your Guns!") Also the National Advertising Council ought to be able to help.
4. Build Legislative Support: No groups today have gun control at the top of their lobby list, but they should have - and their leaders would put it there if they were asked and stimulated to do so. It should be a mass move - but done through the lobbies that influence Congress in any event: the veterans groups, the civic clubs, the business groups, and some of the trade associations-plus the organized community groups such as the scouts, garden clubs, family and church organizations.
5. Crack Down on the National Rifle Association: If there are Government agencies still renting space in the NRA building, get them out. Have the IRS reexamine the tax status of the NRA and all of its affiliations. Publicize the affiliations of its money sources and examine its policy leadership to see where the direction comes from. Have the Clerks of the House and Senate examine carefully and refer to Justice all of its lobbying reports. Make it clear that life for the NRA will be much pleasanter if it cooperates in the Government's efforts.
6. Reach the Munitions Makers: Through your top level business and financial leaders (Clay, Bundy, the Eisenhower crowd, and the rest) get at the Boards of Directors of the companies and holding companies which can control the manufacture and distribution of guns and ammunition. Obtain firm pledges of cooperation in your control plans and, in return, involve these leaders in the creation and operation of this effort to change and save our society and theirs. (And be ready in the background with the big-stick of leverage through Government's contracts or its ability to tool up its own arsenals.)
7. Set the Stage for Legislation Next Year: Make the best of what can be gotten out of this Congress, but plan to get whatever is needed in Federal legislation during the next Congress-and set the plan in motion now. There are a number of reasons for this, including the fact that crime-in-the-streets is a major election issue. But also consider

the possibility that you yourself could take the leadership in pushing such legislation (and other steps), just as Albert Rains took up the cause of Historical Sites and registrations upon his retirement. Furthermore legislation needs an accompanying change in public attitudes and for this time and funds are needed. (It strikes me that foundation funds could be had for such purpose.) And finally the ideas for legislation which might go beyond anything yet proposed, or put them in a different fashion, need to be developed in consort with Congressional leaders and staff. Like civil rights legislation, the best that can be gotten this year may just set the stage for much more next year or the next.

8. Drive for State Controls Also: See what the American Law Institute, the Uniform State Law Commission, the Inter-governmental Relations Commission, the Douglas Commission, and others can develop. Supplement this with help from the police, sheriffs, and other law enforcement associations as to local ordinances, policies, practices, etc. Ask for the active cooperation and aid of the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of Mayors, and the American Municipal Association. (Would Gov. Connally take the lead in this ?) Work through the OEP.

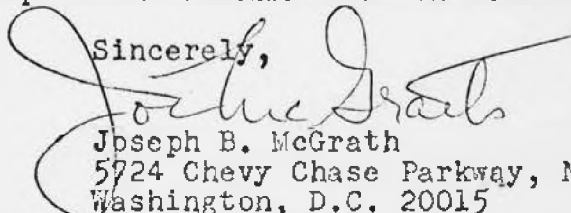
9. Use the Commission on Violence as a Focal Point: The newly established Presidential commission seems to be geared to the "why" of violence, but not specifically to accomplishing a set goal, the stopping of gun violence. It is a think group, not a "can do" group. But nevertheless it can and should serve as a focal point for the gun lobby attack - providing all the plans are not divulged to the supporters of guns. The Commission should either be enlarged or be given various advisory sub-committees, each of which could be assigned to one of the tasks outlined elsewhere in this letter and these points. The Commission itself simply cannot do the job that needs to be done on guns in America.

10. But Set Up a White House Task Force to Get the Job Done: When the Administration wanted to get the 1962 Trade Expansion Act passed, a special task force of operators and experts was established. Perhaps the same thing needs to be done to attack gun violence in the right way and strongly enough. The talents of the best lawyers, lobbyists, press people and business leaders must be leveled pointedly at the gun lobby and the mystique which beclouds the real nature of guns in America. Give the task force six-months to set the plans so that they may begin upon the advent of 1969 with a new Congress, a new Administration and the decks cleared for action - with effective gun and ammunition controls as the goal to be accomplished within two years.

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People of course are the key to success here, and some of the people whose names have occurred to me I have mentioned above. But there are others. Victor Reuther ought to be interested. Perhaps the young Philip Graham of the Washington Post (backed up by Gerry Siegle). Daniel Moynihan has an excellent piece "Has this Country Gone Mad?" in a recent Saturday Post. And there are others. Certainly the Kennedy people should be interested in helping. But the leadership is in the hands of the President.

Sincerely,


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1. WHILE MONDAY PAPERS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH CABINET CHANGES, COVERAGE OF KENNEDY TRAGEDY CONTINUED HEAVY WITH MANY DJAKARTA PAPERS PUBLISHING NUMEROUS PICTURES NOT ONLY OF A WOUNDED KENNEDY BUT ALSO HIS FAMILY AND BURIAL CEREMONY.

2. HARIAN KAMI (STUDENTS) PAPER IN CORNER COLUMN UNDER HEADING 'AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY' DESCRIBES IMAGINARY ARRIVAL OF BOB KENNEDY IN HEAVEN AND MEETING BROTHER JOHN AND M.L. KING THERE. "BOBBY," EXCLAIMED JOHN, 'I DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO BE HERE SO SOON. DON'T CRY, A KENNEDY NEVER CRIES. WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING THERE IN OUR COUNTRY?' 'I DON'T KNOW,' ANSWERED BOBBY, 'I DON'T KNOW, FULLBRIGHT TOO WAS ASKING THE SAME QUESTION WHEN I WAS SHOT.' THEN DR. KING SAID: 'I HEAR JOHNSON HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE . . . AMERICA IS IN THE DARK, PEOPLE CHOOSE BULLETS INSTEAD OF BALLOTS.'" ARTICLE GOES ON "THE THREE MEN STOOD IN SILENCE, TRYING TO GUESS THEIR FATE. PERHAPS IN A SHORT TIME SOMEBODY ELSE WILL KNOCK ON DOOR TO HEAVEN, NOT ONLY SOLDIER WHO DIED IN VIETNAM, BUT PERHAPS ANOTHER PROMINENT MAN."

3. IN FRIDAY EDITORIAL SINAR HARAPPAN (PROTESTANT) UNDER HEADING 'OTHERS WILL CARRY ON' OPENS BY SAYING "BOB KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION FOLLOWING THAT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, MAKES WORLD WONDER IS THIS AMERICA WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ASPIRING TO UPHOLD PEACE IN WORLD AND TO ELIMINATE INJUSTICE AND CURBING OF HUMAN RIGHTS? IT REMINDS

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US OF AMERICAN BY NAME OF JOHN RANDOLPH OF ROANOKE WHO RE-
MARKED THAT 'I LOVE LIBERTY BUT I HATE EQUALITY'...
AMERICAN PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY, YET
AMERICA FAILS TO REALIZE THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE PERFECT
WITHOUT EQUALITY. WORLD KNOWS THAT THESE THREE MEN WERE
KILLED BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO ENDOW DEMOCRACY WITH THE
EQUALITY FOR WHICH COLORED AND POOR IN AMERICA ARE
STRUGGLING SO TENACIOUSLY."
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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. CONSULATE AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS CONTINUE RECEIVE EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BUT CONSPIRACY THEORY LINKING HIS ASSASSINATION WITH THOSE OF OTHER PROPONENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS BELIEVED BY MANY INCLUDING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS LIKE PETER ODUMOSU, HEAD OF WESTERN NIGERIAN CIVIL SERVICE. ON OTHER HAND, SAM ASABIA, PERMSEC MIN. OF FINANCE, RECENTLY IN US AS LEADER GRANTEE, SAID DURING SYMPATHY CALL ON VICE CONSUL HE DISBELIEVES CONSPIRACY BUT ATTRIBUTES KILLING TO WORLD-WIDE ATMOSPHERE OF VIOLENCE.

2. CONDOLENCE BOOK IN USIS LIBRARY SIGNED BY NUMBER OF NIGERIANS INCLUDING NOVOSTY PRESS REPRESENTATIVE NIYI ONI. CONDOLENCE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM VICAR GENERAL IBADAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE AND SMALL UNIBADAN STUDENT GROUP. VOICE VOTE OF CONDOLENCE ADOPTED BY IBADAN DINING CLUB (NIGERIANS AND EXPATS).

3. HOWEVER, HARSH COMMENT CONTINUES IN PRESS. COLUMNIST IN SUNDAY SKETCH CONSIDERS IT "NOT UNLIKELY KENNEDY VICTIM OF ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY OF WHITE EXTREMISTS" AND LETTER IN JUNE 10

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ANARCHISTS AND STONE-AGE MEN."
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JOINT CONSULATE-USIA

1. JUNE 6 NEW NIGERIAN, FRONT PAGE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE. EDITORIAL DESCRIBED SHOOTING KENNEDY AS "SCANDALOUS INHUMAN" AND "BLOT ON CIVILIZATION." CHARACTERIZING THE SENATOR AS CHAMPION OF "RACIAL INTEGRATION IN AMERICA," EDITORIAL CHARGES THAT "EVERYONE WHO HAS ATTEMPTED TO FREE AMERICA FROM INTELLECTUAL BLINDNESS AND RACIAL BIGOTRY HAS BEEN REWARDED WITH ASSASSINS BULLETS." SENATOR KENNEDY COMPARED WITH HIS LATE BROTHER PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WHO WAS ALSO "VICTIM OF AMERICAN INTOLERANCE AND GROSS DISRESPECT OF HUMAN

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DIGNITY." BECAUSE OF HIS RACIAL STAND "WHITE RACISTS BELIEVE HIS MURDER WOULD SILENCE VOICE OF DISSENT," BUT EDITORIAL OPINES THAT "DESPITE ALL ODDS IN AMERICA, WILL TO BE FREE CAN NEVER BE CONQUERED BY SWORD OR BULLETS." NEW NIGERIAN EXPRESSES HOPE SENATOR WILL SURVIVE "TO CURE AMERICA OF ITS ILLS SO THAT RACES IN AMERICA MAY BE INTEGRATED PEACEFULLY AS ONE PEOPLE, ONE RACE, ONE DESTINY."

2. WEDNESDAY EVENING RKTU NEWS DEVOTED OVER TEN OF FIFTEEN MINUTES TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, PHOTOS AND NEWS CLIP OF KENNEDY ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY. ALSO QUOTED SOVIET COMMENT THAT MURDER OF POLITICAL LEADERS IN U.S. BECOMING "INCREASINGLY FREQUENT OCCURENCE." STOKES

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CORRESPONDENTS:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT JOSEPH P. X KENNEDY
SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK TODAY HAVE BEEN BRANDED UNTRUE BY UPI'S
BOSTON BUREAU AND VARIOUS KENNEDY SOURCES.

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1. 1. IN AN EDITORIAL ON KENNEDY'S MURDER, YEDIOT AHARONOT WRITES: QUOTE IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT...THAT THIS TIME WE ARE DEALING NOT WITH ASSAULT MADE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF INTERNAL RELATIONS IN AMERICA BUT WITH WHAT MAY BE TERMED MURDER THAT WAS BROUGHT THERE AS INNER QUOTE IMPORTED MERCHANTISE INNER UNQUOTE, THAT IS TO SAY FROM ARAB WORLD WHERE MURDER IS ACCEPTED WEAPON... THUS, ASSAULT ON LIFE OF ROBERT KENNEDY IS NOT AMERICAN PHENOMENON BUT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY FOREIGN MERCHANTISE, NOT LOCAL. IT IS ARAB MERCHANTISE, INTENDED, APPARENTLY, TO BREAK THROUGH BORDERS AND ATTACK ITS AMERICAN BENEFACTORS WHICH GOEFESORDTE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS STERN GANG.) QUOTE IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT SIMILARLY TO LEHI, PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN COUNTRIES ABROAD, WITH AIM OF HURTING POLTICIANS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL.

3. WHEN PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN EXILE IN LEBANON DISCUSSED MATTER ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, I.E. WHAT CHARACTER PALESTINIAN TERROR ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE, IT WAS PROPOSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONS INNER QUOTE IN STYLE TO ETZEL AND LEHI INNER UNQUOTE -- (IRGUNZVAI LEUMI AND LOHAMAY HERUT ISRAEL). THIS REPORTED IN NUMBER OF BEIRUT PAPERS AT

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TIME, WHICH EXPRESSED OPINION OF PERSONAGES (PALESTINIANS) IN CONNECTION WITH NATURE OF ARAB GUERILLA WARFARE. BEIRUT PAPERS WROTE AT TIME THAT INNER QUOTE ARABS OUGHT TO ACT IN CONNECTION WITH GUERILLA WARFARE AS ISRAEL DID BEFORE STATE OF ISRAEL ESTABLISHED, I.E. TO ACT LIKE ISRAELI UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATIONS DID, WHEN OFFICIAL ISRAELI BODIES DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. INNER UNQUOTE

4. IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT US INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WILL CONTACT ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITH REQUEST TO HELP THEM IN INVESTIGATION INTO BACKGROUND OF ASSASSINATION. UNQUOTE

5. MAARIV (INDEPENDENT) EDITORIALIZES: QUOTE BULLET SHOT AT SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY BY ARAB ASSAILANT DID NOT ONLY PENETRATE KENNEDY'S HEAD BUT ALSO THE HEART OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY... THIS MALICIOUS ASSAULT ON INNER QUOTE BOBBY INNER UNQUOTE, SHORTLY AFTER HE HAD ANNOUNCED TO MASSES OF SUPPORTERS HIS VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES, REVEALS ONE OF MOST SEVERE PLAGUES THAT HAS BEEN SPREADING THROUGH AMERICAN SOCIETY DURING PAST SEVERAL YEARS: PLAGUE OF VIOLENCE... ANOTHER NO LESS TRAGIC ASPECT OF INCIDENT IS FACT THAT ASSAILANT IS JORDANIAN ARAB AND THAT MURDER ATTEMPT WAS CARRIED OUT ON JUNE 5... RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER ATTEMPT EXECUTED BY THAT YOUNG INCITED ARAB IN CALIFORNIA MUST REST ON SHOULDERS OF UNRESTRAINED INSTIGATION OF ARAB LEADERS AND ARAB PROPAGANDA AND BOYCOTT AGENCIES WHOSE CENTER IS IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS AND AMMAN, BUT WHOSE INFLUENCE STRETCHES FROM BONN TO LOS ANGELES AND PARIS TO BUENOS AIRES. IF WORLD CONTINUES TO REACT FORGIVINGLY TO THIS ARAB INCITEMENT CAMPAIGN - WHICH ADOPTS VARIOUS GUISES, DEPENDING ON TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES - ROBERT KENNEDY WILL NOT BE ITS LAST VICTIM. UNQUOTE. GILONER

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Barefoot Sanders *BS*

The House Leadership is considering postponing the Tax Bill Conference Report to June 19 in order to pick up the votes of New York Democrats whose primary is June 18.

I have told Carl Albert that I believe a postponement would be unwise. I am trying to set up a meeting with him, the Speaker, and Mills, Wilbur

Does the President have any preference on this?

Vote June 12 (as scheduled)

Postpone to June 19

Call me

*But use
some other excuse -
the death of something
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SUBJECT: DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY

1. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY EXPIRED 11:45 AM LOCAL TIME .
2. EMBASSY ALREADY FLYING FLAG HALF MAST AND SUGGESTS THAT FLAG RPT FLAG ON USS CLAUDE JONES BE FLOWN AT HALF MAST,
3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MAKING AVAILABLE CONDOLENCE BOOK ON BOARD SHIP OR ON SHORE, IF DECIDED IN AFFIRMATIVE .ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE PLACED IN COAST EDITIONS OF EAST AFRICAN STANDARD, DAILY NATION, AND TAIFALEO.
4. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF SHIP'S PLANS .
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FOR BEN READ S/S.

A. Sargent
1) AMBASSADOR A D MRS. SHRIVER AND MRS. EDWARD M. KENNEDY
LEFT BRETAGNE AIR BASE SOUTH OF PARIS JUNE 6 AT 1322 LOCAL
VIA PA-115 FOR NEW YORK OR BOSTON DEPENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS
JFK AND POSSIBLE NEED REFUEL BOSTON.

2) CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BOSTON AND NEW YORK ARRANGED BY
TREASURY/CUSTOMS PARIS.

3) IF PLANE LANDS BOSTON UNABLE PROCEED JFK BECAUSE OF
WEATHER PARTY WILL TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK BY CAR PROVIDED
BY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S BOSTON OFFICE.

4) IF PLANE LANDS JFK, USUN CAR WITH SON ROBERT SHRIVER,
HERBERT KRAMER AND OTHER FRIENDS WILL MEET PANESIDE
AND DRIVE INTO CITY.

5) PLEASE RECONFIRM PRECEDING ALTERNATIVE PLANS WITH PANAM,
USUN, CUSTOMS AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.
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ISRAELI AFTERNOON PRESS REVIEW, JUNE 6

1. MAARIV (INDEPENDENT) SECOND EDITION FRONTPAGES ITEM UNDER
HEADING: QUOTE FATHER OF KENNEDY ASSAILANT, RESIDENT OF
TAEIBELH VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLA SAYS: INNER QUOTE I WAS HORRIFIED
WHEN I HEARD WHAT MY SON DID. INNER UNQUOTE ONLY THIS MORNING
FATHER LEARNED THAT HIS SON SHOT SENATOR KENNEDY. INNER QUOTE
HE WAS EXCELLENT STUDENT AND HIS TEACHERS ALWAYS PRAISED HIM.
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED. INNER UNQUOTE UNQUOTE.

2. QUOTE INNER QUOTE I AM HORRIFIED MY SON'S ACTION, INNER
UNQUOTE I WAS TOLD THIS MORNING BY BASHARA SALAMA SIRHAN, 52,
FROM TAEIBELH VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLA, WHO IS FATHER OF YOUNG MAN
WHO SHOT SENATOR KENNEDY. FATHER, LOOKED HORRIFIED BY SON'S
DEED. FROM WHAT HE SAID IT SEEMED HE LEARNED OF HIS SON'S
INVOLVEMENT IN INCIDENT ONLY THIS MORNING WHEN HE LISTENED TO
NEWSCAST OVER AMMAN RADIO. WHEN HE HEARD HIS SON'S NAME HE
COULD NOT AT FIRST BELIEVE IT - LATER HE WAS CONVINCED WHEN
VILLAGE CHIEF (MAKHTAR) AND ISRAELI SECURITY MEN CAME TO HIM
THIS MORNING. UNTIL 1957 BASHARA LIVED IN WADI JOZ IN EAST
JERUSALEM. DURING BRITISH MANDATE HE WAS CHIEF INSPECTOR IN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN CHARGE OF LAYING WATER PIPE-LINE

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FROM ROSH-HA'AYIN TO JERUSALEM... IN 1957 BASHARA'S FINANCIAL SITUATION WORSENERED AND HE DECIDED TO GO TO US. THREE YEARS LATER, FAILING TO GET USED TO LIFE IN AMERICAN, HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME WHILE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN REMAINED THERE. THIS MORNING FATHER SAID FOLLOWING ABOUT SON: INNER QUOTE HE WAS EXCELLENT STUDENT AND KEPT WELL AWAY FROM STREET URCHINS. INNER UNQUOTE ACCORDING TO HIM HIS SON'S TEACHERS WERE FULL OF PRAISE FOR HIS INTELLIGENCE AND IDLLIGENCE IN HIS STUDIES. SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND INNER QUOTE HOW HIS SON HAD DEGENERATED TO SUCH A SITUATION IN WHICH HE MADE ASSAULT ON LIFE OF KENNEDY... I AM EXTREMELY SORRY... IT IS TRAGEDY I CANNOT FIND WORDS TO EXPRESS. I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED MY SON TO COMMIT THIS HORRIFYING ACT. I HEARD ABOUT KENNEDY FAMILY WHEN I WAS IN US AND AFTERWARDS. I HONOR AND RESPECT THAT FAMILY, ESPECIALLY LATE PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WHO, DURING HIS PRESIDENCY, TRIED TO LEAD HUMANITY TO PEACE AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. INNER UNQUOTE UNQUOTE. GILDNER

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. PARTY LEADERS LAST NIGHT SET ASIDE PARTISAN CAMPAIGNING TO COMMENT ON ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND TO URGE EARLY ENACTMENT CRIMINAL CODE LEGISLATION EMBODYING GUN CONTROL MEASURES. PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN SUDBURY SAID CANADA FORTUNATE TO BE SPARED CIVIL DISORDERS AND VIOLENCE. HE URGED CANADIANS ESCHEW NAME-CALLING WHICH BRANDED AS APPEALING TO HATE AND NOT REASON. TRUDEAU SAID CANADIAN CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE A USEFUL DIALOGUE.

2. IN SAINT JOHN, N.B., OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD SAID THE SHOCK IS DEEPER BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE ACT WHICH DOES VIOLENCE TO THE SYSTEM OF POLITICS WHICH WE SHARE WITH THE U.S. STANFIELD OBSERVED DEMOCRACY IS A FRAGILE SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY BY MEN OF GOODWILL. HE SAID CANADIANS MUST SEEK TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES WHICH COULD END IN VIOLENCE AND EMPHASIZED THIS IS NOT THE SOLE CONCERN OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

3. NDP LEADER DOUBLAS ALSO MADE STATEMENT IN CORNERBROOK, NFLD, BUT TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. BUTTERWORTH

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SUBJ: GOL PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON KENNEDY
SHOOTING.

ACCORDING TO LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY, LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER
BAKKUUSH MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE
IN RABAT JUNE 5, DURING BAKKUUSH'S CURRENT OFFICIAL
VISIT TO MOROCCO, ABOUT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON
SENATOR KENNEDY. LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY STATED THAT PRIME
MINISTER BAKKUUSH "DESCRIBED THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR
KENNEDY AS 'A GROSSLY SHOCKING AND REGRETTABLE ACT
AGAINST A CAPABLE MAN TRYING TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY.
I WISH HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY'-. STATEMENT HAS NOT
YET APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS. NEWSOM

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SUBJ: NZ REACTION TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. NZ HAS REACTED WITH SHOCK AND INCOMPREHENSION TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. NEWS OF SHOOTING AND REPORTS OF SENATOR'S CONDITION RECEIVING MASSIVE NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE ALMOST WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN RECENT MEMORY. COVERAGE INCLUDES ALMOST UNHEARD OF STEPS OF NEWSPAPER EXTRA EDITIONS AND INTERRUPTION OF RADIO-TV PROGRAMS WITH SPOT BULLETINS. EMBASSY RECEIVING MANY TELEGRAMS AND INNUMERABLE PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND CONCERN.

2. PM HOLYOAKE HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE THIS IS AN APPALLING TRAGEDY. IT IS TERRIBLE THAT THIS

GIFTED YOUNG MAN SHOULD BE SO GRIEVOUSLY WOUNDED AT A PEAK OF HIS CAREER. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT, TERRIBLE THOUGH THE TRAGEDY IS, SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE WILL BE SPARED. I KNOW ALL NZEALANDERS WILL JOIN ME IN EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE SENATOR AND HIS FAMILY. UNQUOTE

3. PM TOLD PRESS HE HAD SENT FOLLOWING CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY: QUOTE WE IN NZ WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR HUSBAND'S LIFE. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY I SHOULD LIKE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS FOR YOUR HUSBAND'S RECOVERY. UNQUOTE

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4. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE THE ANGUISH OF AMERICAN UNQUOTE, WELLINGTON EVENING POST COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE HORRIFIED THOUGH THE WORLD MIGHT BE AT THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND FULLY THE STUNNED DESPAIR WHICH MUST AT THIS MOMENT HOLD THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS GRIP. POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, LONG THOUGHT TO HAVE BECOME A THING OF A MORE VIOLENT LAWLESS PAST, HAS REAPPEARED AS A FACTOR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE. UNQUOTE

5. WELLINGTON DOMINION EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE GUN LAW IN THE STATES UNQUOTE CONCLUDED WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE UNIVERSAL NZ REACTION: QUOTE NZEALANDERS, AT THIS TIME, WILL FEEL PARTICULARLY FOR THEM, I.E., KENNEDY FAMILY, AND GENERALLY FOR MANKIND EVERYWHERE WHICH CHERISH THE FREEDOM OF THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE-- AND IS HORRIFIED TO OBSERVE THE EXCESSES IT SEEMS TO PERMIT. UNQUOTE. HENNING

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1. THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS PROFOUNDLY

SHOCKED HONDURANS. MOST RADIO STATIONS HAVE PRE-EMPTED REGULAR PROGRAMMING TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE. UNFORTUNATELY AT TIMES THEY HAVE SPECULATED WILDLY, SOME EVEN REPORTING HIS DEATH AND TALKING OF SINISTER PLOTS. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE VERY HEAVY WITH EL CRONISWJA, TEGUCIGALPA, PUTTING OUT SPECIAL EDITION.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM BOTH PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS.
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SUBJ: TANZANIAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ATTACK

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1. ALL JUNE 6 NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. STORY WAS ALSO LEAD ITEM ON JUNE 5 NOON, AFTERNOON AND EVENING RADIO TANZANIA NEWS BROADCASTS. COVERAGE WAS FULL AND FACTUAL, BUT IDENTITY AND NATIONALITY OF PERSON ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPT NOT KNOWN IN TIME TO MAKE JUNE 6 PAPERS.

2. ONLY PAPER TO CARRY EDITORIAL COMMENT JUNE 6 WAS "STANDARD." PAPER SAID ACT WAS "SHAMEFUL AND SENSELESS." IT COMMENTED, "BUT, UNHAPPILY, SUCH VIOLENCE SEEMS TO BE A PART OF THE SICKNESS OF THE AMERICAN SCENE TODAY." WITH REFERENCE TO GUNMAN'S ALLEGED COMMENT THAT HE "DID IT FOR MY COUNTRY," STANDARD SAID "HE MUST BE SICK MAN INDEED. FOR NO CIVILIZED COUNTRY CAN COUNTENANCE THE ANARCHY OF ASSASSINATION."

3. DAR-BASED ALL-AFRICAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 5 WARNING AFRICANS AGAINST FRATERNIZATION WITH U.S. ALL-CAPITALIST SYSTEMS, AND WORSHIPPING OF DOLLAR. ATTACKS ON DR. KING AND SENATOR KENNEDY WERE CHARACTERIZED AS RESULTS OF DECADENCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND OF "CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY" HELD UP FOR AFRICANS TO EMULATE.

4. NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AS YET FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE

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OR OTHER TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FIGURES. EMBASSY
OFFICER WAS TELEPHONED JUNE 5 BY LEADER OF LOCAL
REFUGEE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHO DELIVERED HIMSELF OF
PASSIONATE DENUNCIATION OF " YOU AMERICANS. YOU KILL
YOUR OWN LEADERS. YOU KILL EVERYBODY." CALLER
LATER APOLOGIZED FOR OUTBURST, BUT HIS GRIEF AND ANGER
WERE REAL.

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Jordanian Is Killed In Chicago

CHICAGO, June 9 (UPI)—A Jordanian grocer was shot to death in his South Side store yesterday in a motiveless slaying that might have been retaliation for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, police said today.

The victim was Abder Rayyan, 55, who was slain before the eyes of his nephew and daughter and 11 customers. Police said they have been unable to determine any motive for the slaying but it might have been an abortive robbery or revenge for the killing of Kennedy.

Two Negro men walked into the store, which Rayyan had purchased only two months ago. Rayyan was at work at a rear counter, standing over a vegetable bin. One of the men walked up to him, drew a .38 caliber revolver and fired two shots. One of the bullets struck Rayyan behind the left ear.

Rayyan's daughter, Zuhdeia, 22, said the two men ran out of the store and down the street to a car parked about a block away. Waiting in the car were several other young men. The group drove away.

Rayyan was the father of nine children. He came to the United States five years ago from South America. Authorities said he left Jordan 16 years ago. His widow and other members of the family live in Quito, Ecuador.

A Jordanian immigrant has been charged at Los Angeles with killing Kennedy.

Police were checking out reports that after the Kennedy assassination a rumor spread through the neighborhood around the store at 343 E. 51st st. that Rayyan had said, "Kennedy should have been dead long ago."

However, Rayyan apparently was an admirer of the Kennedy family. On the wall of his store was a poster with pictures of President Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inscribed, "They died to make men free."

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SAUDI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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1. ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY BY EX-JERUSALEMITE
ARAB MAJOR TOPIC OF LOCAL DISCUSSION. PUBLIC INTEREST
STIMULATED BY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY SAUDI PRESS,
TV AND RADIO TO INCIDENT AND TO REACTION IN OTHER ARAB
STATES, INCLUDING CONDEMNATORY STATEMENTS OF ARAB LEADERS,
AL-FATAH, ETC.

2. APART FROM SAQQAF'S FORMAL CALL (JIDDA 4289), WE HAVE
HAD TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PROMINENT SAUDIS EXPRESSING
THEIR SHOCK AND SORROW. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW CROWN PRINCE
KHALID OFF AT AIRPORT JUNE 8, ALL MEMBERS OF SAUDI ROYAL
FAMILY PRESENT PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR SORROW AND
INDIGNATION. THESE INCLUDED SECOND DEPUTY PRINCE AND
MININT PRINCE FAHD, MODA PRINCE SULTAN, NATIONAL GUARD
PRINCE ABDULLAH, MINFINANCE PRINCE MUSA'ID, MECCA GOVERNOR

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PRINCE MISHA'AL, SPECIAL ADVISOR PRINCE NAHWAF, AND PRINCE MITAB. ROYAL COUNSELOR RASHAD PHARAON AND MININFO HJAYILAN ALSO DID SO. ALL ASKED THAT THEIR DEEP RESPECTS AND CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

3. ACCORDING SAQQAF (AND ALSO MUHAMMAD ALIREZA), KING FAISAL MUCH DISTRESSED AT NEWS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT KING WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE, BUT FELT UNABLE DO SO SINCE HE HAD NOT SENT MESSAGES TO EITHER BOUMEDIENNE OR CHAMOUN FOLLOWING ATTACK ON THEM. HOWEVER, KING SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED SAUDI AMB SUWAIYIL ATTEND FUNERAL.

4. SAUDI PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONTPAGE AS WELL AS EDITORIAL COVERAGE ALL ASPECTS OF INCIDENT. WITH ITS CUSTOMARY CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY, IT HAS USUALLY SOUGHT HIDDEN PERPETRATOR AND MOTIVE. AL-MADINAH EMPHATICALLY REJECTED ASSASSINATION AND EXPRESSED ITS SORROW FOR INCIDENT. GILAD EDITORIAL JUNE 7 ASSERTED ASSASSINATION AGAINST KORANIC TEACHINGS AND MUSLIMS THUS CONDEMN ATTACK ON SENATOR. IT ARGUED THAT IF PERSON SUSPECTED OF DEED IS IN FACT GUILTY, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING SINCE ONLY WEAK AND COWARDLY RESORT TO PERFDY AND ASSASSINATION AND ARABS NEITHER WEAK OR COWARDLY. WRITER DEPLORES EFFECT UPON REPUTATION OF ARAB CAUSES, ESPECIALLY PALESTINE, AT TIME WHEN ARABS IN DIRE NEED OF WORLD SUPPORT TO RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS. JUNE 9 EDITORIAL IN SAME PAPER BY RESPECTED SAUDI COMMENTATOR ABDULLAH SAAD ADVANCES THESIS THAT ZIONISTS ENGINEERED SENATOR'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH HE RECENTLY CALLED FOR DELIVERY OF 50 PHANTOMS TO ISRAEL, ZIONISTS UNSURE ABOUT HOW SENATOR WOULD VIEW SITUATION ONCE IN WHITE HOUSE. SAAD ARGUES ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE PROMISED SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM ON BASIS JUSTICE AND IN LIGHT US INTERESTS IN REGION. ZIONISTS FEARFUL THAT SENATOR KENNEDY, IF ELECTED, WOULD FOLLOW POLICIES OF LATE PRESIDENT, DID AWAY WITH HIM, AND ARE NOW SEEKING DISPARAGE ARABS IN EYES AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. SAAD RECALLED LATE SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY PLIGHT OF ARAB REFUGEES WHEN HE VISITED CAMPS THREE YEARS AGO. IN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. KENNEDY, UKAZ COMMENTATOR AHMAD SHATAH BITTERLY NOTES PALESTINIAN WIVES AND MOTHERS ARE FACING SAME TRAGEDY AND THAT CHRISTIAN WAS PERPETRATOR OF DEED. ASKS GOD BE WITH HER

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AND WITH VICTIMS PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY. SHATAH ALSO DEPLORES
LATE SENATOR'S CALL FOR 50 PHANTOMS FOR ISRAEL. NADWA
CARRIES UPI SPECULATION THAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IMPLICATED.

5. MOST HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CALLED OR
WRITTEN TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF THEMSELVES AND
THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. EILTS.

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SUBJECT: KAUNDA ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT KAUNDA PUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSASSINATION SQUARELY ON USG FOR PROVIDING INADEQUATE PROTECTION. SAW "STRANGE PATTERN" IN THAT "LEADERS WITH A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD COULD ONLY BE PROTECTED WHEN THEY WERE DEAD". CHARACTERIZED KENNEDY AS "ONE OF THIS GENERATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING AND DYNAMIC YOUNG LEADERS" AND "ONE OF THE FEW AMERICAN LEADERS WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH THE POOR. KAUNDA REPEATEDLY DECLARED "WE HAVE A RIGHT TO PROTEST" TO USG BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN DEPRIVED OF A LEADER. SET SATURDAY JUNE 8 AS DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING AND SUNDAY AS DAY OF PRAYER.

2. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM GRZ PRESS RELEASE OF AIRPORT SPEECH KAUNDA GAVE ON ARRIVAL HOME FROM VISITS TO KENYA AND UGANDA (QUOTES FROM ORIGINAL):

A. ON THE DEATH OF LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID THE SAD WORLD HAD LOST ONE OF THIS GENERATION'S OUTSTANDING, DYNAMIC AND YOUNG LEADERS.

B. "WE MUST MAKE OUR VIEW KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT", HE SAID. "WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT LEADERS OF THAT TYPE - FIRST IT WAS JOHN KENNEDY, SECOND MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND NOW BOBBY KENNEDY - CAN BE ASSASSINATED AT ALL".

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C. DR. KAUNDA WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE SAW A VERY STRANGE PATTERN WHERE OUTSTANDING LEADERS WITH A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD COULD ONLY BE PROTECTED WHEN THEY WERE DEAD.

D. " I HEAR THAT THERE WERE 500 POLICE OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT", HE SAID "ONLY TO RECEIVE A DEAD BODY. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE PERSONS OF JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ROBERT KENNEDY WE LOST MEN WHO WILL NEVER BE REPLACED AT ALL".

E. PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE KENNEDY FAMILY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN POLITICS BECAUSE THERE WAS ONLY ONE OF THEM REMAINING NOW.

F. "WE REGARD THOSE PEOPLE WHO STRIKE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AS OUR FRIENDS". HE SAID, " BOBBY KENNEDY WAS ONE OF THE FEW AMERICAN LEADERS WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH THE POOR. FOR A RICH MAN TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK THE VOICE OF THE POOR IS NOT AN EASY THING TO ACHIEVE".

3. ACCORDING OUR NOTES, KAUNDA SEVERAL TIMES USED PHRASES LIKE " WE HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN", WE HAVE RIGHT TO CONSIDER MEN LIKE THE KENNEDYS AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AS OUR FRIENDS, AND "WE HAVE RIGHT TO PROTEST". SPEAKING OF LACK OF PROTECTION (FOR BOTH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND HIS BROTHER) KAUNDA SAID "SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE" ABOUT THIS "SHAMEFUL, SHAMEFUL" DEED. ACCORDING RADIO SUMMARY HE NOTED THAT SPECIAL SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION GIVEN REMAINING CANDIDATES BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS ANNOUNCED "TWO MONTHS AFTER THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING".

4. KAUNDA CONCLUDED BY DECLARING SATURDAY A DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING WITH ALL FLAGS TO BE AT HALF MAST AND CALLING ON PEOPLE TO REMEMBER KENNEDY FAMILY IN PRAYERS SUNDAY. FOLLOWING HIS CONCLUDING REFERENCE TO SUNDAY AS QUIET DAY OF PRAYER HE ALSO SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "PROTEST", BUT IT NOT CLEAR THIS WAS RELATED.

5. AMONG CROWD OF SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS, PARTY OFFICIALS, MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES IN VIP AREA BEHIND DIPLOMATS WERE SOME (UNIDENTIFIED) WHO SHOUTED EPITHETS LIKE,

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"JOHNSON, NUMBER ONE MURDERER," "AMERICANS ARE MURDERERS," AND "MR. AMBASSADOR, ARE YOU A CIVILIZED NATION OR A NATION OF SAVAGES?"

6. KAUNDA CONCLUDED SPEECH BY CALLING ALL TO STAND FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE DURING WHICH SEVERAL PHRASES OF CHINYANJA HYMN WERE BEGUN AND PICKED UP BY CROWD. ACCORDING ONE DIPLOMAT, CHICOM REP APPARENTLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH AS HE REMAINED SEATED.

7. COMMENT: THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND AND SHARE PRES KAUNDAS DEEP EMOTIONS AROUSED BY THIS APPALLING EVENT, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PRESIDENT'S REMARKS UNWITTINGLY WILL BE VIEWED BY COMMON MAN HERE AS SIMPLY AN INVITATION TO "HATE AMERICA" (WITNESS SPONTANEOUS OUTBURSTS REPORTED ABOVE) AND TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST US EMBASSY. THE EXCLUSIVE EMPHASIS HERE IS THAT AMERICA HAS DEPRIVED THE WORLD OF A LEADER; THERE SEEMS TO BE NO UNDERSTANDING THAT AN INSANE ALIEN NOW CHARGED WITH KILLING HAS DEPRIVED AMERICA OF LEADER. SO WHERE WE SHOULD EXPECT CONDOLENCES WE GET ONLY ABUSE.
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FULL TEXT KAUNDA'S AIRPORT ARRIVAL SPEECH AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS NOW IN PREPARATION. HIS REMARKS COULD INCITE DEMONSTRATIONS BUT NO TROUBLE ON HORIZON THUS FAR. KAUNDA DECLARED THAT TODAY SHALL BE DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING. BY ALL MEANS FEED RUPIAH BANDA ALL AVAILABLE FACTUAL MATERIAL, STRESSING WE ARE ALARMED HERE THAT PREVAILING MOTF IS THAT KENNEDY KILLING SOMEHOW WAS SCHEMED BY "THOSE IN POWER." THIS COULD DO SERIOUS HARM TO RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION HERE OF NEWS OF SHOOTING EMBASSY AND USIS LIBRARY BEGAN TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM YUGOSLAVS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND HOPE FACTS WERE NOT AS SERIOUS AS REPORTED. ON NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS APPEARED AT EMBASSY TO EXPRESS SORROW AND CONDOLENCES. MODERATE BUT STEADY STREAM OF PRIVATE CITIZENS HAS COME TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK OPENED JUNE 7, AS HAVE MANY DIPLOMATS AND SOME OFFICIALS. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIKA SPILJAK CAME TO SIGN JUNE 8 AND DJURICA JOJKIC, PRESIDENT E. C. SERBIA SIGNED JUNE 7. DEPFONMIN PAVICEVIC SIGNED BOOK JUNE 7 IN ABSENCE FONMIN IN BRIONI.

2. REPORTAGE OF EVENT AND OF INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN EXPECTEDLY WIDE AND SYMPATHETIC TO SENATOR, PRAISING HIS POSITION ON VIET-NAM, RACISM AND LAWLESSNESS AND HIS COMPASSION FOR POOR AND OPPRESSED. PRESIDENT TITO'S MESSAGES TO MRS. KENNEDY HIGHLIGHTED THIS ASPECT OF PRESS AND TV COVERAGE.

3. HARSH, ANTI-ADMINISTRATION TONE OF EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN AT WIDE VARIANCE WITH ATTITUDE OF POPULACE SO FAR AS WE CAN JUDGE BY CALLS MENTIONED PARA 1 AND OTHER YUGOSLAV CONTACTS. EDITORIALS REFLECT TYPICAL BALKAN CONCEPTION, SEEING THIS ACT AS PART OF CONSPIRACY AND DENYING POSSIBILITY ACT COULD BE THAT OF DERANGED PERSON OR PERSONS. PERCEIVING

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EVENT FROM IDEOLOGICAL BASE, COMMENT PORTRAYS CRIME AS EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL CRISIS AND OF SINISTER AND REACTIONARY FORCES USING MURDER AS INSTRUMENT OF POLICY. BORBA EDITORIAL JUNE 6 LINKED ASSASSINATIONS OF KENNEDYS AND KING AS ALL WORK OF SAME CONSERVATIVE FORCES, SUBTLY IMPLIED ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT PRESSED INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, AND EVEN IMPLIED SENATOR, WHO AS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS IN POSITION TO KNOW FACTS, WAS KILLED ON EVE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO PREVENT HIS TELLING "TRUTH ABOUT DALLAS".

4. VELJKO MICUNOVIC, PRESIDENT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND FORMER AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ISSUED STATEMENT POINTING TO SENATOR'S STAND ON VIET-NAM AND SAYING SENATOR WAS "FRIEND OF YUGOSLAVIA". MICUNOVIC ADDED "THAT CRIME AND MURDER ARE USED ONCE AGAIN FOR THIRD TIME IN COURSE OF LAST FEW YEARS AS INSTRUMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY AND, AT THAT, AT HIGHEST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL". WHEN MICUNOVIC AND HIS WIFE CAME IN TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK JUNE 8 THEY BOTH SHOWED SIGNS OF DEEP EMOTIONAL REACTION AS DID MANY OTHER YUGOSLAVS.

5. RATKO BRZIC, FONOFF'S AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AND ALSO FORMERLY STATIONED IN WASHINGTON, SAW BEHIND MURDER A "GROUP", WHICH HE SAID "MUST BE CRAZY".

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SUB: PRESS REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ASMARA'S GOVERNMENT-RUN, ITALIAN LANGUAGE DAILY IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO ON THURSDAY MORNING RAN A FRONT-PAGE, FOUR-COLUMN STORY ON THE SHOOTING OF ROBERT KENNEDY. HERET, THE GOVERNMENT-RUN TIGRIGNA LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER USED THE SAME STORY THAT APPEARED IN QUOTIDIANO. THE QUOTIDIANO HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "BOBBY KENNEDY VICTIM OF A SHAMEFUL MURDER ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA

PRIMARY." SUBHE D: "HORROR AND INDIGNATION BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CONFINES OF THE UNITED STATES - THE ASSAILANT IS CAPTURED BUT HIS IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN - THE CONSTERNATION OF JOHNSON AND PROFOUND GRIEF EVEN FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY - JACQUELINE SUFFERING DEEPLY

THE PROTECTION OF ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES ORDERED - REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN - OPERATION LASTS FOUR HOURS."

2. THE QUOTIDIANO ACCOUNT CONTAINED ACCURATE DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGEDY. THE ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, SAID THAT

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THE NEWS OF THE SHOOTING SHOCKED LONDONERS WHO WERE EXTREMELY FOND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY. IN ADDITION, THE STORY INCLUDED A LENGTHY BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN EITHER QUOTIDIANO OR HEBRET.

3. THE PRIVATELY OWNED ITALIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY (PM) GIORNALE DELL'ERITREA ALSO CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN PAGE-ONE STORY. HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS. "ROBERT KENNEDY IS DEAD" SUBHEAD: "WITHOUT GAINING CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER SURGERY - THE CASKET WILL BE BROUGHT TODAY TO WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK - THE ASSASSIN WAS BORN IN JORDAN (#)

OF HIS VICTIM'S JUNE SPEECHES - HE WILL APPEAR IN LOS ANGELES COURT TOMORROW - AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON - A COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF THE ACTUAL TRAGEDY - FLAGS AT HALF-MAST IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN FACILITIES ABROAD."

4. MAJOR PORTIONS OF THIS NEWS ACCOUNT WERE SUPPLIED BY USIS FROM WIRELESS FILE AND VOA MATERIAL. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN GIORNALE.

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. JORDANIAN REACTION TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ONE OF
GENERAL DISMAY. JORDANIANS WE HAVE TALKED TO HAVE BEEN
PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY ASSOCIATION OF SIRHAN WITH
THEIR COUNTRY AND INJECTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE IN
THE ASSASSINATION.
2. KING HUSSEIN'S TELEGRAMS EXPRESSING HIS AND JORDAN'S
SORROW TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, SENATOR
EDWARD KENNEDY AND AMBASSADOR SHRIVER, AND FOREIGN
MINISTER RIFA'I PERSONAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR (AMMAN 5219;
REQUESTING HE TRANSMIT GOJ'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY
FAMILY HAVE SET OFFICIAL TONE. JORDANIAN EMBASSIES IN
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ALSO ISSUED STATEMENTS OF
SYMPATHY AND CONDEMNED ACT OF ASSASSINATION.

3. PRESS, RADIO AND TV PLAY ON ASSASSINATION WAS
REPORTED BY USINFO (AMMAN 5231). REACTION OF KING
AND WORLD AND ARAB LEADERS COVERED FULLY IN LOCAL
MEDIA, BUT ROLE OF SIRHAN, WHO GIVE WIDE COVERAGE

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JUNE 6, PLAYED DOWN ON JUNE 7. EDITORIAL COMMENT BEYOND THAT REPORTED AMMAN 5231 WAS CARRIED IN AD-DIFAA. OWNER-EDITOR IBRAHIM SHANTI WROTE JUNE 8 THAT ASSASSINATION CAME AS GREAT SHOCK TO ARABS. ARAB WORLD HAD MANY ENEMIES, HE SAID, BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY WHOSE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES BENEFITED NOT ONLY US BUT ALSO ENTIRE WORLD OF WHICH ARABS A PART. SHANTI CONCLUDED IN HOPE NOT RELATED TO ARABS AND PALESTINE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, MEMORIAL BOOK WAS OPENED IN EMBASSY LOBBY JUNE 7 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND AGAIN ON JUNE 8. THOSE CALLING AT EMBASSY TO SIGN INCLUDED PRIMIN TALHOUNI, CHIEF OF ROYAL CABINET SHARIF HUSSEIN BIN NASSER, PRINCE RA'D, FORMER PRIMIN WASFI TELL, SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING FONMIN RIFA'I, DIPLOMATS, PROMINENT BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND A NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND ORDINARY JORDANIAN CITIZENS. EMBASSY WILL RETAIN MEMORIAL BOOK IN AMMAN UNTIL ADVISED BY DEPT AS TO APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS ADVISE ON APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE ADDRESSED JUST TO THE EMBASSY. SYMMES

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SUBJ: TANZANIAN DIATRIBE IN CONNECTION KENNEDY CONDOLENCES

1. BEFORE COMMENCING STATEMENT ON PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES IN COMITE 24 JUNE 7, TANZANIAN PERM REP DANIELI EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO GENERALIZE GRATUITOUSLY CONCERNING PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE IN US SOCIETY, SPEAKING FROM FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE WHEN THERE IS CONSTANT REPETITION THIS ACT IN PARTICULAR SOCIETY, WHEN RHYTHM OF VIOLENCE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN GIVEN COUNTRY, ONE HAS TO STAND ASIDE FOR MOMENT AND REFLECT UPON ITS BASIC CAUSATION. WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED UNFORTUNATE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS, MALCOLM X, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND NOW SENATOR KENNEDY? THE DIAGNOSIS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT A SOCIETY CONCEIVED IN VIOLENCE, NOURISHED AND NUTURED IN VIOLENT AND IMMORAL WARS, AT HOME AND ABROAD; A SOCIETY WHICH WORSHIPS AND IDOLIZES VIOLENCE; A SOCIETY WHICH HAS BECOME GREATEST PURVEYOR OF VIOLENCE, CANNOT BE SURPRISED THAT ITS CITIZENS ADOPT VIOLENCE AS WAY AND PATTERN OF LIFE, AND AS ONLY MEANS TO SOLVE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL, ONE DAY SOON, RISE UP AND COME HOME. COME HOME TO DECENCY, HUMANITY, MORALITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE. UNQUOTE.

2. AFTER TWICE INTERVENING ON POINTS OF ORDER, US REP FINALLY

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SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING RULING FROM CHAIRMAN MESTIRI (TUNISIA) THAT SPEAKER SHOULD DESIST FROM FURTHER SUCH COMMENTS AND RETURN TO AGENDA ITEM, BUT NOT UNTIL DANIELI HAD NEARED END OF HIS PREPARED DIATRIBE ON US SOCIETY. US EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AFTERWARDS, EMPHASIZING SHOCKING INAPPROPRIATENESS DANIELI'S INTEMPERATE COMMENTARY ON US INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. THIS IS ONLY INSTANCE OF SUCH GRATUITOUSLY INSULTING OBSERVATIONS IN ANY UN ORGAN DURING THE MANY EXPRESSIONS CONDOLENCES BY DELEGATIONS OF ALL POLITICAL COLORATION.

4. US COMMITTEE 24 DEL SOUGHT OUT FOUM (TANZANIA) AFTER DANIELI SPEECH TO TAKE FURTHER EXCEPTION TO REMARKS. LATTER REPLIED WITH OBVIOUSLY FALSE ARGUMENT THAT COMMENTS APPLIED TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND DIRECTED AT US.

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SUBJ: REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

1. BECAUSE OF THE PROFOUND EFFECT WHICH THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS HAD IN PERU, THE EMBASSY TOOK INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE A REQUIEM MASS WHICH WAS CELEBRATED AT 10 OCLOCK THIS MORNING, THE HOUR FIXED FOR FUNERAL SERVICES IN NEW YORK. THE CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA REINA, THE SAME ONE IN WHICH A MASS WAS CELEBRATED FOUR AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, WAS CHOSEN. AN AMERICAN PRIEST THE REVEREND FATHER ROBERT HIELE OFFICIATED, ASSISTED BY A PERUVIAN PRIEST AND SPANISH PRIEST, TO SYMBOLIZE, AS HE SAID, THE INTERNATIONAL CITIZENSHIP OF ROBERT KENNEDY. THE PAPAL NUNCIUS, MONSIGNOR ROMULO CARBONI, WAS ALSO A PARTICIPANT ON THE ALTAR. THE SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED IN SPANISH, ALTHOUGH FATHER HIELE'S SERMON WAS IN ENGLISH. HIS THEME WAS PEACE, WHICH HE FELT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY'S QUEST, AND HE CHOSE GREEN VESTMENTS FOR THE OFFICIATING PRIESTS TO SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF HOPE.

2. THE EMBASSY SENT SPECIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE MASS TO THE PRESIDENT, THE CABINET, THE LEGISLATURE AND JUDICIARY, AND TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. IT ALSO INVITED THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND PERUVIANS AT LARGE BY PUBLIC MEANS.

3. THE CHURCH THIS MORNING WAS ENTIRELY FILLED WITH AN ESTIMATED 500 IN ATTENDANCE. PRESIDENT BELAUNDE, WHO WAS RECEIVING CREDENTIALS OF TWO NEW CHIEFS OF MISSION, COULD NOT ATTEND BUT WAS REPRESENTED BY AN AIDE. HOWEVER, AMONG THE DIGNITARIES PRESENT WERE VICE PRESIDENT SEOANE, THE PRESIDENT OF SUPREME COURT, THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE, LABOR AND DEVELOPMENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A FORMER

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND A NUMBER OF OTHER SENATORS, DEPUTIES AND FORMER MINISTERS. MANY MINISTERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE SENT REPRESENTATIVES AS DID THE CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF LIMA WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADORS OR CHARGE D'AFFAIRS. OFFICERS OF THE VARIOUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WERE PRESENT AS WERE A GREAT NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PERUVIANS, HIGH AND LOW, WITHOUT OFFICIAL STATUS. ONE PERUVIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SENT A COLAR GUARD AND AN HONOR GUARD OF SOME 15 OR 20 BOYS, ALL IN UNIFORM. THE OCCASION WAS IN EVERY WAY SOLEMN AND FITTING, AND THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION WAS HEAVILY REPRESENTED, LED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS AD INTERIM, ERNEST V. SIRACUSA.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED FULLY THE INTENSITY AND SINCERITY OF THE REACTION IN PERU TO THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. THIS SERVICE THIS MORNING, AND THE REPRESENTATION IT EVOKED, WAS TESTIMONY NOT ONLY TO PERUVIAN FEELING FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AND FOR HIS FAMILY IN GENERAL, BUT ALSO TO THE FUNDAMENTAL WARMTH AND COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WHICH UNDERLIES US AND PERUVIAN RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE IN RECENT WEEKS UNDERGONE SOME STRAIN. SIRACUSA

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1. LARGE CROWDS CONTINUE STREAM INTO AMERICAN AMEMBASSY TO SIGN NAMES IN SEVEN BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE SET UP AT TABLES AROUND LOBBY. IN ONE CORNER, ON PLATFORM, IS LARGE PHOTOGRAPH SENATOR KENNEDY, DRAPED IN BLACK AND SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS. MARINE GUARD STANDS SOLEMNLY BESIDES PLATFORM IN FULL-DRESS UNIFORM. MEMBERS AMERICAN BOY SCOUT TROOP OF WARSAW ALSO STANDING GUARD.

2. IN FRONT OF BUILDING, THOUSANDS VIEW DISPLAY CASES CONTAINING PORTRAIT SENATOR KENNEDY AND SCENES FROM HIS LIFE. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS DISPLAY CASE OF PICTURES OF HIS VISIT TO POLAND IN 1964.

3. IN POZNAN SIMILAR DISPLAY AT CONSULATE DRAWS LARGE CROWDS WHO PLACE FLOWERS AND VIGIL LIGHTS BEFORE CASE. OTHERS ENTER CONSULATE TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK.

4. NEW YORK CHAMBER SOLOISTS GAVE WELL-RECEIVED CONCERT IN BYDGOSZCZ FRIDAY EVENING. IN SHORT ADDRESS TO POLISH GUESTS WHO ATTENDED CONCERT, POZNAN CONSUL SCANLAN RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN AN ESCORT OFFICER FOR 1964 VISIT AND SAID HE KNEW SENATOR'S SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES SUCH AS SOLOISTS TOUR. THEREFORE CONCERT WAS IN EFFECT TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY AS HE WOULD HAVE WISHED IT.

5. NEW SUBJECT: AMERICAN HUSBAND-WIFE VIOLINISTS, TERESA

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AND SIDNEY HARTH. GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION, INCLUDING FIVE CURTAIN CALLS, FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE BACH CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS WITH WARSAW SYMPHONY CONDUCTED BY FRENCH CONDUCTOR MAURICE LE ROUX FRIDAY NIGHT.

6. NEW SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TEAM LEAVES WARSAW SATURDAY AFTER SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY SEMINAR. POZNAN SEMINAR BEGINS JUNE 10 FOR FOUR DAYS. JENKINS

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A MEMORIAL MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE HELD IN THE
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MEMORANDUM

For: Juanita Roberts

From: Vi Williams *u.w.*

*Edward J. **

Dr. Lewis' note on the attached copy of his prayer is addressed to the President. I believe this was handed to the Vice President at the Senate on Thursday, June 6.

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Mr. President, You have been so kind to me in expressing appreciation for my prayers at the Senate. Some Senators asked for a copy of this morning's prayer before the Congressional Record comes out. I thought you would like to have a copy. I had my secretary prepare a few. My support and prayers continue to be with you.

E.B.L.

OPENING PRAYER
UNITED STATES SENATE

by
Rev. Edward B. Lewis, D.D., Pastor
Capitol Hill United Methodist Church
Washington, D. C.
June 6, 1968

Dear Lord and Father of all people who mourn, we bow
as a nation before Thee this sad day. One of our national leaders and a worthy member of this United States Senate has been slain by an assassin's gun.

We are numb because we did not believe it could happen in this nation we love so much. We are a country of all backgrounds, free to voice different opinions and convictions. Our brother, highly esteemed by so many, spoke his convictions so effectively seeking the nation's highest office. Because of extremism, O God, he is now the victim of a sick mind and spirit. We find we are a part of that sickness. Tragedy upon tragedy is being written as our contemporary history. Have mercy upon us, O God. Forgive us. Guide us. Give to us a sense of Divine direction in our confusion.

We thank Thee, O God, for Robert F. Kennedy. We place him in Your tender care. His was a life of deep religious faith, a life of untold loyalty and sacrifice of service to his country. a life of devotion to family. Give peace beyond human understanding to his soul. We are grateful that our spirits can hear the voice of God when we are deaf to the voice of men.

Give strength and comfort to his faithful wife, Ethel. Be with her today through divine strength in meeting the crushing demands

upon her. Bless her children. Be with the Kennedy family, the mother, father, sisters and brother in compassion and love.

Forgive us for the spirit of violence, hostility of heart, extremism and lawlessness among the people of our country and the world which causes hours like this.

Be the eternal guide to our President, this Senate and other leaders during a dark and sad period. Through our sincere penitence help us to see how, where, and why we are facing this shocking moment.

We remember the Word of God spoken through the Apostle Paul, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."

Help us to learn through this, another human sacrifice, that the way of understanding, respect, decency and love must govern our paths. We pray in the name of our Lord. Amen.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10, 1968
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: George Christian *GC*

Herewith my comments on the memo from Liz:

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my dr*
1. I think it is quite correct that the aftermath of the assassination may be a diminishing of public recognition of your contributions as President, and a hollow victory by the Vice President in the Democratic convention.
 2. I agree with her thesis that the public appetite is for drama. But the only drama that could really compete with what we have just seen must be something of high impact (another major change in Vietnam, a trip to Russia by Mrs. Johnson a major overseas trip by the President). I think it would be a mistake to launch a campaign of relatively minor dramatic actions that might appear ludicrous in light of recent events.
 3. I think the biggest impact we can have at home is in the area of gun control and law and order. I believe the country is bewildered about what has happened, and probably disenchanted with politics at the moment. Most people want obedience to the law. But on gun control, we should certainly avoid any implication that we are going to confiscate weapons. This would be over-reaction, would be a futile gesture and meet public disapproval. I am aware that some on the staff would favor this extreme a move; I consider it disastrous.
 4. The idea of a trip by Mrs. Johnson to Russia is excellent. I don't think much of the thought of having Ambassador Dobrynin at the ranch.
 5. I agree that the Poor People should fold their tent and leave. Perhaps Senator Percy's comment on this will be picked up by others.
 6. I do not think that domestic travel by the President -- especially a quick trip somewhere -- would have much effect on the present situation. In fact, the better posture would be to remain in Washington for the time being. An overseas trip later this month or next month is a horse of a different color. Yet I would imagine that now the security problems would be far greater than before.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1968

FOR LARRY LEVINSON

FROM Jim Gaither *JG*

Attached is a draft of some talking points for the meeting with the Violence Commission and a copy of the President's remarks on Wednesday.

Joe would like you to polish this draft, make it a little less negative and then have it typed and distributed for comment to Fortas, Clifford, McPherson, Murphy, Clark, Gaither, Nimetz and Califano.

I have told Correspondence that a draft will be arriving tonight and have given them notes for distribution to the above people.

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IN SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES (UPI-100) MAKE 7TH PGH: XXX

THE WITNESS, JESUS PEREZ, SAID BEFORE HE WAS HERDED INTO THE WAITING ROOM BY OFFICERS THAT THE SUSPECT ASKED HIM THREE OR FOUR TIMES IF KENNEDY WOULD PASS THROUGH THE NARROW PASSAGEWAY WHERE HE STOOD. XXX

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(LBJ)

WASHINGTON--A CONGRESSMAN WHO VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY SAID PRESIDENT JOHNSON LOOKED "HARRIED WITH CIRCLES UNDER HIS EYES."

REP. HENRY GONZALEZ, D-TEX., A CLOSE FRIEND OF JOHNSON, QUOTED THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING: "HENRY, YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THESE LAST FEW DAYS--WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING."

GONZALEZ SAID JOHNSON APPARENTLY HAS SPENT "SOME SLEEPLESS NIGHTS" AND WAS SADDENED BY THE ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, BROTHER OF HIS SLAIN PREDECESSOR.

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(MARCH)

WASHINGTON--REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY SAID TODAY BAYARD RUSTIN OF NEW YORK HAS RESIGNED AS COORDINATOR FOR A MASS "SOLIDARITY DAY" DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED JUNE 19 BECAUSE OF A DISPUTE OVER GOALS OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN.

ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT STERLING TUCKER HAD BEEN ASKED TO SUCCEED RUSTIN. TUCKER IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON URBAN LEAGUE.

ABERNATHY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE POOR PEOPLE AND RUSTIN WAS A "MINOR" MISUNDERSTANDING OVER THE DEMANDS MADE OF CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION BY THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. HE SAID A 14 POINT PROGRAM RELEASED EARLIER BY RUSTIN WAS NOT AS COMPLETE AS THE DEMANDS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BY CAMPAIGN LEADERS.

AFTER CAMPAIGN LEADERS REPUDIATED RUSTIN'S 14 POINT PLAN, HE SET A DEADLINE FOR NOON TODAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THE POOR PEOPLE TO GIVE HIM FULL AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE AND PLAN THE JUNE 19 DEMONSTRATION. ABERNATHY SAID THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN "MUST PROCEED WITH THE JUNE 19TH DEMONSTRATION."

"WE WILL NOT ALLOW THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE POOR PEOPLE SEEING THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN COLLAPSE OVER A MINOR MISUNDERSTANDING," ABERNATHY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE. "WE WILL STILL PRESS ON."

ABERNATHY SAID HE HAD ASKED RUSTIN TO STAY ON DESPITE THE MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT RUSTIN'S RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.

ABERNATHY SAID RUSTIN'S 14 POINT PROGRAM MADE NO MENTION OF OPPOSITION TO THE VIETNAM WAR OR TO DEMANDS OF MINORITY GROUPS IN THE CAMPAIGN SUCH AS THE MEXICAN-AMERICANS, INDIANS AND APPALACHIAN WHITES.

WHEN ASKED WHAT THE POOR PEOPLE WERE DEMANDING OF CONGRESS ABERNATHY LISTED FIVE IMMEDIATE GOALS: HUMAN SURVIVAL, JOBS, GUARANTEED INCOME, HOUSING AND REPEAL OF THE "VICIOUS WELFARE AMENDMENT" LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON WELFARE.

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LATER, POLICE DISCLOSED AN AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO SIRHAN HAD BEEN FOUND PARKED NEAR THE SCENE OF THE ASSASSINATION. OFFICERS SAID A KEY FOUND IN SIRHAN'S POSSESSION FIT THE DOOR AND IGNITION SWITCH OF THE 1956 WHITE AND PINK DESOTO.

A TRAFFIC TICKET FOR OVERTIME PARKING HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE WINDSHIELD.

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RENDERS TRIBUTE TO ROBERT KENNEDY

1. PRESIDENT FIDEL SANCHEZ WAS "KEY-NOTE" SPEAKER AT FIRST MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HIS MAIN THEME WAS THAT PARTY POLITICS SHOULD NEVER BE AN IMPAIRMENT TO THE PROMOTION OF PROJECTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST. THE COUNTRY'S INTERESTS SHOULD ALWAYS PREVAIL OVER ANY PARTISAN ACTION. A DIALOGUE AND TEAMWORK MUST ALWAYS EXIST BETWEEN ALL POLITICAL FACTION.

2. THE MOST IMPRESSIVE PORTION OF THE CEREMONY WAS WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ASKED EVERYONE TO STAND FOR A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN TRIBUTE TO FORMER SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. TAPS WERE PLAYED DURING THE PERIOD OF SILENCE. THIS GESTURE WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY ALL THOSE PRESENT.
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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK, SECY OF STATE
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WITH THE GREATEST CONCERN AND ASTONISHMENT I RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT AGAINST THE LIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY ALL MY PRAYERS WENT TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR HIS FULL RECOVERY. THE FATAL OUTCOME HAS FILLED ME WITH THE DEEPEST OF SORROWS. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY CONSTITUTES AN IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS FOR THIS GREAT NATION AND FOR THOSE OF US THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO LOVE DEMOCRACY. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE VIOLENT PASSING OF SUCH AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC FIGURE IS A MOST DESPICABLE ATTACK AGAINST DEMOCRACY

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SUBJ: REACTION IN MOZAMBIQUE TO ASSASSINATION OF
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 EXPER-

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IENCE PRESENT CONGEN STAFF.

CONDOLENCES MAJORITY 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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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4984

UNCLAS GUATEMALA 4958

SUBJ: KENNEDY DEATH, FURTHER PRESS REACTION

1. PRESS NARROWED FOCUS OF THEIR COMMENT TODAY. ALL PAPERS VIEWING ASSASSINATION AS EVIDENCE OF A PARTICULAR MALAISE AFFECTING US. SEVERAL COLUMNISTS STILL DOUBTING FINDINGS OF JFK ASSASSINATION INQUIRY, SEE PROBABILITY OF ANOTHER PLOT, HATCHED BY DARK FORCES, WHICH WILL REMAIN UNSOLVED. EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS IN DISCUSSING MALAISE RANGE FROM OPENLY HOSTILE TO US TO SYMPATHETIC TO ITS TROUBLES.

2. COLUMNIST IN IMPACTO TOOK OCCASION TO ATTACK US, TERMING ASSASSINATION EXAMPLE OF HOW FAR DECOMPOSITION OF DECADENT US DEMOCRACY HAD GONE. SAW DEATH RESULT OF FORCES IN SUPER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (US) WHO WANTED TO KEEP US (GUATEMALA) UNDER BOOT, AND WHO KILLED ROBERT KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE EXTENDED JUSTICE TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. ANOTHER COLUMNIST IN EL GRAFICO COMPARED SITUATION IN US TO TIME PRECEDING FALL OF ROME, WHERE THERE WAS LITTLE RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE OR NATIONAL THINKERS. CALLED FOR PROFOUND TRANSFORMATION IN STRUCTURE AND THINKING US. RODRIGO RAMIREZ IN EL GRAFICO TERMED DEATH OF KENNEDY, DEATH OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE, THE LAST HOPE, AND WONDERED IF FURTHER VIOLENCE WOULD FOLLOW.

4. ALVARO CONTRERAS VELEZ IN PRESA LIBRE WONDERED WHETHER AMB. LINOWITZ IN DESCRIBING LA COUNTRIES AS "MICROCOSM OF SICKNESS OF WORLD" WASN'T A BIT BLIND NOT TO SEE "MACROCOSM OF SICKNESS" AFFECTING HIS OWN COUNTRY. ALSO SAID THAT US CAN'T

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FEEL SO POWERFUL AND SUPERIOR NOW. HE DOUBTED REPORTS THAT SIRHAM HAD ACTED ALONE AND SAW THE SHOOTING, JUST AS JFK'S AND KING'S, AS PLOT.

5. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN EL GRAFICO BELIEVED THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN DANGER, BUT FELT THAT US HAD NOT LOST REASON AND WOULD FIND MEANS TO STOP VIOLENCE. PRENSA LIBRE VIEWED THE ASSASSINATION AS OUTCOME OF POWER OF MINORITIES TO DOMINATE THOUGHT, REFLEXES OF MAJORITIES. THESE MINORITIES MAGNIFY DEFECTS IN SYSTEM TO JUSTIFY THEIR SCORN OF IT. THIS HATE SEEKS EXPIATORY VICTIMS--KING, KENNEDY, WHOMEVER IT MIGHT BE. ADDS THAT US SHOULD STOP SENDING PEACE CORPS YOUTH OUT TO TELL OTHERS HOW TO DO THINGS, BUT SHOULD TEND TO THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, AS NOW SHOULD US PUBLIC FIGURES. MEIN

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CURRENT REACTION

JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. NEWS CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY DOMINATED BOTH MORNING NEWSPAPERS. HARD NEWS STORIES WERE SUPPLIED ZP GHANA NEWS AGENCY AND LARGELY TAKEN FROM REUTER. BOTH PAPERS USED BLACK FRAMED HEADLINES ON DEATH.

2. ALL FIVE FRONT-PAGE STORIES IN DAILY GRAPHIC CONCERNED TRAGEDY, INCLUDING ONE STORY ON JORDANIAN ASSASSIN.

3. LOCALLY WRITTEN EDITORIALS AND COLUMNS WERE GENERALLY HIGHLY CRITICAL OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. GRAPHIC EDITORIAL REFERRED TO KENNEDY AS "THE ONE HOPE WHICH MANY PEOPLE SAW FOR SICK AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE CANNOT HELP BUT GET SOME VERY UNEASY AND DIRTY FEELING THAT AMERICA ALWAYS KILLS ANY OF HER CITIZENS WHO ADVOCATE SANITY AND CIVILIZATION AS AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WOULD MAKE US IN 'DARK AFRICA' UNDERSTAND," EDITORIAL SAID.

4. GHANAIAN TIMES EDITORIAL WAS MORE MODERATE. GENERALLY EXPRESSED SADNESS AT KENNEDY DEATH, BUT A FEATURE ARTICLE JUXTAPOSED TO EDITORIAL WAS MOST VICIOUS ANTI-AMERICAN ATTACK IN MORNING PRESS.

5. EDITORIAL SPOKE OF THE "IMMENSE LOSS NOT ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BUT ALSO TO THE WHOLE WORLD AT LARGE." IT CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION ALONG WITH "ALL DECENT-MINDED,

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LIBERAL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD," AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT GUN CONTROL LAWS WOULD BE PASSED.

6. THE HIGHLY ANTI-AMERICAN COLUMN BY ACTING FEATURE EDITOR BOAKYE DJAN DESCRIBED KENNEDY'S DEATH AS "THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE LONG STORY OF AMERICA'S MORAL DECAY,"

AND LIBERALLY USED SUCH PHRASES AS "AMERICAN IMPERIAL DREAMS," "AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM," AND "ULTRA-REACTIONARY RESPONSE."

7. "AMERICA'S IM ERIAL DREAMS RECEIVED A TREMENDOUS BOOST RIGHT UP TO THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN THE SUCCESS STORY OF SOCIALISM IN EUROPE---ESPECIALLY IN THE EAST---SIGNIFIED THE END OF ITS DREAM OF STEPPING INTO THE IMPERIAL SHOES OF THEIR BRITISH AND FRENCH ANCESTORS," THE DJAN COLUMN SAID.

8. "THE MEN OF AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM, SEEING THEIR ADVANCE TO WORLD DOMINATION HALTED AND THREATENED IN THIS WAY, TURNED TO ANTI-COMMUNISM AS THEIR BASIC STATE POLICY," HE CONTINUED.

9. SPEAKING OF A ERICA'S "BOOTS OF POLITICAL HYSTERIA AT HOME AND ABROAD," THE ARTICLE SAID THAT "THE DISTINGUISHING HALL-MARKS OF THESE HAVE BEEN BOTH ATOMIC BLACK-MAIL AND INGENUITY: SYSTEMATIC PERSECUTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE INTELLECTUALS OF THE LEFT SINCE THE MCCARTHY DAYS, AND THE CALCULATED DESTRUCTION OF A SMALL COUNTRY AND ITS POPULATION THROUGH TERROR BOMBING OF CIVILIAN POPULATION IN VIETNAM," DJAN WROTE.

10. HIS ARTICLE ALSO PRESENTED HIS VIEW NEGRO'S POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES AS FOLLOWS: "THE MASS OF AFRO-AMERICANS WHO ARE REPORTED TO BE 'SUBSISTING ON GRASS' ESPECIALLY IN THE MISSISSIPPI AREAS ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO BE 'HUDDLED IN RAT-INFESTED GHETTOES FIGHTING DESPERATELY' TO BREATHE THE VERY 'FREE AIR' AMERICAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE EXPORTING TO AND DEFENDING IN VIETNAM AND EVEN THEN 'ONLY TO BE CLUBBED DOWN AND SHOT BY POLICE.'"

11. DJAN ARTICLE CONCLUDED, "THESE FACTS OUGHT TO BE A SOBERING THOUGHT TO OUR LEADERS WHO IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO RESCUE

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US FROM RED-RUSSIAN AND CHINESE IMPERIALISM ARE NOW PUSHING US GRADUALLY INTO THE FOLD OF THIS AMERICA! (IN CAPS) A CITADEL OF DEMOCRACY (IN CAPS) WHICH CANNOT OR IS NOT EVEN WILLING TO OFFER ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR HER LEADERS."

12. AN ARTICLE IN GRAPHIC, ENTITLED " THE SHAME OF AMERICA," SAID THE ASSASSINATIONS OF THE TWO KENNEDYS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND MALCOLM X "PAINT A GRUESOME PICTURE OF THE UNITED STATES."

13. "WHERE DOES THE WORLD GO FROM HERE IF THEY WHO PROFESS TO BE THE LEADERS IN WEALTH, IN TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND IN SO CALLED CIVILIZATION CAN SO EASILY ABANDON THESE TRUTHS AND TAKE TO THE GUN LAW OF THE PAST," THE WRITER ASKED.

14. "THE DASTARDLY ACTS WERE COMMITTED BY A SMALL BAND OF WRETCHES BUT THE SHAME IS THAT OF ALL AMERICA AND AMERICANS," HE SAID.

15. ASSASSINATION NEWS GOT MUCH LESS PLAY IN KUMASI. KUMASI PIONEER EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGED UNITED STATES AS CHAMPION OF "THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM AND HUMAN CIVILIZATION IN WORLD TODAY" BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT AMERICA IS THE ONE GREAT NATION IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE THAT "PERSISTS IN SHOCKING THE WORLD WITH THE RUDEST OF VIOLENCE TO HUMAN DIGNITY."

16. "WHILE WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF SENATOR KENNEDY, THIS QUESTION WE ALSO WANT ALL AMERICANS TO ANSWER: WHAT'S WRONG IN THE UNITED STATES?" FOLEY

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1830

UNCLAS NICOSIA 1906

SUBJ: SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, HAS PROCLAIMED SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING IN THIS COUNTRY. SMITH

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1968
Friday - 10:10 a.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

The other evening in your office, I saw, on the three television screens, a symbol of the problem we face.

On the middle set, a reporter was talking from Good Samaritan Hospital about the dying Senator.

On the left set, cowboys were shooting away at each other and dropping like flies. On the right set, a man was trying to kill a lady espionage agent, but she gave him a karate chop and got out of trouble.

On the two sets showing fiction, violence was being treated as casually as my son Peter treats it when he squashes a bug. On the set in the middle, there was the real thing. Who knows to what degree it is the product of the universal presence of casual violence on television and in the movies?

Maybe it is a sensitive area, but I think you might do the country a lot of good if you asked the network presidents or chairmen to come down here, and put the case for restraint to them. I can promise you the immediate, enthusiastic support of hundreds of thousands of mothers who are disgusted with today's violent TV fare, who fear its consequences for their children, but who feel trapped because there are few entertainment alternatives.

I am even more concerned about the effect of TV violence on adults, especially those who drink and those who keep guns in the house. Whatever we could do to reduce the temptation to mayhem among such people would be well done.

Harry
Harry C. McPherson, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Friday 6:45p

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Douglass Cater *DC*

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Here are proposed items for next Wednesday's Cabinet meeting discussed at staff meeting today:

1. Military situation in Vietnam
Secretary Clifford 10 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
2. France's pre-election situation
Secretary Rusk 8 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Poor People's March report
Ramsey Clark 10 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
4. Briefing on work to be undertaken by Commission on Violence
Califano and Staff Director
(if appointed) 10 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
Brief report by Deputy Attorney General Christopher on
facts about Senator Kennedy's assassin 4 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
5. Report on gun control in United States and abroad -- re-
lationship to homicide
Ramsey Clark 8 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐
6. Review of Cabinet members contacts with Congress on tax bill
Barefoot Sanders 8 minutes
Yes ☒ No ☐



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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: ASUNCION 1821

JOINT USIS/STATE

1. LA TRIBUNA INDEPENDENT EDITERIALLY CALLED ROBERT KENNEDY CRUSADER FOR LIBERTY, DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY WHO HAS FALLEN; STATED THIS IS GRAVE LOSS FOR AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE, ADDING THAT "NO NATION CAN BE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD WHERE GUNMEN, ACTING EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR CARRYING OUT PLOTS OF OTHERS, CAN END THE LIFE OF JUST REFORMERS AND PATRIOTS IN WHOM HUMANITY PLACES ITS CONFIDENCE." TRIBUNA ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT DISTURBANCE IN FRANCE, ITALY AND OTHER NATIONS OF OLD WORLD, ASKING, "WHO CAN DENY THAT THE STRINGS OF THESE INTRIGUES ARE BEING PULLED BY A POWER WHICH HOPES TO HARVEST RESULTS AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT?"

2. DAILY ABC INDEPENDENT SAID KENNEDY REPRESENTED THE MOST LUCID CONSCIENCE OF A NEW GENERATION OF MEN DISPOSED TO BREAK WITH OLIGARCHIC PRIVILEGE, RACIAL SEGREGATION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. IT SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA FOR THE SECOND TIME HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED IN ITS HOPE FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

3. ABC ALSO DECLARED AMERICANS LIVE IN AN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY WHERE MATERIAL VALUES STAND OUT MORE THAN MORAL ONES. "THEY

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BUILD THEIR LIFE ON A BASE OF MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION, AN IMAGE WHICH, MOREOVER, THEY HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH THEIR FILMS, TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND THE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED BY THEIR PRESS OFFICES."

4. ABC ALSO ASKED HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD POSSIBLY CONVINCE LATIN AMERICANS OF ITS FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS WHEN IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE REAL DIMENSION OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS.

5. ITS CARTOON ON EDIT PAGE SHOWED STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH TORCH IN ONE HAND AND OTHER HAND HOLDING PISTOL, WITH TITLE, "WITHOUT WORDS."

6. COLORADO ORGAN PATRIA REFERRED TO VIOLENCE OCCURRING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AND DECLARED "THE WAVE OF SAVAGERY MUST BE ENDED. DEMOCRACY MUST BE DEFENDED WITH SOMETHING MORE THAN WORDS." KARST

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June 6, 1968
10:09 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Tom Johnson

The correspondents are asking for some details about the President's night and morning.

The following questions are being most frequently asked.

1. What time did the President get to bed?
2. What time did he awake?
3. How was he advised of the death of Senator Kennedy?
4. Has he talked with any members of the Kennedy family this morning?
5. What Congressmen and other officials has the President talked with today.
6. Did the President see the Vice President this morning?

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1413

UNCLAS COTONOU 1362

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRESIDENT ALLEY CALLED ME THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS HIS
CONDOLENCES AND INFORMED ME THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD
OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE AT THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING TO
HONOR SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. ALL EVENTS CONCERNING ASSASSINATION RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PLAY
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO. KNOX

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12:40 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: George Christian

The contingency statement and the proclamation have now been stenciled and could be issued in the event of the Senator's death. At this point we do have live capabilities but many stations are no longer on the networks.

We would suggest closing down the live facilities until tomorrow morning. In the event the death comes during the night the statement could be issued to the wires and networks in written form.

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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
TO USINFO WASHDC PRIORITY
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UNCLAS STOCKHOLM 1797

SUBJECT: "CURRENT REACTION"

1. AFTONBLADET (SOC.-DEM.) EDITORIAL "NEW TRIUMPH FOR VIOLENCE IN AMERICA" COMMENTS:

2. THE MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY CAME AS A CLIMAX TO THE VIOLENT POLITICAL SCENE SHIFTING IN THE UNITED STATES DURING RECENT MONTHS...

3. IT IS SAID THAT THE ASSAILANT, A JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT, WAS DRIVEN TO ACT OUT OF REVENGE FOR KENNEDY'S PRO-ISRAELI ATTITUDE. WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS ALL TOO OBVIOUS THAT VIOLENCE HAS ONCE MORE TRIUMPHED AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES....

4. USE OF FORCE AGAINST THOSE OF DIFFERENT OPINIONS IN THE U.S.A., PERHAPS FOREMOST AGAINST POLITICAL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLORED POPULATION, IS NOTHING NEW. IT NOW SEEMS SYMBOLIC THAT SENATOR KENNEDY, IN HIS TALK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HE WAS SHOT, EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT VIOLENCE COULD BE DEFEATED THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES.

5. WHEN THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S.A. IS RESUMED, THIS THEME WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE PRESENTED EMPHATICALLY AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ROBERT KENNEDY AND WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER.

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6. THIS EMPHASIZES THE GRAVE DEFECTS IN THE AMERICAN SOCIETY, AND THE NEW PRESIDENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE - WHOEVER HE MAY BE - WILL BE FORCED, PERHAPS AS HIS FIRST TASK, TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM WHICH NOT ONLY HAS SERIOUS DOMESTIC BUT ALSO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ASPECTS....
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STATE/USIS MESSAGE

"C'A Y EST, ROBERT KENNEDY EST MORT," RADIO CAMEROON OPENED NOON
NEWSCAST JUNE 6. COMMENTATOR SAID AMERICA STRONG, RICH COUNTRY
THAT HAS LEFT ALL OTHERS BEHIND TECHNOLOGICALLY BUT HAS DEEPLY
DISCONCERTING ASPECT. BELIEVES U.S. HASN'T FULLY OUTLIVED ITS
DAYS OF FRONTIER VIOLENCE. OBSERVED QUOTE IN AMERICA YOU CAN
BUY GUNS LIKE YOU CAN BUY CANDY UNQUOTE. COMPARED DEATHS OF
JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY, NOTING THEY
AND THEIR IDEALS NOW SURELY BELONG TO WORLD.

BROADCAST CARRIED CONDOLENCES TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT AHIDJO
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND CHARGE'S STATEMENT KENNEDY DEATSG. RADIO
PLAYED EXCERPT USIS TAPE KENNEDY TELLING AFRICAN STUDENTS HE
AGAINST ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

KENNEDY DEATH WA ONLY ITEM CARRIED THAT BROADCAST. PROGRAM
CONCLUDED WITH SELECTION SPIRITUALS BY GOLDEN GATE QUARTED
WHICH HAD BEEN TO CAMEROON.

FLAG AT HALF MAST, CONDOLENCES BOOK ND PHOTO DISPLAY PLACED
EMBASSY LOTBY. ARCHBISHOP ZOA PROBABLY WILL CELEBRATE REQUIEM
MASS 5:30 P.M. MONDAY JUNE 10.

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RESIDENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CALLED ON USIS TO EXPRESS SORROW
AND SYMPATHY CAMEROONIAN STUDENT BODY. SAID MANY CRIED, BUT
NOT PLANNING PUBLIC MANIFESTATION SENTIMENTS.

INITIAL CAMEROONIAN REACTION APPEARS TO CONTAIN ELEMENT
SURPRESSED, UNDIRECTED ANGER, CONFUSION OVER WHAT IT REGARDS
AS GROWING REIGN OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES AND DISMAY THAT
ALMOST ANYONE CAN BUY ANY KIND OF WEAPON IN AMERICA. DENNIS

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Thursday - 10:46 a.m.

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Louie Martin called and recommended that a pamphlet be put together incorporating the President's statement on television last night. Louie suggested that a picture of President Johnson, President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King be included in the pamphlet.

Louie wants distribution of at least 15,000 copies. He thinks it would be helpful in cooling off his people.

Shall we try to get the pictures Louie requests above?

Yes _____ No _____

JimJ

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY STRUCK GERMANS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF AMERICA'S DEEPENING DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. THE COMMON REACTION WAS, "WHAT HAS AMERICA COME TO?" THE FIRST REACTION ARTICLES DESCRIBED BELOW WERE WRITTEN BEFORE THE IDENTITY, BACKGROUND, AND POSSIBLE MOTIVES OF THE ASSAILANT WERE KNOWN.
2. THOUGHTFUL GERMANS, FROM CHANCELLOR KIESINGER TO THE SUEDE-DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG'S FOREIGN EDITOR, REGARDED THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY AS A RENEWED WARNING SIGNAL THAT VIOLENCE CAN ERUPT IN ANY SOCIETY. BUT GERMAN NEWS MEDIA WERE MOVED TO QUESTION U.S. CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE WESTERN WORLD.
3. GERD RUGE, ONE OF GERMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION'S TOP CORRESPONDENTS COMMENTED FROM LOS ANGELES, "... NEVER BEFORE HAS AMERICA HAD MORE DOUBT ABOUT HERSELF. IT IS LIKE A SEVERE ILLNESS IN A SOCIETY WHEN POLITICAL MURDERS HAVE BECOME ALMOST PREDICTABLE EVENTS."
4. RHEINISCHE POST, A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE U.S., EDITORIALIZED THAT THE U.S. HAS MASTERED TECHNOLOGY BUT FAILED TO SOLVE ITS HUMAN PROBLEMS. ONLY A "PURGING OF MORAL CONSCIENCE" CAN HELP THE U.S., THE PAPER BELIEVES.
5. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG FELT THAT THE SHOTS IN LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF MEMPHIS AND DALLAS, STRUCK AT THE VERY CORE OF DEMOCRACY. THE PAPER EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT WHEN

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PEOPLE RESORT TO VIOLENCE THEY HAVE LOST FAITH IN DEMOCRACY WHICH OFFERS PEACEFUL CHANGE. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG WARNS THAT THIS TENDENCY SEEMS TO BE UNIVERSAL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE KENNEDY SHOOTING WILL BRING A RETURN TO REASON EVERYWHERE.

6. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG ECHOED A SIMILAR SENTIMENT WHEN IT EDITORIALIZED, "... WHERE IS THE PERSON WHO WOULD NOT FIND HIMSELF IN A GLASS HOUSE WHILE THROWING STONES AT A SOCIETY WHOSE HISTORY INCLUDES VIOLENCE...?"

7. ALONG THE SAME LINES, MUENCHNER MERKUR REFLECTS ON THE PROCESS OF CHANGE WHICH IS OCCURRING IN THE WORLD AND INSISTS THAT SUCH CHANGE SHOULD BE MASTERED IN AN ORDERLY EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. "... LAWLESSNESS AND BRUTALITY ARE INCREASING ALARMINGLY. WHAT IS ALSO ALARMING IS THE FAILURE OF THE ESTABLISHED WORLD TO BECOME AWARE OF THE CHALLENGE (OF CHANGE)... THE ATTEMPT ON ROBERT KENNEDY'S LIFE HAS MADE ALL THIS EVEN MORE VISIBLE..."

8. BONNS GENERAL ANZEIGER SAID THAT AMERICANS ARE NO MORE INCLINED TO VIOLENCE THAN OTHERS, BUT FELT "... THE MORAL FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IS SHAKEN..."

9. MANY OTHER GERMAN NEWSPAPERS REFLECTED SIMILAR THOUGHTS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME WHO BELIEVE WITH THE WELL-KNOWN NORTH GERMAN REGIONAL DAILY, KIELER VOLKS ZEITUNG, THAT WHEN THE U.S. IS INCAPABLE OF COPING WITH ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, IT CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON TO ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WERSERN WORLD.

10. NUMEROUS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ALSO SPECULATED THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE KENNDY TRAGEDY, RENEWED VIOLENCE MAY BREAK OUT IN THE U.S.

11. NOT SINCE THE DEATH OF CHANCELLOR ADENAUER IN 1967, HAVE GERMAN NEWS MEDIA GIVEN A SINGLE SUBJECT SUCH WIDE COVERAGE. EIGHT COLUMN HEADLINES WERE THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION. RADIO AND TELEVISION REARRANGED BROADCAST SCHEDULES TO COVER THE NEWS AND FEATURE SHORT BACKGROUND PIECES ON SENATOR KENNEDY. MOST OF GERMANY'S REGIONAL RADIO STATIONS USED DIRECT VOA RELAYS TO COVER THE EVENT. TELEVISION ALSO FEATURED STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT GERMANS, INCLUDING CHANCELLOR KIESINGER AND AMBASSADOR LODGE. LODGE

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE (HIS DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER ALL PAPERS HAD APPEARED OR GONE TO PRESS) HAS BEEN MAJOR NEWS STORY AND HAS BEEN GIVEN EDITORIAL TREATMENT IN ALL PAPERS PAST TWO DAYS. RADIO AND TV HAVE MODIFIED REGULAR SCHEDULES WITH SPECIAL PROGRAMS INCLUDING FILM FOOTAGE FROM LOS ANGELES. EDITORIAL COMMENT EPITOMIZED BY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. MANY EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, INCLUDED CRITICAL REFERENCES TO ALLEGED ILLS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND SUGGESTIONS THAT CONSPIRACY INVOLVED.

2. SOME EXAMPLES: LA CITE (LABOR CATHOLIC) PLAYING ON CONSPIRACY THEME STATED THAT "ONE CONSPIRACY" HAD LED TO ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND NOW SENATOR KENNEDY. PAPER FOLLOWED WITH ALLEGATION THAT AUTHORS OF SUCH ACTS USUALLY ACQUITTED IF THEIR VICTIM WAS NEGRO. MASS CIRCULATION LE SOIR (INDEPENDENT) RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT A "SINISTER CONSPIRACY" MIGHT EXIST TO ELIMINATE "MOST EMINENT LIBERAL LEADERS" IN U.S. EVEN IF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WAS NOT DIRECT RESULT OF SUCH PLOT, PAPER SUGGESTED, IT HAD COME OUT OF CLIMATE OF EXTREME RIGHT-WING FANATICISM. THE U.S. FACED THE "GRAVEST INTERNAL CRISIS IN A CENTURY."

3. ANOTHER COMMON THEME WAS THAT ATTACK REFLECTED DEEP-ROOTED STRAIN OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE AND CHARACTER. SEVERAL PAPERS ATTACKED FAILURE TO PASS STRICT LAWS AGAINST THE SALE OF

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GUNS. HET VOLK (LABOR CATHOLIC) SPOKE OF " CULT OF VIOLENCE" IN U.S. AND HOPED THAT AMERICAN CONSCIENCE WOULD BE AWAKENED TO REPUDIATE THIS. DE NIEUWE GIDS (CATHOLIC) EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ANY COUNTRY IN WHICH IT WAS " SO EASY" TO BUY ARMS WAS " MORALLY SICK."

4. INFLUENTIAL LA LIBRE BELGIQUE (CATHOLIC CONSERVATIVE) SPOKE OF DISTANCE YET REMAINING BEFORE TRULY " GREAT SOCIETY" COULD EXIST IN U.S. RAPIDLY INCREASING CRIME RATE AND WAVE OF VIOLENCE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER US WAS " REGRESSING TO PRIMITIVE MORALITY OF IONEER DAYS." PROFOUND SOCIAL REFORMS WERE NECESSARY " TO RESTORE MORAL ORDER."

5. VOLKSGAZET (SOCIALIST) EXPRESSED OPINION THAT AMERICAN PRESTIGE ABORAD WOULD INEVITABLY BE DAMAGED BY THIS FURTHER ACT OF " BLIND VIOLENCE AND HATE." KNIGHT

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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. FIVE EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB THIS MORNING ALL DENOUNCED SHOOTING OF KENNEDY AS TRAGIC RESULT OF FEARFUL INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN US. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL WAS SURPRISINGLY DENUNCIATORY WHEN STATING THAT ONE ASPECT OF QTE THE VERY INDIVIDUAL KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT IS AMERICAN IS THAT LEADERS OF MINORITIES, LEADERS WHO GO AGAINST THE MAJORITY, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SPECIAL TARGETS OF ASSASSINS UNQTE. EDITORIAL TERMED THESE ASSASSINS AS QTE OFTEN LITTLE MEN, THEMSELVES OPPRESSED, WHO PERHAPS SEE IN THEIR SINGLE ACT OF OBLITERATION A LONELY JOINING OF THEMSELVES TO THE AMERICAN DREAM OF GREATNESS THAT IS OTHERWISE BEYOND THEM UNQTE. GLOBE AND MAIL THEN CONDEMNED A TYPE OF FREEDOM IN WHICH EACH MAN, EACH NATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE LAW AND TO JUDGE OTHERS, USING THE GUN AS EQUALIZER WHETHER IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL OR IN VIETNAM. PAPER ADDED US WILL NOT PUT AWAY ITS GUNS AT HOME OR ABROAD, BUT THERE IS HOPE WHEN MEN LIKE KENNEDY AND MCCARTHY CONTINUE TO DISSENT AGAINST VIOLENCE.

2. MONTREAL STAR, TORONTO TELEGRAM, MONTREAL GAZETTE, AND MONTREAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DEVOIR ALL CITED CONTINUATION OF SUCH UNRESTRAINED VIOLENCE AS INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHY AND EVENTUAL THREAT TO WORLD CIVILIZATION. TELEGRAM, GAZETTE, AND STAR VIEWED U.S. VIOLENCE AS PART OF UNIVERSAL UNREST. GAZETTE STATED QTE ALL VIOLENCE HAS AN UNDERLYING KINSHIP

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UNQTE AND THEN ASKED QTE WHAT NATION CAN JUSTIFY ANY HASTE IN HURLING THE FIRST STONES? UNQTE

3. THE STAR QUOTED A U.S. MARINE COLONEL AS SAYING QTE WHEN YOU GET TO A POINT WHERE ANYONE WHO RISES AND SPEAKS GOES DOWN, THEN THIS IS THE FIRST STEP BACK TO THE DARK AGES UNQTE. ALL EDITORIALS EXPRESSED THE SAME FEAR THAT, AS LE DEVOIR TERMED IT, QTE THE CLIMATE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS CAST ITS SHADOW OVER POLITICAL DIALOG...MAY BE IN TURN THE SYMPTOM OF A SOCIETY WHOSE MORAL FOUNDATIONS ARE COLLAPSING UNQTE. GAZETTE ALSO WARNED OF DOOM OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH ERODES THE LAW WITH A QTE GRADUAL WEARING AWAY BY MINOR ACTS OF DESTRUCTION UNQTE, AND BY TEACHING THROUGH EXAMPLE THAT VIOLENCE IS RIGHT WHEN USED AGAINST LAWS WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL FEELS FREE TO JUDGE FOR HIMSELF ARE GOOD OR BAD. GAZETTE CHARACTERIZED THE US AS FILLED WITH ANGUISH THAT ITS LEADERS CANNOT LIVE IN SAFETY. STAR STATED DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON ALL ABIDING BY RULES. QTE WITHOUT A RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER...WE ARE HEADING SWIFTLY TOWARDS DISASTER UNQTE.

4. TELEGRAM CALLED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO ASSESS HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM AND QTE TO DECIDE IF WE ARE GIVING ENOUGH OF OURSELVES TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FELLOW MAN UNQTE.

5. STAR MADE UNIQUE POINT WHEN QUOTING ERIC SEVEREID'S STATEMENT CONCERNING QTE THE DISCIPLINE WHICH PROTEST MUST IMPOSE ON ITSELF IF IT IS NOT TO PRODUCE THE KIND OF BACKLASH WHICH WOULD LEAD TO REPRESSION UNQTE. STAR CALLED FOR SPEEDING UP OF LAWFUL CHANGE TO AVOID LAST RESORT OF PROTEST BY VIOLENCE AND WITH IT QTE A FRIGHTENED REACTION BY THE GREAT BODY OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN WHICH CAN LEAD SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO TYRANNY UNQTE.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY

1. ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS GIVEN GREATER NEWS COVERAGE THAN ANY FOREIGN NEWS EVENT SINCE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY. STATEMENTS AND NEWS STORIES ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION INCLUDED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CRITICISM OF CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PRINCIPAL POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SORROW. PRIME MINISTER KOIVISTO STATED: "IT IS TRAGIC TO OBSERVE THAT VIOLENCE ONCE AGAIN HAS STRICKEN PERSON WHOSE OWN POLITICAL ACTIVITY HAS STRIVED TO BRING CONFLICTS TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION... WORLD HAD HARDLY RECOVERED FROM OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT RECENTLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN UNITED STATES WHEN IT SUSTAINED THIS SHOCK. ENTIRE WORLD IS OBSERVING WITH FEAR AND APPREHENSION ALARMING INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES."

2. FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN SAID: "I AM DEEPLY SHOCKED OVER ATTEMPT TO MURDER SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND UTTERLY DISMAYED THAT SUCH VIOLENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN OUR TIMES."

3. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION JOHANNES VIROLAINEN SAID: "I AM DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THIS ATTEMPT TO MURDER SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND I AM PUZZLED BY THIS WAVE OF VIOLENCE."

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4. FINNISH RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS GAVE MAJOR COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. RADIO AND TELEVISION CARRIED BULLETINS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. ALL HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS.

5. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT STATED: IT MUST BE SAID THAT POLITICAL HATRED IN UNITED STATES HAS ATTAINED APPALLING PROPORTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ASSASSIN HAS ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE OR CARRIED OUT DECISION OF A CONSPIRACY... IT IS NOT EASY TO FIND ANY POLITICAL MOTIVE IN HIS PROGRAM WHICH EXPLAINS THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY."

6. SWEDISH LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET STATED" "THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT AMERICAN SOCIETY IS APPROACHING STATE DISASTROUSLY CLOSE TO CHAOS. THREE POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS IN A COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND ITS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND CULTURAL POWER IS A SIGN OF SICKNESS...."

7. CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA: "IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT THIS EVIL DEED COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT ADVANCE PLANNING OR THAT IT COULD BE THE ACT OF ONLY ONE MAN... PLANNERS OF THE MURDER WANTED THE COUNTRY'S POLICY OF WAR TO CONTINUE, THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. THIS IS SHOCKING DEMONSTRATION OF DEGREE OF GANGSTERISM INTO WHICH UNITED STATES HAS DRIFTED."

8. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SOSIALIDEMOKRAATTI SAID: "WHEN UNITED STATES ATTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE IT WAS IDOL OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS. NOW IT SEEMS THAT THIS NOBLE DEMOCRACY IS SUFFERING MORE AND MORE FROM DISORDERLY FRAME OF MIND IN WHICH ITS ENTIRE FUTURE HAS BECOME DEPENDENT UPON CHANCE AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE."

9. SIMONIST PAIVAN SANOMAT STATED: "VIOLENCE HAS BECOME DEEPLY ROOTED IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT FATE OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS WELL AS THAT OF HIS OLDER BROTHER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL AROUSE MORE AND MORE AMERICANS TO SEE DANGEROUS STATE OF THEIR SOCIETY AND TO DEMAND ACTION WHICH COULD HELP THIS SICK SOCIETY TO RECOVER."

10. COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET WROTE: "WHO OPPOSED ROBERT KENNEDY'S POLICIES? ARMAMENT INDUSTRY, WHICH RECEIVES ITS PROFITS THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF NEGROES. THEIR MONEY CAN AFFORD TO HIRE PHILIPPINO OR WHITE MURDERERS... IN PRESENT SHRINKING WORLD EVERYBODY

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HAS RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES TAKE POWER INTO
THEIR OWN HANDS AND OVERTHROW THIS 'STATE WITHIN A STATE' -
CIA AND ARMAMENT INDUSTRY AND THEIR HIRED ASSASSINS."
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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR KENNEDY

JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. SHOOTING AND DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY HAS CREATED STRONG REACTION AMONG GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEDIA INCLUDING TV WITH ANTI-AMERICAN OVERTONES. INITIAL REACTION AMONG WORKING LEVEL GOVT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS IN CONTACT WITH EMBOFFS YESTERDAY IN ADDITION TO SHOCK AND HORROR WAS CHARACTERISTIC PORTUGUESE ONE THAT ATTACK WAS PART OF CONSPIRACY. CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SOME THAT VIOLENCE IN US WAS EXPRESSION OF MORE GENERALIZED MALAISE IN WESTERN SOCIETY.

2. SOME OF ABOVE REFLECTED IN GOVT-CONTROLLED MEDIA COVERAGE WHICH, HOWEVER, ALSO PLAYED THEME THAT ASSASSINATION WAS SYMPTOM OF DECADENT DEMOCRACY AND PECULIARLY VIOLENT ATMOSPHERE IN US WHICH HYPOCRITICALLY ESPOUSES IDEALIZED SOCIETY. THIS ASPECT PARTICULARLY PRONOUNCED IN TV BROADCAST LAST NIGHT WHICH SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY COMPARED STABILITY IN PORTUGAL WITH CONDITIONS IN US. GOVT PARTY DAILY DIARIO DA MANHA CARRIED PARTICULARLY NASTY EDITORIAL ENTITLED "IN THE FAR WEST."

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3. BEST ANSWER THIS ARGUMENT CARRIED IN INDEPENDENT DAILY O SECULO WHICH INTERVIEWED SEVERAL PROMINENT PORTUGUESE FIGURES, INCLUDING CATHOLIC OPPOSITIONIST AND EDITOR ALCADA BAPTISTA. AFTER DEPLORING ATTACK, BAPTISTA REMARKED IN COMMENT WHICH APPARENTLY ELUDED CENSOR "I THINK OF NEUROTIC SOCIETIES AND OF OPPRESSED SOCIETIES, OF SOCIETIES IN WHICH THE KENNEDYS AND THE LUTHER KINGS ARE STRUCK DOWN AND LEAVE US THE HOPE OF WHAT THEY WERE AND WHAT THEY DID. I THINK OF SOCIETIES IN WHICH THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE EVEN TO HAPPEN NOR WHERE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HEAR FROM THEM THE LESSONS OF COURAGE, OF LUCIDITY AND OF LIBERATION."

4. SEVERAL HUNDRED TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED SO FAR EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON PART OF OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS AND ORDINARY PEOPLE. OTHERS ARE STOPPING AT CHANCERY TO LEAVE CONDOLENCE CARDS OR TO SIGN BOOK PROVIDED FOR PURPOSE.

5. FACT THAT ASSASSIN WAS JORDANIAN NATIONAL AND THAT ASSASSINATION DID NOT REFLECT INTERNAL US POLITICAL PROBLEMS WILL PROBABLY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON PORTUGUESE OPINION, BUT NOT YET REFLECTED IN MEDIA COMMENT.

6. EMBASSY HAS CANCELLED REMAINING PERFORMANCES OF WHAT HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF SIXTH FLEET BAND. ALSO CANCELLED WAS EMBASSY RECEPTION PLANNED FOR THIS EVENING AT SANTAREM NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN CONNECTION WITH US DAY AT FAIR. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT ON SENATOR'S DEATH HAS BEEN MADE SUBJECT OF EMBASSY RELEASE TO PUBLIC MEDIA.

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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION COMMENTS PRIMIN BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AS PUBLISHED VISIR JUNE 6: "THIS IS TOO SAD FOR WORDS, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER. PEOPLE STILL HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS HORRENDOUS ACT. THAT IS ALL THE MORE REASON TO BE WARY OF THE SPIRIT OF VIOLENCE NOW POISONING THE WORLD." ROLVAAG

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SUBJECT: "CURRENT REACTION"

1. DAGENS NYHETER (LIBERAL) DEVOTES MOST OF EDITORIAL PAGE TO THREE COMMENTARIES ENTITLED "THE VIOLENT SOCIETY", "ROBERT KENNEDY" AND "THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN." THE MAIN EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

2. ONCE AGAIN THE WORLD IS SHAKEN BY AN ACT OF AMERICAN VIOLENCE. JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY... IT IS MORTALLY DANGEROUS FOR A PERSON TO BE IN THE MIDST OF PUBLIC DEBATE IN THE U.S.A., TO BE A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE.

3. BUT THE EFFECT OF THE SHOCK MUST GO DEEPER THAN THE VIOLENCE SUFFERED BY A FEW LEADERS. THE IMPORTANT BEING, THE TRULY SHOCKING THING IS THAT A GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE WHICH WAS THE FIRST IN THE WORLD BUILT ON FREEDOM AND EQUALITY SEEMS TO FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN RESPECT FOR ORDER UNDER LAW. IT SHOULD BE SAID AT ONCE THAT NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD IS THERE SUCH A BROAD AND INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF SOCIETY AS IN THE U.S.A. THE DEBATE PROCEEDS IN THE UNIVERSITIES, IN THE PRESS, RADIO AND TV - ESPECIALLY ON TV - FAR TOO OFTEN ITS PROGRAMS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH COMMERCIALIZED VIOLENCE OF SOME FORM AT THEIR CORE. AS ON MANY OCCASIONS, THE U.S.A. THAT WE ADMIRE AND THE U.S.A. THAT AROUSES OUR REPUGNANCE STAND INSEPARABLY SIDE BY SIDE.

4. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNITY LIFE IN AMERICA IS

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APPROACHING A CRISIS. THE TREND TOWARDS VIOLENCE HAS GAINED A POWER OF PENETRATION TESTIFYING TO FUNDAMENTAL DEFECTS. THE POOR OPPOSE THE RICH, WHITE AGAINST BLACK, REACTIONARIES AGAINST LIBERALS, ETC., AND THE CONFRONTATION SEEMS INCREASINGLY THREATENING. MUTUAL TOLERANCE IS BEING UNDERMINED. ORGANIZED VIOLENCE AS IT OCCURED DURING THE TWENTIES IN THE FORM OF COMPETING GANGSTER SYNDICATES HAVE BECOME LESS WIDESPREAD; OFFSETTING THIS HAS BEEN WHAT WE CAN CALL THE TREND TOWARD VIOLENCE APPARENTLY SPREADING THROUGH GREATER AREAS OF THE POPULATION....

5. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WILL NOW BE PROVIDED WITH BODYGUARDS LIKE THOSE WHO SURROUND HIM. THIS IS A PROCLAMATION OF FAILURE OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY, EVIDENCE OF THE NEED FOR SEEING THAT MADMEN DO NOT GET SUCH OPPORTUNITIES.

6. THE UNITED STATES HAS SOMETIMES BEEN CALLED THE "WORLD'S POLICEMAN," THE UPHOLDER OF ORDER AGAINST COMMUNIST VIOLENCE, AND THIS HAS BEEN SAID IN A NEGATIVE AS WELL AS POSITIVE SENSE. AS THE WORLD APPEARS TODAY, THERE IS NO POWER WHICH CAN PRESUME TO BE A WORLD POLICEMAN; THE THOUGHT ITSELF IS ABSURD AND IS BUILT ON A WRONG JUDGMENT OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. BUT ASIDE FROM THIS, EVER MORE AMERICANS MUST BE TELLING THEMSELVES THAT THE U.S.A. IS ILL SUITED EVEN TO CONSIDER SUCH A ROLE. A NATION WITH SUCH VIOLENT AND OBVIOUS INTERNAL DIFFERENCES AS THE UNITED STATES CAN HARDLY APPEAR TO HAVE INCONTROVERTIBLE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. NOR CAN ANY OTHER GREAT POWER. BUT TODAY IT'S A QUESTION OF THE U.S.A.

7. WILL THE VIOLENT DEED IN LOS ANGELES SERVE AS A WARNING SIGNAL, AS A CHALLENGE TO REASON? CERTAINLY THE DEMAND INSIDE THE U.S.A. FOR GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AGAINST THE FREE TRAFFIC IN WEAPONS, MUST NOW CARRY GREATER WEIGHT THAN BEFORE....

8. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS CONSCIOUS OF VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE; HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY TESTIFIED TO DEFECTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. HIS NEWER WORLD WAS A WORLD WITHOUT VIOLENCE. A WORLD WHICH - THIS MUST BE A COMMON DESIRE - WOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED BY FORCE, BUT THROUGH COOPERATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN NATIONS. SWAN

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UNCLAS BUDAPEST 1405

SUBJ: HUNGARIAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. HUNGARIAN RADIO BROADCAST FIRST NEWS OF ASSAULT AS SPECIAL BULLETIN AT 0900, JUNE 5, AND EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS REQUESTING CONFIRMATION AND EXPRESSING REGRET. EMBASSY STAFF OBSERVED LONG LINES OF PEOPLE WAITING TO BUY AFTERNOON DAILY, ESTI HIRLAP, WHICH CARRIED PHOTOS AND STORY.

2. COMMENT IN ESTI HIRLAP AND IN FOUR MORNING DAILIES ALL WRITTEN BEFORE IDENTITY AND MOTIVATION OF ASSASSIN ESTABLISHED, ALL STRESS "SICK SOCIETY" THEME, DRAW OBVIOUS PARALLELS WITH JFK AND KING ATTACKS, AGAIN RAISE AND QUESTION VALIDITY OF WARREN REPORT, AND ATTRIBUTE ATTACK ON ROBERT KENNEDY TO "EXTREME" RIGHT-WING CIRCLES PUNISHING HIM FOR PROPOSING "REALISTIC" POLICIES ON VIETNAM AND/OR FEARING DISCLOSURES HE COULD HAVE MADE ABOUT ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST JFK. PHRASE "POLITICAL GANGSTERISM" USED IN PRESS AND RADIO. MENTION ALSO MADE OF STRUGGLE OF KENNEDY FAMILY, AS SUCH, FOR POLITICAL POWER.

3. TELEVISION COVERAGE LAST NIGHT, IN ADDITION TO SATELLITE FILM CLIPS OF ATTACK, CONCLUDED WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT ALONG FOREGOING LINE. PRESS JUNE 6 INCLUDES EXTENSIVE STRAIGHT REPORTING ALSO FEATURING WRAP-UP OF COMMENTARY FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TOP STORY IN CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TODAY AND LAST NIGHT'S MAIN EVENING TELEVISION NEWSCAST DEVOTED 14 MINUTES TO EVENT. GENERALLY FACTUAL STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE LAUDATORY TOWARD SENATOR (HE WAS FAVORITE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HERE), AND INCLUDES SUSPECT ASSASSIN'S JORDANIAN BACKGROUND, WHICH ALSO SUBHEADED RUDE PRAVO.

2. HOWEVER, COMMENTARIES HEAVILY LOADED WITH "REACTIONARY POLITICAL CONSPIRACY" THEME. RUDE PRAVO ALLEGES CONNECTION BETWEEN DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES CLEAR AND GUNS AIMED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO PRESERVE OLD WORLD IN AMERICA AND OVERSEAS. ATTACK CALLED "SEVERE INDICTMENT OF THAT PART OF AMERICA TODAY REPRESENTED BY WALLACE, REGAN, GOLDWATER AND OTHERS, BUT PARTICULARLY...FAR MORE POWERFUL PEOPLE...MAINLY...OF CREAM OF SOCIETY." MLADA FRONTA DEOUBTS "THEORY OF LONE MAD POLITICAL FANATICS WHO...SHOOT AT BEST PEOPLE OF AMERICA," ADDING "THE SENILE STORIES AND THOUSAND-PAGE REPORTS OF WARREN COMMISSION ONLY PUT TO SLEEP 'GREAT AMERICAN CHILDREN' OF WHOM UNHEALTHILY MANY IN THAT COUNTRY." OTHER PAPERS COMMENT IN SIMILAR VIENT, SOME SPECIFYING PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST "PROGRESSIVES" ON VIET-NAM AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

3. ZDENEK TRHLIK, IDENTIFIED AS FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD, GAVE FOLLOWING TELEVISED STATEMENT, REPEATED ON FRONT PAGE RUDE PRAVO: "IT IS A REGRETTABLE, SHOCKING, HUMANLY TRAGIC AND AT THE SAME TIME DISTRESSING EVENT. EACH

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OF US SURELY CONDEMNS THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF
SETTLING DISPUTES, WHETHER IT IS VIOLENCE ON THE NATIONAL OR
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WHETHER IT OCCURS ON AMERICAN SOIL OR
BEYOND IT. IN THE UNITED STATES, IT SEEMS, THE METHOD OF
ASSASSINATION HAS BECOME A MEANS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE. THIS
CERTAINLY CANNOT BRING ANYTHING GOOD AND ONE WONDERS TO WHAT
EXTENT THE VIOLENCE MANIFEST IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IS
REFLECTED IN LIFE IN THE USA. THE ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY
IS PROOF OF A CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY AND WE CAN ONLY
HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DO AWAY WITH THOSE
IMPULSES WHICH MAKE SIMILAR ACTS OF VIOLENCE POSSIBLE."

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SUBJ KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOL. IS TEXT JUNE 6 EVENING STANDARD ARTICLE BY OFTEN-
SENSATIONALISTIC JON KIMCHE, FORMER EDITOR JEWISH OBSERVER.

2. QTE RESPONSIBLE ARAB LEADERS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN
GRAVELY CONCERNED IN RECENT WEEKS OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL
EMISSARIES OF THE PALESTINIAN FATAH TERRORIST MOVEMENT HERE
AND IN THE U.S.A. THESE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AMONG
THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ARAB STUDENTS IN LONDON, OXFORD,
MANCHESTER AND OTHER CENTRES. THE HEAD OF THE FATAH MOVEMENT,
YASIR ARAFAT, WAS IN LONDON TWO WEEKS AGO TRAVELLING UNDER AN
ASSUMED NAME AND WITH A JORDANIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. HIS
FRIENDS EXPECT HIM TO BE HERE AGAIN THIS WEEKEND IN PREPARATION
FOR A JORDAN REFUGEE WEEK WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY A GROUP
OF MPS AND SYMPATHISERS. BUT THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE CONCERN
OF THE RESPONSIBLE ARAB LEADERS IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE OUTCOME
OF A CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ARAB STUDENT MOVEMENT WHICH TOOK

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PLACE IN MUNICH BETWEEN MAY 21-26. THE CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY 32 DELEGATES REPRESENTING ARAB STUDENT ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE AND THOSE IN THE U.S., EGYPT, THE LEBANON AND IRAQ. IT WAS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST OF THE LEADERS AT THE CONFERENCE BELONG TO A DISTINCTLY POST-GRADUATE AGE GROUP. THE CONFERENCE PASSED TWO MANDATORY RESOLUTIONS AFTER ADDRESSES FROM LEADING ARAB NATIONALISTS FROM LIBYA, KUWAIT, JORDON AND SYRIA. THE MAIN RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED BY DR. HASHEM BAGHI, WHO CAME FROM PARIS. THIS URGED ALL STUDENT ORGANISATIONS TO REJECT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION AND TO REJECT ALSO ALL LEADERS WHO URGE SUCH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IT TOLD STUDENT ORGANISATIONS "TO OUST ALL SELFISH LEADERS" WHO STAND IN THEIR WAY. EVEN MORE POINTED WAS THE SECOND RESOLUTION WHICH THE CONFERENCE PASSED AFTER MUCH HEART-SEARCHING. IT INSTRUCTED ALL ARAB STUDENT ORGANISATIONS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT LIAISON WITH THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE ORGANISATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE TERRORIST FATAH. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY THE SYRIAN, DR. DAQAQ. THE CONFERENCE ELECTED A THREE-MAN DIRECTORATE CONSISTING OF DR. BAGHI, DR. DAQAQ AND ABDUL RAZZAQ AL BESHIR TO COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH THE FATAH LEADERS. THE CONFERENCE ENDED ON MAY 26 FIVE DAYS LATER CAMILIE CHAMOUN, A FORMER LEBANESE PRESIDENT AND FOREMOST OPPONENT OF PRESEDENT NASSER WHO HAD JUST WON AN ELECTORIAL VICTORY WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED. DURING THESE LAST 10 DAYS A NEW RADIO STATION BROADCASTING ON AN EGYPTIAN WAVELENGTH CALLED THE VOICE OF FATAH HAS BEEN CALLING DAILY FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND HER FRIENDS. DAILY BULLETINS GIVE LISTS OF ATTACKS CARRIED OUT AND CASUALTIES INFLICTED. IN 10 DAYS THESE ALMOST WHOLLY FICTITIOUS COMMUNIQUE HAVE CLAIMED MORE ISRAELI CASUALTIES THAN THE ISRAELIS SUFFERED DURING THE SIX - DAY WAR LAST YEAR. THE FACTS MAY BE FALSE BUT THERE IS NO MISTAKING THE TONE OF MOUNTING HYSTERIA AND EXCITEMENT OF THESE VERY EFFECTIVE BROADCASTS FROM CAIRO. LAST FRIDAY PRESIDENT NASSER'S LEADING SPOKESMAN MR. HEIKAL DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE WEEKLY ARTICLE WHICH IS BROADCAST TO THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD TO AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND AMERICAN POLICY. A FINGER ON THE TRIGGER WAS IN BEVERLY HILLS, BUT THE INSPIRATION UNDOUBTEDLY CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. UNQTE. BRUCE

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UNCLAS BAMAKO 1856

SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FIRST REACTION KENNEDY DEATH THAT OF MAN IN STREET. THERE IS SHOCK, SORROW, DISBELIEF, CONTEMPT, ANGER AND EVEN READINESS BELIEVE ASSASSINATION CONNECTED SOMEHOW WITH ASSASSINATIONS PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, WITH COLLECTIVE GUILT BEING ASCRIBED AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. FIRST MEDIA COVERAGE SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT KENNEDY DEATH WAS ON RADIO MALI NOON BROADCAST WHICH GAVE FACTUAL SUMMARY OF LAST TWELVE HOURS, DESCRIPTION AND MOTIVES OF ASSASSIN. SCHLESINGER QUOTED AS SAYING IN SPEECH IN NEW YORK LAST EVENING AMERICAN PEOPLE "TERRIFYING" (EFFRAYANT) AND THAT VIOLENT NATURE AMERICA HAS ROOTS IN MASSACRE INDIANS, USE OF NEGRO AS SLAVE AND WAR IN VIETNAM. ATTENTION ALSO GIVEN TO REACTION HARLEM.

3. CLEARER PICTURE OF OFFICIAL MALIAN REACTION SHOULD EMERGE WITH PUBLICATION TOMMORROW'S L'ESSOR, US-RDA DAILY. MOORE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT
ON THE SHOOTING OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
THE FISH ROOM

AT 10:07 P.M. EDT

My fellow citizens, I speak to you this evening not only as your President, but as a fellow American who is shocked and dismayed, as you are, by the attempt on Senator Kennedy's life, deeply disturbed, as I know you are, by lawlessness and violence in our country, of which this tragedy is the latest spectacular example.

We do not know the reasons that inspired the attack on Senator Kennedy. We know only that a brilliant career of public service has been brutally interrupted; that a young leader of uncommon energy and dedication, who has served his country tirelessly and well, and whose voice and example have touched millions throughout the entire world, has been senselessly and horribly stricken.

At this moment, the outcome is still in the balance. We pray to God that He will spare Robert Kennedy and will restore him to full health and vigor. We pray this for the Nation's sake, for the sake of his wife and his children, his father and his mother, and in memory of his brother, our beloved late President.

The Kennedy family has endured sorrow enough, and we pray that this family may be spared more anguish.

Tonight this Nation faces once again the consequences of lawlessness, hatred and unreason in its midst. It would be wrong, it would be self-deceptive, to ignore the connection between that lawlessness and hatred and this act of violence. It would be just as wrong, and just as self-deceptive, to conclude from this act that our country itself is sick, that it has lost its balance, that it has lost its sense of direction, even its common decency.

200 million Americans did not strike down Robert Kennedy last night any more than they struck down John F. Kennedy in 1963 or Dr. Martin Luther King in April of this year.

But those awful events give us ample warning that in a climate of extremism, of disrespect for law, of contempt for the rights of others, violence may bring down the very best among us. A Nation that tolerates violence in any form cannot expect to be able to confine it to just minor outbursts.

My fellow citizens, we cannot, we just must not, tolerate the sway of violent men among us. We must not permit men who are filled with hatred, and careless of innocent lives, to dominate our streets and fill our homes with fear.

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We cannot sanction the appeal to violence, no matter what its cause, no matter what the grievance from which it springs.

There is never -- and I say never -- any justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life; that inspires such fear in peaceful citizens that they arm themselves with deadly weapons; that sets citizen against citizen or group against group.

A great nation can guarantee freedom for its people and the hope of progressive change only under the rule of law. So let us, for God's sake, resolve to live under the law.

Let us put an end to violence and to the preaching of violence.

Let the Congress pass laws to bring the insane traffic in guns to a halt, as I have appealed to them time and time again to do. That will not, in itself, end the violence, but reason and experience tell us that it will slow it down; that it will spare many innocent lives.

Let us purge the hostility from our hearts and let us practice moderation with our tongues.

Let us begin in the aftermath of this great tragedy to find a way to reverence life, to protect it, to extend its promise to all of our people.

This Nation and its people have suffered grievously from violence and assassination. For this reason, I am appointing, with the recommendation of the Leadership of the Congress -- with whom I have talked this evening -- a commission of most distinguished Americans to immediately examine this tragic phenomenon. They are:

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, the former distinguished President of Johns Hopkins University.

Archbishop Terrence Cook of New York.

Albert E. Jenner, Jr., of Illinois.

Ambassador Patricia Harris.

Mr. Eric Hoffer.

Senator Philip A. Hart.

Senator Roman Hruska.

Congressman Hale Boggs.

Congressman William McCulloch.

Judge Leon Higginbotham.

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The commission will look into the causes, the occurrence and the control of physical violence across this Nation, from assassination that is motivated by prejudice and by ideology, and by politics and by insanity, to violence in our cities' streets and even in our homes.

What in the nature of our people and the environment of our society makes possible such murder and such violence?

How does it happen? What can be done to prevent assassination? What can be done to further protect public figures? What can be done to eliminate the basic causes of these aberrations?

Supported by the suggestions and recommendations of criminologists, sociologists and psychologists, all of our Nation's medical and social sciences, we hope to learn why we inflict such suffering on ourselves. I hope and pray that we can learn how to stop it.

This is a sober time for our great democracy, but we are a strong and we are a resilient people who can, I hope, learn from our misfortunes, who can heal our wounds, who can build and find progress in public order.

We can. We must.

So I appeal to every American citizen tonight:
Let us begin tonight.

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(AT 10:18 P.M. EDT)

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June 6, 1968

Honorable Patricia Harris
4338 Forest Lane, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pat:

The President wanted you to have a copy
of his remarks on the shooting of Senator
Kennedy, which includes his announcement
of the commission to study violence in
America.

Robert F.

Sincerely,

Joe
Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower
Evergreen House
4545 No. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Dr. Eisenhower:

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Most Reverend Terence J. Cooke, D.D.
451 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Your Excellency:

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Honorable Hale Boggs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hale:

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Honorable Roman Hruska
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hruska:

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Mr. Eric Hoffer
1547 Clay Street
San Francisco, California 94109

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June 6, 1968

Mr. Albert E. Jenner, Jr.
Raymond, Mayer, Jenner & Block
135 LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jenner:

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of his remarks on the shooting of Senator
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Honorable William McCulloch
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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
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**Honorable Philip A. Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Phil:

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
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Judge Leon Higginbotham
U. S. District Judge for Eastern
District of Pennsylvania
U. S. Court House
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Leon:

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of his remarks on the shooting of Senator
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DEAR SIR AND FRIEND:-

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I AM RELATIVELY SURE THAT I SHALL RECEIVE A PRINTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THIS LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND THAT YOU WILL NEVER SEE IT BUT THE FACT THAT I AM WRITING IT TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS GIVES ME SATISFACTION.

SENATOR KENEDY'S TRAGIC DEATH HAS SADDENED THE FREE WORLD AND YOUR PLAN TO LEGISLATE THE SALE OF GUNS AND YOUR APPOINTMENT OF A STAR STUDDED COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES MEANS VIRTUALLY NOTHING.

UNTIL OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT IN COMMAND DEVELOPES ENOUGH INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO BRING TO A HALT, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY, RIOTING, LOOTING AND THE LIKES OF WHAT IS NOW ENCAMPED ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, THEN AND ONLY THEN CAN THE AVERAGE AMERICAN LIKE ME BE PROUD TO BE CALLED AN AMERICAN. WHAT IN GOD'S NAME CAN WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO ACT AS THEY HAVE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PASSIVELY LOOKING ON.

→ I WAS IN COTULLA LAST WEEK AND LOTS OF FOLKS ARE WISHING YOU WOULD RECONSIDER AND RUN FOR PRESIDENT AGAIN.

YOURS VERY TRULY

J. Baylor Bell

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT
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June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Herewith for the files of the Department of
State is a copy of the proclamation entitled
"Death of Robert F.^A Kennedy."

Sincerely,

William J. Hopkins
Executive Assistant
to the President

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

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Wednesday, June 5, 1968
Typed: 10:30 a. m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: George Reedy

1. The greatest immediate danger arising out of the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy is the rapidly developing sense of national guilt and the feeling that there is "a sickness in our society." This is a factor which must be handled with the greatest of care.
2. At this moment, there is no evidence whatsoever available to the public that this is anything other than a great personal tragedy. Unless evidence to the contrary is developed, it must be regarded as a formless act committed by a psychopath who found as his victim the most prominent man in sight.
3. The danger of the "sickness in our society" thesis is that it can breed further violence and acts of desperation. It can lead to wide-spread acts of violence committed from a sense of outrage and a warped determination to "avenge" Senator Kennedy. If there is not "a sickness in our society" (and I don't believe there is), there soon will be if this maudlin hysteria continues unchecked.
4. There are two possibilities. Either Senator Kennedy was shot in an individual act of terrorism modified by a warped mind; or there was a plot to assassinate him and this should be handled through the normal channels of justice. Whatever has happened, the facts should be made available as quickly as possible because nothing else will check the wave of emotional speculation that is building. It would be well if there could be an authoritative statement as soon as possible by someone of the rank of the Attorney General.
5. Meanwhile, however, it is important that no action be taken to feed the flames. There have been too many statements this morning along the lines of the one made by Charles Evers that no man in this country could speak for the poor people without risking his life. That is simply not true. The truth is that no man in this, or in any

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, June 5, 1968
3:30 PM

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Identification of Potential Assassins

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The real problem will be the inadequacy of our knowledge base about personality factors characteristic of known assassins. As in so many things, we are compelled to act when we haven't done--and aren't doing--enough research to provide a sound basis for action.

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THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

LOUIS MARTIN
Deputy Chairman for Minorities

June 5, 1968

MEMORANDUM TO MR. JIM JONES

Confirming our telephone conversation, I very much urge that the President within twenty-four hours make a major speech to the American people on the issues of violence and divisiveness in our country. The American people are stunned and shocked by the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy. This is a moment when a strong voice calling for reason, compassion, justice and domestic tranquility would help alert and strengthen the moral leadership of the Nation. It would strike a major blow against the extremists who are inciting the public to violence on both sides of the color line. Today no statement by the President would be considered self-serving. No American enjoys the respect and esteem that he has now. There could be no possible backlash to such a speech. Further, in a period of national shock and bewilderment strong moral leadership is urgently needed.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1968
9:06 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Tom Johnson

James.
At 8:00 a.m. Sgt. Major Gully called me to advise that he had a Mr. Flug from Senator Ted Kennedy's office inquiring about use of a Presidential aircraft to transport Senator Robert Kennedy's children to California. Sgt. Major Gully said he was unable to give approval for this action and asked that I take the call. Since Jim Jones was not available, I talked with James Flug, legislative assistant to Senator Ted Kennedy at 8:01 a.m.

Mr. Flug wanted to check on the availability of a Presidential aircraft to take several of the Kennedy children to Los Angeles. I told him in the first conversation that I knew the President would want to be of assistance in any way possible. Mr. Flug said he would call me back if a definite request was to be made.

At 8:36 a.m. I talked again to Mr. James Flug. He said that Senator Ted Kennedy would like to request the use of a Presidential aircraft to take three of the Kennedy children to Los Angeles. I told him the aircraft would be standing by at Andrews within the hour and that we would make whatever arrangements that the Senator requested, as the President directed.

I then called General Robert Ginsburg, Military Aide to the President, to advise him that he should call Senator Ted Kennedy's office to make sure all arrangements for the flight had been made.

One of the Kennedy children, young Robert, was to be flown from Washington. The aircraft was to stop either in Boston or at the Cape for a second child and pick up the third child in Keene, New Hampshire.

Two memo's pertaining to this action are attached.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1968
3:20 p.m.

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Mr. President:

May I take a look at today's diary to see if we could put together a good chronology of the President's day, showing his involvement in responding to the situation growing out of the Kennedy assassination attempt?

Max Frankel and several other reporters are particularly interested in the President's day. It would make a good feature to show how the President has been involved since the early morning, both calling members of Congress about the need for legislation and responding to the request for assistance to the Kennedy family.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1968
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mike Manatos *M.M.*

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Subject	To 6/13	To 6/17	To 6/18	To 6/20	To 6/24	To 6/27	To 7/3	TOTAL
Direct Action to Prevent Crime-Riots								
Pro	593	118	26	35	53	37	28	890
Con	21	4	4	4	1	3	1	38
Comments	29	28	4	12	10	12	15	111
Opinion Ballot: Direct Action to Prevent Crime-Riots								
Pro	948	679	177	173	194	68	83	2,322
Con	7	6	2	7	0	2	0	24
Comments	75	30	12	9	34	11	16	187
Poor Peoples' March								
Pro	15	65	7	21	44	64	69	285
Con	64	46	7	24	59	63	42	305
Comments	15	10	2	9	11	17	17	81
Crime Bill								
Pro	47	28	14	33	21	10	11	164
Con	241	165	59	88	33	5	3	594
Comments	8	3	2	5	2	2	0	22
Gun Control Legislation								
Pro	1,724	1,918	783	1,676	1,135	471	1,249	8,956
Con	257	323	212	1,341	1,497	705	2,019	6,354
Comment	89	40	26	116	68	37	75	451
President's Statement 6/5 on RFK Assassination								
Pro	573	310	74	88	11	2	0	1,058
Con	183	86	29	46	8	4	0	356
Comment	273	72	15	4	5	0	0	369
Comment-Condolences-RFK Assassination	1,580	694	109	451	88	128	72	3,122
Suggestions for Violence Commission								
Pro				24	7	2	5	33
Con				22	2	4	4	28
Comment		45	20	42	17	10	9	134
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