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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Miller:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Leonard Miller  
707 Southeast Ramp Road  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

(Mrs. Marion Miller)

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Comment re RFK  
(Sugg to protect future candidates)

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707 S.E. Ramp Road  
Roseburg, Oregon  
June 7, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of U. S. A.  
Washington, D. C.

Your Honor:

I was listening to the television and heard the tragic news of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, presidential candidate. To think that two brothers and Reverend Martin Luther King could be assassinated in our country. One was president and the other running for that high office and both trying to help our country be a better world for us all to live in and both were killed. As I was listening I began to wonder what this world is coming to.

Idea began to come to me about something that could be done to help protect the other candidates and people like Martin Luther King, or people from foreign countries that come to our country.

Some of the ideas that came to me follow. Logging men or motorcycle men wear helmets. Maybe some kind of helmet or hat could be made to help protect them. Also some kind of a vest or bullet proof jacket. The hat or helmet could come down to the shoulders. It could have a face shield on to cover the face. The welding hats that welders wear when welding gave me the idea of the fact. The shield could be tinted to help protect their eyes from the sun. All the under material that should be used in making these articles should be made of bullet proof material. Also the shield should be bullet proof glass. These ideas could also be used for the secret agents that work for them.

This would enable the candidates to get out among the people and make their political debates and to shake hands with the people.

It is the person that kills; not the gun that kills. When the bullet struck the victim gave me the idea of a shield like this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leonard (Marion) Miller

Mrs. Leonard (Marion) Miller



GENERAL

FL 3 / Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Students:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

With the President's best wishes to you and Mrs. Selby,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Students of Mrs. Selby's Seventh Grade Class  
Room 301  
Bryn Mawr School  
7355 South Jeffery Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60645

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Enclosure: Ltr. from Pres. to Speaker of the House and the Pres. of the Senate, 6/6/68.

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6/11/68  
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Dear President Johnson,

You know and I know  
that we need a strong gun  
control law. Because we do not  
have it, our leaders were killed!  
President Kennedy, Martin Luther  
King Jr., Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.  
They were all very good rulers.  
We are now so scared to  
walk the streets. If the law  
doesn't come through you and  
I both will be dead, plus  
the whole world. And I am  
not just ready to die yet.  
And I know you're not.



So let's hope more people think  
about this law.

Sincerely Yours,  
Carolyn Clegg

7355 S. Jeffrey: School

or

7342 S. Jeffrey: Home

(Chicago)

Rm. 301

Dear Mr Johnson,

I'm a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student  
at Bynum school. I think its a  
sad fact that people cant walk the  
street safely. America is supposed  
to be a free nation make it free from  
guns. I feel we need a strong gun  
control law.

Sincerely yours  
Chris L Pitts

7355 So Jeffery Blvd.  
Chicago Ill. 60649.



Dear President Johnson,  
There should be no  
guns at all.

Sincerely yours  
James Doofield

6/11/68

2059 E. 75<sup>th</sup> St R,  
Chicago, Illinois  
60649, Cook County

Dear, President Johnson;

I have never written to you, but now that Senator Robert F. Kennedy who I wanted to be President, was killed by a person with a gun, I like to advise you if you can to try and make a strong gun control law, so if this law can be trusted by everybody, all the people would be more safe at home and on the streets.

Thank You

Noemi Ulfing

P.S. If possible, please write back.



June 11, 1968  
7355 So. Jeffery Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60649

Dear President Johnson,

After Martin Luther King and Robert Francis Kennedy's death, I had just got fed up. Now I think we should have a strong gun control Law. Many people think you can shoot a person if you have a gun. That's not true. And it's not just the people with guns it's the drunks that steal guns and use them for the stupid reason they got mad and couldn't get their way. Well Mr. Johnson, please make America a safe place to live.

Thank You,

Reneé Brandon

P.S. Please answer back

Dear President Johnson

I would like a strong gun  
control law. We are afraid to walk  
the streets. All of our good leaders  
have been shot, John F. Kennedy, Martin  
Luther King Jr and Robert F. Kennedy  
and as soon as we get a mother  
fella to shoot at you he shoots  
every time someone disagrees  
with him and he goes and  
takes out his gun and shoot him what  
is going to happen to us: This  
letter has been written by a student of  
201 St. Bruno Mary School 7355 S. Jeffery  
Blue in Chicago

Sincerely  
Demetrius E. Cousen



Larry Dean Sanford  
7011 So Jeffery Ave.  
Chicago Ill. 60649

Dear President Johnson,

If it is possible I really would like to see a strong gun control law. Really see people walking down the streets of their City a place of safety. And not see people shooted for their rights or wrongs.

I would like you to tell me some of the ways that I can help put a strong gun control law over all guns.

Yours, Larry

P.S.

I want to see something done about it quick and fast. Thankyou.

Dear Mr. President

I would like  
to see people walk  
the streets safely without  
getting hurt or killed.

There is enough  
fighting and killing  
in Vietnam, without  
this kind in the  
States or Cities.

You could stop  
this endless killing  
by having a strong  
gun control law.

Yours, Betty Gilbert



Dear President Johnson

I think That you were very right  
about the gun control law. Because  
we do have a very large Crime rate with  
guns dont make it with any one can  
buy guns from like the catalogs or when  
they do buy a gun without registering it

Sincerely yours  
Gregory Salley

June 11, 68  
1718. Panten  
Chicago, Ill  
606 49

Dear Mr. President,

I would like  
to draw your attention  
about the violence  
& shooting in this world.  
I am already  
tired. Kennedy, Dr. Martin  
L. King all died with guns.  
I hope there will  
be a gun control law  
soon.

Yours  
Truly,  
Marilyn  
Ruth  
Owens

7355 So. Perry Blvd  
Chicago, Ill  
606 49



7515 Lybrey  
68649  
Chicago Illinois

Dear President Johnson,  
I know you that anybody  
else wants to pass the control  
law for guns. I want you  
to try your darned to  
enforce this law.

P.S. If Kennedy hadn't have  
been shot I think he would  
have managed Presidency

answer

if  
possible

Sincerely

Good Citizen  
of America  
(U.S.A.)

Pat Fortson

Denise Carter  
7325 S. Joffrey  
Chicago 60649

Dear President Johnson,  
I would like to see a strong  
gun control law. So that people  
can walk the streets safely.  
Useless shooting of people ended.

Denise Carter



GENERAL

44-3/Kennedy, L.F.  
44-1/Kennedy, L.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Lee:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Showmaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Ben W. Lee  
2413 Emerson Avenue, South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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7 383 writing at this time of tragedy.  
June 6. 1968 ..

President - Mr. Johnson

I am just a dishwasher  
in Minneapolis - I am  
very sorry - That we  
have lost our good  
friend - Robert Kennedy ..  
I really feel bad about  
it .. Such a good kind  
man to talk to the people  
I seen him on T.V .  
and heard him talk -  
he talked so good that  
I liked him - I liked to  
hear him talk - I am  
very very sorry that  
we have lost him ..  
It is just terrible ..

From Ben W - Lee  
2413 Emerson ave. S.  
Minneapolis Minn  
Is where I live -



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what can they do with  
a fellow like the fellow  
that shot him - what  
kind of a mind has  
such a fellow got that  
would shoot such a  
good kind man as  
Robert Kennedy - It is  
just a shame - I really  
feel bad to think that  
we have lost such a  
good man as Robert

Kennedy he was a  
interesting man to listen  
to on T.V. -





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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

JL 6-1

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Stoll:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard C. Stoll, Sr.  
2579 Graystone Road  
East Petersburg, Pennsylvania 17520

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Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Richard C. Stoll, Sr.  
2579 Graystone Road  
E. Petersburg, Pa.

June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

In these already trying times I will not attempt to express my feelings concerning the loss of our great Senator Kennedy, however, on the heels of protective measures for Presidential Candidates and certain gun control laws I would like to mention one fact that may or may not have gone unnoticed, and which I truly believe is worthy of your profound consideration.

My first knowledge of Senator Kennedy's being shot was yesterday morning just before putting my 12-year old Son on the school bus. In viewing the repetitious programming of this incident on television for approximately four (4) hours I was extremely concerned about one aspect in particular, which seemed to be punctuated and confirmed by the film-time involved and the eyewitness report of one of the men professed to be so close to Sen. Kennedy (and the mad man (sic) who shot him) at the time of the shooting, specifically:

The length of time lapsed before a Doctor was on the scene! It appeared to have been 10 to 15 minutes. And, the Doctor who finally did examine the Senator later denied any knowledge of a head wound. Both the time lapse and this apparently perfunctory examination contributed to the great loss of blood and subsequent physiological malfunctions prior to actual surgery.

The point I would like to stress here, Mr. President, is that in my belief every type of function involving masses of people under one roof and particularly in one room is a potential hazard to health in the absence of a qualified physician.

It is my earnest belief that Legislation should be passed on the Federal level whereby any public or private functions involving Federal Employees or candidates for Federal Office etc. must have immediately available a qualified physician within calling distance, as it were, for the specific purpose of attending the needs or potential needs of these people as soon as the attendance reaches or is anticipated to reach a minimum and specific figure. This is particularly true where alcoholic beverages are served and the mental faculties of everyone are inclined to be sluggish at a time when electric reflexes are imperative.



I feel that the individual states could adopt similar legislation covering non-federal functions or people.

In attempting to protect people from similar violence we have no guarantee that such protection will be all-encompassing. Former Governor Scranton yesterday summed this up very ably when he reflected that you just can't be watching or protecting everyone at a function where there is closer mingling of the peoples and where it is necessary for the candidates to mingle- the mingling is actually expected. However, in the event something unforeseen does happen the most expeditious medical attention should be immediately available.

Thank you for your time. I regret that we shall be unable to pay our last respects at the funeral, but we shall pray very earnestly for the Soul of our Great Senator Kennedy.

Very sincerely yours,

*Richard C. Stoll, Sr.*

Richard C. Stoll, Sr.

*and family.*

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

Kennedy, Sen. Ted

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Russell:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Rosemary Russell  
3433 Smith, SE.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

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*urges secret service protection for Ted Kennedy*  
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3433 Smith, S. E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87106

Dear President Johnson,

Having seen the recent murder of Martin Luther King and been witnesses to the earlier murder of President Kennedy, we all knew that Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign activities placed his life in danger daily. It is too late now to do anything about that.

Now we know that Senator Ted Kennedy's life is in danger. There will be, without any doubt, deranged persons who will want to kill the last Kennedy male of Jack and Bobby's generation. In this country or ours, amounting as it is in irresponsible gunholding, being a man gives one no advantage over being a woman, and the United States must insist upon Senator Kennedy's being protected by it as is our late president's widow.

Will you offer to and urge upon Senator Kennedy Federal security agents, to work with him into the foreseeable future?

Sincerely yours,

*Rosemary Russell*

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20025

June 8, 1968

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GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
ND19/00312*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Rathmann:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Alfred E. Rathmann  
Apartment 1  
1902 Grove Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

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ALFRED E. RATHMANN  
1902 GROVE ST., APT. 1  
OSHKOSH, WISC. 54901

June 5th., 1968

President Lyndon Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the time of national concern over the growth of violence, the question is asked by you, by governmental leaders, educators, social scientists, in fact all are deeply distressed over the why's of the terrible increases in crime and disruption !

As a parent, I feel that our entertainment industry must share the blame, or part of it, for the crimes, the social disasters that are a part to and of our national scene !

Irresponsibility on the part of movie directors, on the part of the exploiters of movies that sell murder, sex and distortions of our national life, all out of proportion to the real issues of our times !

The war in Vietnam is a brutal, a very brutal daily fact of life. We must end this war.

Our society has turned into a war materials society. Our weapons are used to kill and bomb people all over the world.

Jordan aircraft bomb, Israel armored units move to the front, cannons fire at innocent men, women and children. The sad fact is that the planes, the tanks and the cannons and shells come from the United States !

We export weapons as a way of life !

The issue is simply, if we are to survive as a social entity, then we must move closer to what we believe and what we do !

The students see the hypocrisy of the racial problems, the war, the rights of man !

Right now the movie, "The Savage Seven" is being advertised on television ! Have you seen this movie Mr. President ?

The corruption of government is another farce ! To listen to Senator Dodd speak about ethics is a hypocrisy that must be brought to an end ! Here this senator showed how dishonest, shameless, corrupt, violating laws on income tax, and he continues on in office !

I hope that my letter presents to you Mr. President, a real and valuable answer to your question on how we might turn towards a better world for all citizens !

Yours truly,

*Alfred E. Rathmann*  
mr. Alfred E. Rathmann

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

On behalf of the President, I should like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter concerning the President's statement on June 5.

Your interest is appreciated and you may be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. William E. X Murphy, Jr.  
1308 Glasgow Street  
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Enclosures: 6/5 Statement on shooting of Sen. RFK; release 6/10/68  
Rmks to Comm. on the Cause and Prevention of Violence.

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Pro 6/5 statements  
concern people need for welfare

MRS. WILLIAM E. MURPHY, JR.

1308 GLASGOW STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND 21613

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68-16(a) statement on June 6, 1968

no comments at this time of tragedy  
Encls: Release 6/5 statement on shooting of Sen. RFK  
clear Mr. President to Congress  
Release 6/10 Rmk to Congress on violence  
and regard which

spoke on TV, we were proud  
of you, for you spoke forth-  
rightly and with courage.  
Surely now, we must have a  
gun law to help in cutting  
down crime.

But as you spoke of  
the need for obeying the law,  
I wondered who will have  
the courage to make Rev.  
Abernathy move his city  
when the law says his  
permit expires? And who  
is left to restore as gospel  
the policeman's words, "Stop  
or I'll shoot"? And who will  
put back the yam that  
the Supreme Court has  
removed from the courts?



Sir, people like me obey  
the law because it's there,  
but we have little means to  
cope with those who don't.

I teach school and know  
too well the value of Headstart  
and the Teaching aide (N.D.E.A.).

But I work hard, and I would  
like to see welfare people  
going to school to learn  
budgets and sanitation and all  
that they need <sup>to know</sup> to cope with  
the world that frustrates them.  
Do we have the courage to  
make people learn in order  
to earn their welfare check?

These are simply my  
thoughts after Senator Kennedy's  
unlabeled death. This simple  
act of writing means that  
this ordinary American has  
had enough violence. There  
must be more of us.

We were proud of  
your courageous words. Now  
let us act. Sincerely yours,  
Richard E. Murphy



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GENERAL

June 14, 1968

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JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
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Dear Misses Highsmith:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Judy Highsmith  
Miss Nancy Highsmith  
Cherry Hospital, Box 18  
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Enclosure: Release 6/6/68, Proclamation on death of RFK.

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Pro-Pres-Dep 6-5 Re: Shooting of <sup>Rev. RFK</sup> Box 18 Cherry Hospital  
Suggest - Call the nation to prayer Goldsboro, N.C.  
June 5, 1968  
383 (a) Statement on June 5.

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6/11/68  
President Johnson's tragedy.

White House  
Washington, D.C.

Encl: Release 6/6

Proclamation on  
Death of RFK.  
Dear President Johnson,

although my sister Judy and I are  
just ordinary Americans, too young to vote  
and living where our parents are employed,  
we feel we have a right to express our  
opinions and it is with great faith  
that we feel we should write to you.

We just heard your speech and  
we agree with you in everything. The  
only omission made was that this  
nation needs God more than  
anything else. Although your commission  
is an excellent approach to our problem,  
it is almost sure to fail unless  
the people wake-up to the fact that  
they must put God first in their  
lives, including the leaders of the  
nation. He destroyed the world once  
for sinfulness, and he will destroy a  
nation for the same. A nation which  
he has blessed with freedom and  
peace. One that was once a



Christian nation, in which men fought for the right to worship God and live peacefully.

The people of our nation are tearing down the America that great men like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and many others fought and died for.

Yes, we have everything a nation could want but as we are turning away from God so is he turning away from us. What will happen when we don't have God at all?

Why don't you, as the President, lead our nation in prayer that we might once again turn to God for guidance. Try to touch the hardened hearts of the people. If you lead us in war and peace, also lead us in the way of God. It will take more than the political minds of men to see us through these troubled times.

Let us hear you lead a prayer asking for guidance and wisdom and the recovery Senator Kennedy.

Then we will be assured that

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the opinions and rights of Americans  
are still respected, even those  
who are 18+20 in age as my sister  
and I are. This is our nation and  
we are very concerned about the  
way it is falling into immorality &  
ungodliness.

Please let us know in some way  
that we are important as young  
Americans for we speak for many  
like ourselves.

yours truly,  
Miss Judy [and] Mary Highsmith  
Miss



GENERAL

JL 3/Rennedy,  
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Schussler:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing following his statement on June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments  
at this time of terrible sorrow, and he asked that  
I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Diane Lou Schussler  
3915 Delta Street  
Rosemead, California 91770

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Mo. Pres. Sp. 6-5-68 Re: Shooting of Sen. RFK

3915 Delta St.  
Rosemead, Calif

June 5, 1968.

383 ... statement on June 5.

... comments at this time of terrible

ack  
6/14/68

Dear Friend our President, sorrow,

I have just heard your appeal  
via T.V. for our united effort to  
change the course of what is  
happening in our country. I am  
grateful to you for taking the  
lead in this. You asked us all  
to help. I humbly wish to give  
my ideas on how to help to  
change the course of events.

Many people have said the  
reason for all this is hate.  
This is very true. But how does  
one free himself of hate? or  
resentment, or fear, or, mild dislike.  
I offer this simple experience &  
experiment. It is so simple you  
and many others may smile, as



I retired last June 1967

though I were a simple child. L2.  
And that is what I am — for  
I have lived 63 years, taught  
school almost 30 years, in 3 different  
states. I have a son <sup>who is</sup> also a teacher,  
and a daughter with 3 dear  
children. I have been married  
twice and have learned to  
forgive which means "give for",  
give good for evil. The reason  
we do not do it is because  
we do not know how to rid  
our minds of these thoughts.  
But I have found the way. Will  
you try it too?

Many people are saying we have a  
sick society. The truth is we  
are sick until we learn to  
say "I love you —" with compassion.  
We are drawn to those who have  
compassion. We are repelled by  
those who do not have it. Compassion  
means doing something for. It is not sympathy.



This is the Experiment. It <sup>13</sup>  
works wonders. To someone who  
has done you or your world an  
injustice say:

1. I love you name.

2. I love you " " "

3. I love you " " ".

Say it often, softly, if you are not alone.

Say it before going to sleep.

Say it in 3's or 9's.

Say it about yourself, putting your name  
in it. It will make you feel foolish,

It will make you laugh, and you  
will enjoy the experiment because

you will feel different about yourself.

Be secretive about what you are  
doing, until you know that you are  
succeeding somewhat. Write letters  
to those you know who will be  
helped by it, and who will join in  
the experiment.

I learned of this only last summer  
from a lady from Germany. She explained  
how it had changed her life from  
hate, resentment & self pity, to love for  
(over)



anyone she tried the experiment <sup>14</sup> on.  
At first I was not too impressed, but  
as I returned home from Long Island,  
where I had met her by Greyhound  
Bus. Riding thru Wyoming became  
somewhat tedious and I remembered  
this experiment. I put my hand  
over my mouth so no one would  
see me talking to myself. I said  
"I love you" in 3's about all my  
relatives first, then my friends,  
then my seat partner, then the  
bus driver. I amazed myself.  
My interest in life increased.

I have continued this experiment  
ever since & have written it  
to countless friends and a few  
relatives. They <sup>relatives</sup> are the hardest ones  
to get to try it. Many people who  
do not know I am saying this  
"love experiment" on them respond  
to me in a much more friendly  
way than they ever did - they  
seem drawn to me. It has expanded  
my influence and my effectiveness in  
all I do.



It has been easy for me to love <sup>5</sup>  
negroes, perhaps because in our  
Church of the Holy Trinity in Los Angeles  
there were many negro members  
who were such great souls I could  
see the beauty and the light in  
their eyes & in their words and  
in their actions. I learned much  
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Dr. Lauback's "Each One Teach One"  
when we get it going.

I thank you for giving me the  
opportunity to write this to you.  
I hope you receive it, for I am  
sincere.  
(Mrs) Diane Low Schussler  
(over)



I never learned to type. Excuse this

please. I have been a member of the Holy Trinity in Los Angeles for many years. I have seen the beauty and the light in their eyes & in their words and in their actions. I learned much from them about patience and kindness, gentleness and sincerity.

I have other ideas and plans I would like to share with you on this problem - how to change the course of what is happening in our country. There are many who will join in action if only we start. It will be like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" when we get it going.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to write this to you. I hope you receive it for I am sincere.  
(Mrs) Diane Tom Bohannon  
1-26-82

*me*

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
FG 795*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

On behalf of the President, I should like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter concerning his statement on June 5.

Your interest is appreciated and you may be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jean D. <sup>X</sup>Ryan  
3850 Northampton Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

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Pro 4/5 Statements re: RFK

@ (Co-Commissioner)

June 6, 1968

68-16 (f) his statements on June 5,  
in comments at this time of tragedy

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

Dear President Johnson:

Thank you for your statement last evening absolving the American public of blame in the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and now Bobby Kennedy. My sentiments exactly.

It has become tiresome, irritating, and downright insulting to be accused of being a member of a 'sick' &/or 'violent' society. The irresponsible newsmen, TV commentators, and the grab-bag of social scientists that leap to microphones and typewriters surely must be looking into mirrors when they make such statements.

The overwhelming majority of Americans are decent, industrious individuals. We go about our work and tasks each day. We look after our families, take care of our homes, and labor for a better life for our families and ourselves. We suffer joy and sorrow, we are born and die. Most of us have never owned a gun, not even for 'sport' (so-called). The vast majority of us would not kill a rabbit or deer or pheasant. We do not consider this as being fun. Yet the blanket term of 'violent' is applied to us all.

John F. Kennedy's assassin was not truly an American. He was an individual who hated his birth place, and who sought citizenship in a land whose history is steeped in true violence, violence against the spirit as well as the body. The political cellars of that land are knee deep in blood. King's assassin has not been found, and it's unlikely that he and his masters will ever be uncovered. Now Bobby Kennedy has been killed - by an Arab. These killers cannot be, by the wildest stretch of imagination, be called Americans.

So again I thank you for your address last evening in defense of Americans. However it would have been far better if you had let your statement rest. In the end you seemingly reversed yourself and announced yet another commission, thereby negating your original contention.

Sincerely,

*Jean D. Ryan*

(Mrs.) Jean D. Ryan  
3850 Northampton Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

GENERAL

June 14, 1968

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*3/Kennedy, L.F.*  
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*LA 6/Sanitation Workers*

Dear Mrs. Benton:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was good of you to give him the benefit of your comments at this time of terrible sorrow.

Perhaps you would like to read the enclosed remarks of the President to the Commission on the Cause and Prevention of Violence.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Ruthe Benton  
1407 22nd Street, South  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Enclosure: : Release 6/10/68 per above.

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Comment - Shooting of Sen. RFK

Suggestion re: Protection of Political Candidates

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Comment - Sanitation Workers Strike in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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this time of terrible  
sorrow.

1407 - 22nd Street, South  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
June 5, 1968

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the Cause + Prevention of Violence.

President Lyndon B. Johnson  
White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Encl: Release 6/10, per above.

Dear President Johnson:

I want to commend you on a very fine job you have done since you have taken office as president to our great nation.

The attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy early this morning prompted me to address this letter to you. I propose that you recommend to congress that all presidential nominees, president, and all powerful political figures, when addressing a large crowd, wear some type of protective garment under their clothing and a protective helmet on their heads, all which is bullet proof, to protect them from would be assassins.

I have been deeply moved by the violence which has taken place since the deaths of two of America's greatest leaders, President John Kennedy and Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Our nation cannot achieve the goals and aims that these two men gave their lives for unless a honorable peace can be achieved.

Secret Servicemen are fine when it comes to keeping a person from bodily harm but they cannot keep an assassin's bullet from taking the live of a person.

I also commend you for your firm stand on the Vietnam War and the efforts you have made in getting the North Vietnamese Officials to the peace table. I do hope that a honorable peace can be reached within a very short while.


President Lyndon B. Johnson  
page 2  
June 5, 1968

// My prayers and hopes are with you in every endeavor  
you undertake to bring the War to a historic close.

// Here in St. Petersburg, our Sanitation Workers are  
on a strike as a result of a wage increase promised to them by the  
Sanitation Director, Mr. Walter Shultz. They have not reached a  
settlement and cannot get the City Manager, Mr. Lynn Andrews, to  
even talk with the attorney for the striking workers. We have every  
thing here for a riot but with the cooperation of some of the city offi-  
cials and the Negro-white community, we have been able to settle our  
differences, at least thus far.

I hope and trust that one day we will live to see this  
world in peace and harmony.

Yours in peace,

  
(Mrs.) Ruthe Benton



cc/

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert  
AR5-1/B\*

June 14, 1968

Dear Geneva:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the poem you composed in tribute to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Geneva Bonner  
254 Liberty Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60432

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June 6, 1968  
254 Liberty St  
Joliet, Illinois  
60432

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Dear President Johnson,  
I do hope that all  
is good with you and your  
family. Sir: I am a fourteen  
and 1/2 Negro girl who attends  
Joliet Township High School, Central  
Campus, Joliet Illinois. I will  
be a Sophomore this September.  
I am very upset over the death  
of Senator Kennedy and I do  
believe that I, myself took the  
tragic news this morning worst  
than anybody else in my family.  
This is why I went to my  
room and wrote a poem  
concerning him. I look up to  
you, President Johnson. Not be-  
cause you are the President of  
my country but because when you  
speak, I stop to listen and I  
admire every word that you say.  
You express yourself in a way



that make me know that  
you do really care for America.  
You can't do much more. You  
can't appear to America about  
things but that's just like a  
teacher appearing to his class  
about being quiet. A few will do  
it and the same seems to go  
for America. There is always one  
the who makes it impossible for  
the rest. That's John Kennedy.  
Martin Luther King and Ray Charles  
Xenod. How someone else who  
is reluctant have to do just because  
someone believes in violence? I  
hope not. Your speech will let  
take to give America feelings that  
there is not the answer?  
I would like very much for  
you to answer me back. I have  
death in you but I do hope  
that you are very true so I will  
wait to hear from you.

Thank-you

Sincerely yours,  
Renee Brown,  
254 Liberty St  
West, Orleans  
60432

O.8. Enclosed is my poem, that I wrote  
soon after I read the tragic news.



"God Bless America" Has  
Not Said In Vain

At this time how the United  
States should be disgusted  
Because it seems like no  
man with a gun can be trusted  
How many brilliant men must  
be shot and killed?  
Before the love of America  
is truthfully revealed  
Shall a man die or shall  
a man live?  
What much more is he  
offered to give?  
A great man dies and  
there is much sorrow  
Soon forgotten because one  
more dies tomorrow  
A man with courage, bravery,  
plus love  
A man which was sent  
from heaven above  
Born to do his duty, born  
in richness too  
Born to help America, what  
more could someone do?



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Who wife and children  
are left here behind,  
Zimbabwe remains, time  
after time.

We spoke of peace, Robert  
was true and told  
we could for the country and  
this could be clearly told.

Robert Kennedy fought for the life  
just like any other man would do,  
but that didn't have to let him  
die unless he wanted him to.

While life must go on while  
straggle remains, that  
But just remember that "God  
 Bless America" was not said

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The end

Written by: Herman Brown



GENERAL  
JL 3/Kennedy, Robert L.  
PL/Kennedy, Edward (2)  
PL/Humphrey, Hubert  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Corman:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson at this time of terrible sorrow. Your interest in letting him have your views on the candidates and the campaign is appreciated.

The President has made his own position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your understanding as he devotes his efforts to the cause of peace, unity and justice for all men.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Cid<sup>x</sup> Corman  
Utano, Fukuoji-cho 82  
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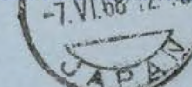
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Cid Gorman: ORIGIN  
Utano, Fukuoji-cho 82  
Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

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7th June 1968

President,  
Lyndon B Johnson  
The White House  
Washington DC USA

Dear Sir,

as no more and no less than a citizen of  
the same nation of which you are the acknowledged and  
elected leader I write you.

The assassination of Senator  
Kennedy needs no additional commentary from me; the shock  
is too general. But it does reveal, as so many recent  
events in America, that the nation is profoundly sick  
and as such needs the most loving care--care that exceeds  
mere politics.

May I submit to you a proposition which,  
I should wish to believe has already entered your own  
mind? I suggest, quite humbly, that you, as president  
and as titular, as well as actual, head of your party,  
even as you had the grace to step out of the election  
race, ASK Senator Edward Kennedy to stand for next  
president and ASK Senator Humphrey to second that  
motion by being his vice-presidential co-nominee.  
Senator McCarthy, I am sure, would go along with  
this and assist, in what I hope may turn out to be  
a quiet, a non-campaign. This would provide nomina-  
tion by acclamation and avoid all the politicking  
that would otherwise go on.

Surely it is clear that  
we, if I may for a moment speak as one representative  
of the American people, a minority of one as each is,  
must now rise above politics to a gesture that the  
world can unequivocally recognize as one of national  
unity and rededication. It is an act that would  
MEAN unequivocally that America will NOT be ruled  
by ANY act of violence.

In the circumstances I  
am not sure that the Senator from Massachusetts  
will WANT to risk his neck as a candidate--even as  
his mother's only son--but I think the issue at  
stake exceeds that of any individual. And my  
suggestion, I assure you, has nothing to do with  
partisanry.

In the common plight, I am - Sir -  
your fellow-citizen,

*Sincerely*  
*Ed Corman*  
(Mr) Ed Corman



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

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PL/Rockefeller, Nelson

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Zoblotsky:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in letting him have your comments on the campaign and the candidates in this time of terrible sorrow is appreciated.

The President has made his own position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your continued understanding as he devotes his efforts toward progress through a united purpose in America — and toward lasting peace in the world.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Morris<sup>X</sup> Zoblotsky  
172 Peachtree  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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for the Presidency



Atlanta, Georgia

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c/s ✓ Dear President Johnson:

My name is Mond Jobilsky, I'm originally from Taylor, Texas now living in Atlanta, Georgia. In my thirty three years, I have many fond memories, among them seeing you walk into my father's shoe store running for reelection to congress. I remember the first Helicopter I ever saw, it was bringing a then Senatorial candidate to the baseball park in Taylor. I remember, after college, attending a Democratic Dinner <sup>in Austin, Texas</sup> supporting Stevenson for the presidency. Albert Gore was the speaker and as we were leaving I recall grasping your hand and then telling Lady Bird how proud she must be of you, for we all were. I remember standing with my father, Joe in Jacksonville, Florida ~~this is the first~~ in January of last year, a day before my wedding, running into

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Atlanta, Georgia

A mutual friend, <sup>Judge</sup> Homer Thornberry. My father afterwards recalled a barbecue ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~appointed~~ <sup>appointed</sup> ~~Thornberry~~ <sup>Thornberry</sup>, when he had the pleasure of speaking to the then Vice-President, and later seeing <sup>a year</sup> the President Dedicate his Synagogue.

This is the first letter I have ever written to an elected official and as of yet I do not know what I am going to say, but in this time of national tragedy my heart must speak out.

My first thoughts were to ask you to reconsider your decision, but how much must one person give of his life to help others - and not receive the respect due him for his efforts. ~~I hope~~ <sup>because</sup> My respect you never have or ever will lose and ~~this~~ <sup>this</sup> respect I firmly believe your decision to be proper.

And yet, as one concerned about my country I need advise in how to turn. Nixon will be the Republican nominee and I can't help but feel

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Atlanta, Georgia

that he is all ~~of~~ the things you have been so wrongly accused. I pray I am wrong.

Vice-president Humphrey is a great man and a noble American but I do not feel he has the power, ~~and~~ strength, ~~and~~ leadership to guide our country. I feel one man could change ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> direction in which our nation is moving and unfortunately he is not of our party. But his philosophy is so close only the home he goes under is different. Perhaps this insanity that has been sweeping our country has enveloped me also, but I feel you and only you could persuade Rockefeller to run as a Democrat. He would be unbeatable - but more important - I feel he would be good for our country.

I have never voted for a republican, I have also believed you vote for the stable and breeding - not the horse - but if the right horse runs with the right stable - - -  
I don't know if you will see this

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Atlanta, Georgia

but in <sup>all</sup> contensions, I still believe in the American dream that every citizen can write his congressman, Senator, Vice president, and President and expect him to see the message. You have been all of these to me, please excuse my not writing sooner. I promise you in the future, I will not be complacent about my country and what I can do about it.

Very Respectfully yours,

Mond Joblotky

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VL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Barnhart:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Phyllis C. Barnhart  
East 3220 19th Avenue  
Spokane, Washington 99203

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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East 3220 19th Avenue  
Spokane, Washington 99203  
June 5, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

As an average tax paying citizen of this United States I am extremely appaled and freightedened at the conditions and problems we are having right now.

What can I do and where can I start to help see that these conditions and problems are changed?

Very sincerely,

*Phylis C. Barnhart*  
MRS. PHYLIS C. BARNHART

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Lindsey:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson.  
It was thoughtful of you to let him have your  
comments regarding gun control legislation.  
He sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

Lindsey Broyles  
208 David Drive  
North Syracuse, New York 13212

Enclosure: Rms on Gun Control Leg., 6/6/68.

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June 14, 1969

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JL3/Kennedy, Rth F

Dear Mr. Butler:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. Victor Arezo Butler  
Apartado 4355  
Municipio De San Juan  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905  
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Rio Piedras, Pto. Rico

To the Hon.  
R. B. Johnson  
Pres. of the United States  
of America.  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Everyone around in the island  
& Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - are  
in great concern pertaining about  
the late senator Bob Kennedy -

We hope for all in our prayers  
for the best in peace & the

leadership of the Country,

Respect fully yours,  
Victor Arago Butler

(encl)





THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Victor Arezo Butler  
Apartado 4355  
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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905

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GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Lee:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. William H. Lee  
Quincy Road  
Seneca, South Carolina 29678

*(Mrs. Nancy A. Lee)*

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Concern re condition of country & Supreme Court decisions

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Quincy Road  
Seneca, S. C. 29678

June 6, 1968

Office of the President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a citizen of the United States, I feel compelled to write you this letter, although I doubt that it will ever be important enough to be placed on your desk.

First, let me tell you something about myself and my family. My husband is a pediatrician and I am a registered nurse. We have three children and live in a town of approximately 7,000 people. My husband is also a city councilman. We are not for any particular party, but always vote for candidates with the best platforms.

At the death of Senator Kennedy, we feel much guilt as to the trouble our nation is in. But on a local level, our hands are tied. We register to vote, listen to all candidates, and then vote for the man we feel can best guide our Nation. When this man comes into power, he can appoint Supreme Court Justices and promote bills of legislation. He and a handful of people guide our Nation. Now I ask you, Mr. President, where have we gone wrong? At present our police cannot interrogate a witness unless he knows all of his rights. Riots and looting are going on in our major cities - and this is no crime? These poor people who have so righteously invaded our nation's capitol, at least a third of them left jobs and the rest are not even taxpayers. You can buy a gun over the counter or order one wholesale, but yet we cannot have prayer in our public schools. And you have the gall to ask us to pray. I ask you for what, Mr. President?

If you do nothing else in your term in the White House, I ask you to clean up our cities, stop all this rioting and looting, stop all these marches and send those people home where your anti-poverty program and public welfare program will take care of them. Send them back to farm the land and stop paying them to sit!

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A little more about our town that I would like you to know. We will have complete intergration of our school system this year. We have a Negro dentist, physician, and pharmacist who help lead us. This year we decided to throughly intergrate our PTA. I was on the neminating committee for this. We all but had to beg a Negro to be our treasurer. We wanted a Negro secretary but in the whole school, we could not find one who felt capable of accepting this responsibility. You cannot take a man out of the cotton fields, Negro or White, and overnight educate him to a doctor or even for a better income. We have an active STEP program available that would help these people better themselves.

So I beg you, Mr. President, to please stop all these crimes. Stop looking in the other direction. Our Nation needs all the leadership and help that the Almighty God can give it.

A reply to this letter would be much appreciated as I am very concerned for the welfare of our Nation and our children.

Sincerely,

*Nancy A. Lee*

Nancy Lee  
(Mrs. William H. Lee)



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JL 3/Kennedy, Rott. F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Corporal Hollihan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to express his pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your comrades are making toward the cherished goals of a peaceful and law-abiding world. Free men will be forever in your debt.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

L/Cpl. Eugene J. Hollihan 2395436  
Echo Bty 2/11 1st Mar. Div.  
FPO San Francisco 96602

Enclosures 6/5 televised rms on shooting;  
and 6/10 rms to Commission.

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June 14, 1968

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
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Dear Barbara:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

The President shares your sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. You may want to have the enclosed text of the Proclamation he issued at the time.

As you requested, the home address of Mrs. Kennedy is:

1147 Chain Bridge Road  
McLean, Virginia 22101

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Barbara <sup>x</sup>Sasso  
Box 143  
Glasco, New York 12432

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Dear President Johnson,  
I am 15 yrs. old and  
very disturbed over the death  
of Sen. Robert Kennedy. All of  
my friends and priest  
friends are also. Since  
the late Sen. Robert Kennedy's  
son Joseph Kennedy is my  
age I want to write to him.  
Please give me his address,  
& if you don't know it,  
Please find it out for me.  
Thank you.

Mr. President 3 great men  
died for peace. John F. Kennedy,  
Martin Luther King and now  
J.F.K.'s brother Sen. Bobby  
Kennedy. It makes you  
wonder what this country's

coming to. I prayed to  
god that someday we  
will have peace. There is  
too much fighting going  
on. But instead of people  
opposing the war and  
refusing the draft. Why  
don't they try to stop  
and think what they  
can do to help or make  
peace. Too many people  
oppose the war instead  
of trying to look for a  
way to stop it. We should  
work together for peace.  
Thank you for letting me  
take a few moments of  
your important time.

Please write  
Back soon.

"Concerned"  
Sincerely yours  
Barbara Sased



my address is:

Miss Barbara Lasso

Box 143

Under 16  
Glasco, N.Y. 12432

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GENERAL

June 14, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
KENNEDY, Edward (Sen.)

Dear Mr. McVay:

President Johnson has asked me to  
thank you for your letter at this time  
of terrible sorrow. Please be sure  
that your thoughts have been received  
with understanding.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. William H. F. McVay<sup>\*</sup>  
1890 Cedar Avenue  
Long Beach, California 90806

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WS  
President L. B. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

Wm. H. F. McVay  
1890. Cedar Ave.,  
Long Beach  
California, 90806  
591-1125.

Mr. President,

I deeply feel, you, as the  
leader of the Democratic Party, must now  
have drafted, Senator Edward Kennedy  
to carry the banner and hopes of the  
people of the world.

Kennedy is Dead,

Long live Kennedy.

Sincerely

A. naturalised citizen,

Wm. H. F. McVay

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WHITE HOUSE  
MAIL ROOM

President J. F. Kennedy  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

The President

I deeply feel, your as the  
leader of the Democratic Party, must not  
have dropped, the American people  
to keep the peace and hope of the  
people of the world.  
Kennedy is dead.  
Long live Kennedy.  
Sincerely  
J. F. Kennedy

A. J. F. Kennedy

Mr. J. F. Kennedy



GENERAL

*J. F. Kennedy, R. F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. C. M. Bryant  
c/o Youngblood  
1569 St. John's Place  
Brooklyn, New York

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Condole  
383 writing at this time of tragedy.

June 6/1968

JUNE 5 1968  
1569 St. John Place  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I'VE SEEN YOU SO MANY TIMES ON T.V. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE DONE THE BEST YOU COULD, BUT NOW I AM WONDERING HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD THAT BAD NEWS ABOUT OUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I WAS ASLEEP WHEN MY SISTER JOHNNIE GOT UP FOR WATER IT WAS 2.00 IN THE MORNING. I SAID TO HER PLEASE OUT THE LIGHTS. WHEN SHE CAME BACK IN THE BED SHE SAID TO ME, CARRIE CAN I HAVE A PIECE OF WATER-MELON I SAID TO HER YES. THEN SHE SAID, S.S. WILL YOU HELP ME CUT IT, I SAID TO HER, GIVE THIS TIME OF MORNING, PLEASE DON'T GET ON MY NERVOUS, AFTER HELPING HER CUT THE MELON, I TASTE A PIECE WHICH I HAVEN'T EAT IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS. SO WE SAT UP IN THE BED, SHE GOT THE RADIO. I SAID TO HER GIVE PLEASE DON'T ~~cut~~ CUT THAT THING ON BUT SHE DIDN'T PAY NO ATTENTION TO ME



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The First thing I Heard was the  
Sen. was shoot I sat up in the  
bed our t.v. was not working so  
we went in to our Friend's Room  
And I said to him, Please cut  
your t.v. on because I want to be  
sure what I heard was true, doing  
the time I was crying my sister  
said to me, Carrie do you believe  
that I said to her, well we will  
find out now for sure, please ~~do~~  
Mr. Johnson Anything that I've said  
wrong in this letter to you forgive  
~~me~~ I AM NOW setting in my  
Kitchen will you Ask God to forgive  
All killers, I Haven't been to Church  
since 1966 I am a or should I say a  
ONCE CATHOLIC but believed that I will  
go this morning to pray, that R. Kennedy  
will get better

LOVE,

(over)

C.M. Bryant

P.S.

I want you to have it if ten  
years from the time that you recieved  
this note to Print this for me. Thanks



I Am Very Sorry About the Errors  
In this Note but please Answer  
me back this is the Address

CHARIS M. Bryant  
1569 St. John Place  
Brooklyn, New York  
c/o youngblood



GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Linda:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

x  
Linda K. Dunn  
15642 California Street  
Tustin, California 92680

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ack Dear Linda:  
6/14/68 383 writing at this time of tragedy.  
REC'D JUN 10 '68

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June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,  
The tragedy of Senator Robert F.  
Kennedy has struck the nation  
fatally.

This man, in his moment of  
victory, was shot down by a man  
who sounds like a man who  
would kill.

On the night of June 4, I  
stayed up till about 9:00  
o'clock watching the votes come in.  
Then, my mother said it was  
time for bed. So off I went.

I woke up a while after  
the tragedy had taken place.  
Our television was still on and I  
couldn't sleep so I went into the  
living-room and my mother told  
me what had happened.



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Well all I could say was:  
"Your kidding."

I watched television for about 10  
minytes and I went to bed.

Here in bed, I thought about  
Mrs. Kennedy and the Kennedys  
relatives. So I said a prayer,  
hoping that the Lord would have  
saved this man trying so hard to  
live and have a position in this  
violence-infected world.

His words, as I write them,  
seem to flow from my pencil, as  
if this letter was written deep  
down inside of me, waiting to  
be put down on paper.

Mr. President, I hope that  
the speech you gave on June 5, in  
the evening, cures this terrible disease  
of violence. Sincerely yours,

Linda Dunn

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## Reference

Name: Linda Kay Dunn

Age: 11 years old.

Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Beswick School,  
Justin California.

Birth Date: November 15,  
1956.

Color of hair: a mixture of  
red, brown and blonde.

Hobbies: Horses, horseback  
riding, drawing... horses.

Special talent (Art) drawing  
horses.

Descent: Irish and Scottish.



GENERAL

*JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.*

*dg*  
**June 14, 1968**

**Dear Jim:**

**President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.**

**It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Jim Wombacher  
2312 Tuckano Road  
Louisville, Kentucky**

**CF:skl**

Dear Jim:

REC'D JUN 10 88

383 writing at this time of tragedy.

ack  
6/14/88

2312 Tuckalo Road  
Louisville 7, Kentucky  
June 7, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I am an eleven year old boy who is filled with sorrow. I woke up two days ago and my mother said Senator Kennedy had been shot... the world seem to stand still. The next day I woke up and learned of his death.

But I still think that the Senator is still alive, not in the same sense as he is walking and talking, but alive in the hearts of every sane, patriotic person.

Yours truly in sorrow,  
Jim Wombacher



FLEMING-POTTER CO., INC.

TO:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

Dear Mr. President:  
I am an eleven year old boy who  
is filled with sorrow. I wrote up two  
days ago and my mother said she  
thought I was wrong. The world seems  
it is about still. The next day I wrote  
up and heard of his death.

But I still think that the President  
is still there, not in the same sense as  
he is nothing and nothing. But alive in  
the heart of every man, patriotic person.

Yours truly in sorrow,  
Jim [Signature]

dg  
GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, R.F.  
PP1/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Flowers:

President Johnson appreciated your letter  
at this time of tragedy.

It is a source of strength and encouragement  
to him to know that he is being remembered  
in prayer. He is deeply grateful for your  
thought of him.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Vera Flowers  
1307 North 3rd Street  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76304

CF:jlc



C.F. -  
18/11/68  
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letter at this time  
of tragedy.  
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Wichita Falls,  
Texas.  
June 8, 1968

The President  
White House.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mister President.

I know these must  
be very trying times for  
you. I have heard the  
heart break in your voice  
when I've heard you speak.  
I thought you just might  
like to know that some people  
do pray for you, I do.  
✓ my Pastor very often

reminds the congregation, that  
regardless of our political or  
personal feelings about our  
leaders, that God's Word tells  
us to pray for them & I for  
one do, so, I feel sure many  
Christians do also, I'm sure  
if more would resort to  
prayer, instead of (many  
times unmerited) criticism it  
would do much more good.

May God bless, give  
you wisdom and strength,  
guide and guard you and  
keep you safe.

I think it was a very noble  
& sincere thing you did to  
try to unite our country by not  
running again. Respectfully  
Vera Flowers



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GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Ellis:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Clayborn Ellis<sup>+</sup>  
2646 Dunemuir  
Los Angeles, California

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Condolence ~~assassination~~ of R.K.ackd  
6/14/68  
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383 writing at this time of tragedy.

Dear Mr Johnson,

It is very sad when people can not walk down the street without the fear of getting hurt or kill 3 of our great men who kill they gave them time to make our country what it is now they impowered by making do what we believe in our late president Kennedy he was a very great man he gave us a stronger nation and a better place to live. Martin Luther King Jr.

die for what he believe in he believe black & white should walk stred together without fighting each other we should be friend and make new friend Robert F Kennedy. Before got to give his point he was kill but he did leave his trust and faith and we can still carry out when Mr Kennedy stored.

Yours truly  
Claydon Ellis



GENERAL

June 14, 1968

JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.  
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Dear Miss Thoreson:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing and in sending him your poem at this  
time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Joan Thoreson  
3410 Jackson  
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

CF:jlc

383 writing and in sending him a poem at the time of tragedy.

Dear Mr. President,

I may be young  
but have great concern for  
our country and for Senator  
Kennedy. I want a peace  
which, I hope, would make  
people stop get in our  
for father spirit for freedom,  
but one person can't do much  
alone.

Why is the world so  
today?  
Why must men shoot and  
not say?  
Why are men shot?  
The answer to this ques-  
tion we know not?

By God man he made;  
By God may he live,  
To love, cherish, and  
to this service give,  
A way of democracy;  
Of freedom,  
To be able to finally  
lead.



To be able to stand and  
 fight for our nation,  
 and feel no away from  
 evil and temptation,  
 and let us know as free  
 men we stand,  
 to be united with our  
 land,  
 why did our forefathers  
 fight? So that we would  
 be able to have a right,  
 to live equal, safe,  
 and free.  
 Where else is there  
 a people like me?  
 We must mend our  
 problems, find up the wounds,  
 for better things in  
 the future years.  
 But first we must  
 believe in the cause for which  
 we were made,  
 and let not our strength  
 run in circles  
 right for what you believe,  
 and the cause for which  
 you fight will never be deceived!  
 By faith in God and love  
 for fellow man,

(cont)

Bind up the nation we  
must and can  
Be either black or white,  
For the same cause we  
fight,  
For freedom and this  
nation to unite

Jean Harrison  
3410 Jackson  
Omaha, Neb.



GENERAL

*JFK 3/Kennedy, R.F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Dyes:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Ethel L. Dyes  
87 West Pacific Avenue  
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

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Comment R7K

18/ 383 writing at this time of tragedy. June 9/68  
Webster Groves Mo.

Office of the President;  
Washington D.C.

ask  
6/14/68

Dear President Johnson.

A short time after  
President John F. Kennedy was  
assassinated you spoke to this  
nation over television. your  
words were as follows.

Quote:

Hate killed President Kennedy.  
you dont know the evil they  
are doing. end of Quote. These  
were your words, and now  
another Kennedy has been  
murdered.

please Mr. President speak out  
to this nation and tell us  
who they are. we are waiting  
to hear all the truth.



we there organized groups as  
powerful that even our President  
leave to name them?

The late President Franklin D.  
Roosevelt said, The only thing  
we have to fear, is fear  
itself.

and now in closing this letter  
President Johnson, I pray that  
God will keep you, and  
your loved ones safe from  
all harm.

Sincerely yours  
Ella F. Hayes

GENERAL

*63/Kennedy, R. F.*  
*PP/Kennedy, R. F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Adsit:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Karen K. Adsit  
Apartment E  
1448 Stanford  
Santa Monica, California 90404

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Ack 6/14/68  
383 writing at this time  
of tragedy.

Karen K. Adair  
1448 Stanford - #E  
Santa Monica,  
California - 90404

June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson  
White House - U. S. A.,  
Washington D. C.

Mr. President:

I'm sure you are a very busy man, but I hope you will find time to read my letter. Perhaps what I have to say will ease your mind to know that I and others like me are concerned about the world our children are growing up in.

I was deeply disturbed to learn of Senator Kennedy's tragic death.

I find it hard to believe that anyone could put the future of his country in one man's hands, or blame the success or failure of his country on one man alone.

I'm 23 years old and this is the first Presidential Election that I've been old enough to vote,

I have always believed that the future of my country and the Peace of the World was in the hands of all of us.

Robert Francis Kennedy was a man that could lead us to the goal of World Peace. I feel that some day world peace will exist, but not until we have peace among ourselves. I believe in my heart that God saw fit once more to use this great man's life as a reminder that we, the people, must work together and pray together in order to ever survive.

Mr. President, I just wanted you to know how I feel and that I will do anything I can to make this a better world in which to be born and to die.

I will pray for better understanding among peoples of the world.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Adsit (Citizen - U.S.A.)



GENERAL

GI3/Kennedy R.F.  
PP1/Kennedy R.F.  
ND19/CO312/ND9

June 14, 1968

Dear Private Hughes:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Private Earl H. Hughes  
RA 68011005  
8th/A Honor Guard Co.  
APO, San Francisco 96301

CF:sle

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♀ Aut 6/14/88  
383 writing at this time of tragedy.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I'LL BEGIN BY INTRODUCING MYSELF,  
MY NAME IS PVT. EARL H. HUGHES, I'M IN THE  
U.S. ARMY AND HAVE BEEN IN FOR 6 MONTHS, I'M  
(I TURNED 17 DECEMBER 3RD 1967)  
ONLY 17 YEARS OLD.

I ENLISTED DECEMBER 13TH. 1967 & DID  
A TERRIBLE THING BY QUITTING SCHOOL IN THE 11TH.  
GRADE, I SEEMED TO NOT GET ALONG TO GOOD IN  
CIVILIAN LIFE, I LIVED IN 4 DIFFERENT PLACES  
IN THE SPAN OF  $\frac{2}{3}$  YEARS & I FIGURED BY COMING  
IN THE ARMY I COULD MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF MY  
LIFE AND AT THE SAME TIME FINISH MY HIGH  
SCHOOL EDUCATION, I'M IN KOREA AT THE 8TH.  
ARMY HONOR GUARD COMPANY, I'VE BEEN IN KOREA FOR  
1 MONTH & IT IS AN EXPERIENCE I'LL NEVER FOR-  
GET, SO FAR ME AND THE ARMY & THE PEOPLE IN  
IT HAS BEEN GETTING ALONG JUST FINE.

I HEARD ABOUT SEN. KENNEDY (BOBBY),  
MEETING HIS DEATH, IT WAS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS  
AGO THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY (JOHN) DIED, IF  
I REMEMBER RIGHT IT WAS ON NOV. 22ND. 1963  
HE WAS KILLED, THE SAME DAY <sup>OF</sup> MY STEPPATHER'S  
DAD'S ~~BIRTHDAY~~ BIRTHDAY & NOV. 23RD. 1963 HE DIED, THE



5-8-68

CAUSE OF DEATH I DON'T REMEMBER.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE YOU,  
TO MEET YOU IN A SENCE.

WELL, MR. PRESIDENT HAVE NOT TO  
MUCH TO SAY.

BUT, IN HONOR GUARD WE GUARD  
PLACES, SUCH AS GENERAL BOONSTEEL \$40  
THOUSAND HOME, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN  
KOREA I'VE PULLED ABOUT 130 TO 150 HOURS  
OF GUARD.

WELL, TAKE IT EASY.

GOOD LUCK ON ANY SPEECH  
YOU HAVE TO SAY.

WHEN I GET THE CHANCE I  
LISTEN TO YOUR SPEECHES AND ENJOY THEM.

I PRAY NOW AS AN AMERICAN  
SOLDIER FOR THE LATE FOR THE LATE  
PRE. KENNEDY & SEN. KENNEDY, I'M SURE  
THE WORLD MISSES THEM BOTH.

IF YOU HAVE TIME, DROP ME A SHORT  
LINE. A WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY GOOD LUCK  
IN THE FUTURE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP  
YOU SAFE. SINCERELY - Pvt. Earl H. Hughes

*Bo*

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy*  
*Robert F*

June 14, 1968

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Dear Ann:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Miss Ann Houghton  
823 Park Place  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

CF:jmg

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Dear Ann:  
383 meeting at this time of tragedy.  
REC'D JUN 10 '68

Dear Mr. President,

I am a student from St. Joseph School, Williamsport Pa. My class the fifth grade is going on a trip to the Blind Association to find out how they work and make things. I hope scientist find ways to help these unfortunat people. We just read a chapter about Helen Keller and how they taught her to read and write, but I would like to learn more. I think our trip will be very interesting to me. I am very sorry about the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy like many others in my class. We all had hopes that he would become president of the United States.

Ann Houghton  
~~(823 Place Pa)~~ 823 Park Place  
Williamsport, Pa.

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**GENERAL**

*JLB/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

**June 14, 1968**

**Dear Debby:**

**President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.**

**In view of your interest, I am sending you the  
enclosed press release.**

**With best wishes,**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

*X*  
**Debby Selle  
270 Tremaine  
Buffalo, New York 14217**

**Enclosure: Rmks of Pres. on the death of RFK. 6/6/68.**

**CF:mcv**

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Dear Debby:

REC'D JUN 10 '68

June 5, 1968

1st para of 383... writing at this time of tragedy.

O-16... press release.

Dear President Johnson,

O-3... death of RFK.

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End. - RSTP

I would like to know what you think about Bobby Kennedy's death. I know he was a great man. I saw the people that touched his casket. I would like your picture and I would like the precedent to see this.

Sincerely,

Debby Selle



GENERAL

*BW*  
JL 3 / Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. <sup>x</sup>Horton: *Jerry J.*

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to thank you and Mr. Jerry J. Horton for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

<sup>x</sup>  
Mrs. T. L. Horton  
2608 Carter Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas 76103

DFP:skl

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W/ <sup>Be RAK</sup> ~~DR~~ June 5, 1968  
a lighter <sup>infallible</sup> ~~immortal~~ 2698 Carter ave.  
Ft Worth, Tex 76103

Our Beloved President:

We greet you! We  
appreciate, respect + love  
you + wish you could  
be President forever.

We deplore the death  
of Mr Kennedy. But,  
we would like to remind  
you, Our People did  
not kill him. The  
murderer was a  
foreigner. How did  
he get into our  
Country? Instead

By restrictive laws on  
our people. why  
not tighten the  
immigration laws?  
Ward, who  
killed the other  
Kenny - had once  
rejected N.S. +  
defected to Russia.  
why was he put  
left there?  
It is like planting  
timber under a  
new road house  
to allow all these



People, who hate  
us + our form of  
government in.

Our best to you  
Our Prayers are  
with you +  
Our support +  
Loyalty is yours  
Sincerely

Mrs J. L. Horton  
+ Jerry J. Horton

GENERAL

43/Kennedy,  
R.F.

PC 15  
709/ST

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Stawicki:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He regrets that it was not possible to offer transportation assistance to you.

The President shares your sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. You may want to have the enclosed text of the Proclamation he issued at the time.

I am also enclosing copies of the President's remarks of June 5 and June 10 in connection with combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. He, too, is concerned over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John A. Stawicki  
B 43-03-02  
Nav. Scol. Const. UT"A" School  
Port Hueneme, California 93041

Enclosures: Rel of 6/6/68, Proc. rel of 6/5/68, P's stmt on shooting of RFK;  
rel of 6/10/68, P's rmks to Comm on Cause and Prevention of Violence

DEK:sle





CA John A. Stawicki  
NAVSCON

| One big way to live up to the theme is by fulfilling your military obligation to the best of your ability; also, by doing your job efficiently and upholding the high standards of the service.



2 We can live up to it by having  
pride in our service and our  
country. A proud and efficient  
"Force for Freedom" is the on-  
ly way peace and freedom can  
be maintained.

3 Our "Forces for Freedom"  
are safeguarding the very free-  
doms that we most enjoy as  
Americans. We should all be  
very proud to be serving in the  
Armed Forces of America.



4 By always trying to do your  
job to the best of your ability.  
Each man must be responsible  
for his own development, there-  
by becoming a personal "Force  
For Freedom."

Just being in service is proof enough that we are living up to the theme. Many of us voluntarily joined the Navy to support our country. I'm proud to be one of the "Forces for Freedom."



det  
Aik  
6/14/68

Dear Mr. Johnson,

6/6/68

My writing this letter, is of  
great importance to myself. I have just  
heard the tragic news of Sen. Kennedy.  
I still can't believe that the people in  
the U.S. can still be allowed out free  
to roam the streets to kill someone they  
dislike. Sir, can you answer me this  
one question, why are people like the way  
they are? How can they go out and need-  
lessly murder somebody. Sir, I'm in the  
Sea-Bees, I'm only 19, and I know I'm  
not that smart in Politics or World affairs  
like yourself, but this I do know. I know  
I'm old enough to know right from wrong.  
Like all my buddies out there in California  
we joined-up. We knew what we were in  
for even before we joined-up. Instead of  
these people killing each other here in the  
States, let them back us up in Viet-Nam.  
If their so kill-crazy let them do it some  
good for a change. I know this might



sound a little blunt, sir, but that's just about what it boils down too. I mean why should we go to Viet Nam to shoot emper, we have them right here in the states. All these people are, are low-specimens of the "Scum of The Earth" There's no feelings of pride, when a man tells a man, whom does something he believes in. It's getting to a point where if somebody says something we don't like, or does something contrary to somebody else's ideas, they just go out & tell them. It's starting to be the new thing nowadays like the mini-skirts are a fad, so is going out & telling somebody. I only hope that this tragedy will get people to thinking that they better do something about it. As I sit here in the barracks writing you this letter I can see Bobby's picture in the paper. It was only a few days before that, I saw him at the Oxnard Airport. I used to know Mr John Kennedy & Mr Kennedy both from seeing them back home in Jersey & from writing to them. As Mr Kennedy passed me at the airport I called out to him, he waved, then he



came by, said a brief hi, and said "Wish me luck", smiled, then turned to his wife, and made way for the plane. I've got a lump the size of a baseball in my throat, just thinking he's gone, and won't be coming back anymore.

Sir, I know this may sound kinda childish, begging, but I am. I wish I could be there at Saint Patrick's Sunday for the viewing. The only person in the world who can grant me permission to go is you sir. I do really wish you could. Only one problem, I'm just an E-2 and don't make much money, but I'm willing to pay the plane ticket and monthly payments. It would mean everything to me if I could only see him once more, you see him once more my friend Robert Kennedy

Respectfully Yours  
John D. Stauch

Enclosed as a picture to authorize  
my sincerity, along with feelings towards  
"Forces of Freedom"

Sincerely  
John



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44-3/Kennedy, R.F.  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Johnson:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. He appreciates your interest in sharing your thoughts with him and in bringing the Scripture passages to his attention.

Perhaps you might like to have the enclosed copy of the President's remarks concerning the death of Senator Kennedy.

With the President's gratitude for your prayers and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. E. Eugene Johnson  
5871 Fourth Street, NE.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, P's remarks concerning death of Sen. Kennedy

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June 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President,

// I have just a few minutes ago learned of the death  
// of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and of the Proclamation  
// you have issued. As State Overseer of The Churches  
// of God of Prophecy in the state of Minnesota our  
// Ministers and Members will join with you and our  
// grieving nation in prayer that we shall truly learn  
// something from this tragic happening.

// Also my personal prayers are for you and our Country  
// at this time. As never before we need the words of  
// the song "God Bless America" to take place.

This is a terrible and trying time for you and all  
God fearing Americans. We are living in an age al-  
ready described in the Holy Scriptures. Matthew the  
24th Chapter, 37th and 38th verses. Also a more  
specific description is found in Genesis 6th Chapter  
11th, 12th and 13th verses.

God help all Americans today to truly turn to the  
inscription on our coins, "In God We Trust."

God Bless you, Mr. President.

Prayerfully,

*E. Eugene Johnson*  
E. Eugene Johnson

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Koch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Frederick L. Koch<sup>x</sup>  
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Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077

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June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President;

Today is a sad day for all Americans. Not only has a great, or near great, American been slain by an assassins bullet, but the American Sportsman has died a little more. I say this because I believe this is the beginning of the end of a great American tradition, the Right to have and bare arms.

Why do I say this? Because I believe there will be a rash of insane gun laws passed that will do nothing to prevent the criminal from getting a gun. All he has to do is break and enter any store or private home and he now has a new weapon. Will he register this gun?

He now can commit any crime he so desires. If he is caught and he has killed or wounded any one he will be brought to trial for murder or assault with a deadly weapon, which he could most likely beat or have reduced by a good lawyer.

I have not read the new gun law just passed by Congress but I can guess there are no provisions in the law for punishing the criminal who uses any type of fire arm in the commission of a violent crime, or any crime for that matter.

What good is this law if it does not punish the user of a gun for illigal acts?

This law now prevents me, and all law abiding citizens, from obtaining a hand gun through the mail. This means that we will now have to pay higher prices for certain Collector items hand guns because they are not usually available except through large mail order dealers, who have the money to buy in bulk and can find these, some times, rare guns.

I can read your mind, you are saying, "So can any Nut get a gun the same way." I Agree. The answer is "Permit to Purchase."

I don't know about other states but in New Jersey, even before the new gun law passed last year, you could not buy a hand gun here of in Philadelphia, just across the river, with out a permit filled in by a law enforcement officer or the mayor of your town and then submitted to the state police.

What are the laws in other states? Do they all have laws that state you can not buy a hand gun with out a permit to purchase? I have heard that in some states you can buy a gun in any drug store.

Where does the fault lie if this is true? With Congress, or with the states them selves?



Now your saying to your self,"The gun lobbies keep laws from being passed, that's why you can buy a hand gun in the local drug store."

Right??????

Wrong!!!!!!

The NRA has never opposed GOOD SANE gun legeslation! They have supported every good law on the books and opposed all BAD laws on the books.

Representative Casey, from your hame state of Texas made a study which shows clearly the higher the private ownership of guns, the lower the crime rate.

He compaired the FBI Uniform Crime Report for each state with the number of hunting licenses sold in the state as the best measure of gun ownership.

It concluded: "There is no positive correlation between the extent of fire arm ownership and crime rates. Rather, there is a negative correlation. In general, as the proportion of the population possessing firearms goes down, the crime rate goes up. Fewer people with guns does not mean less crime."

Casey is the sponsor of a Bill (HR 360) which would impose heavy penalties on persons using firearms to commit violent crime( not less than ten years inprisonment for the first offense and not less than 25 years for a subsequent one).

This is the way it should be, get the guy who commits crime with guns, this will put teeth into the laws already on the books, and prevent the criminal from getting off scott free if he can beat the other raps.

I want to know why on May 16, 1968, after the Dodd-Kennedy bill was voted down that the Hruska-NRA backed gun law was voted down also by the same people who voted for the Dodd bill.

The Hruska Bill would have; Prohibited shipment of all firearms into states in violation of state law, and strengthened anti-crimmial provisions of Federal Firearms Acts--both lacking in the Dodd Proposals.

Provided affidavit controls over interstate hand gun sales, and barred all interstate firearm sales to persons under 18, plus curbing "destructive devices", such as anti-tank guns, mortors and bazooks.

I as a member of the NRA am tired of being made to feel like a criminal because I want the right to be able to buy any gun that I so desire for lawful use.

You listen to the news on TV and you hear the NRA this, the NRA that. I have not heard one person reflect the fact that the NRA backed the Hruska Bill which contained the provisions that you yourself wanted in the Bill just passed today.

I think the NRA should have equal time or buy time on TV to show the public just what the NRA is and stands for, and the bills and laws that it has supported and opposed. I think it also should explain to the public the reasons for their stand on the bills and laws it has opposed.

Even if the bill were passed on May 16, this would not have prevented Robert Kennedy from being killed. You can pass all the laws you want to prevent the sale of hand and long guns, but how do you pass a law to prevent a man from going crazy? How do you pass a law to prevent a man from hating? How shall we proceed to determine what will make a man crack up and use a gun, or any other weapon, to commit murder?

What keeps people from venting their anger? Could it be a firm belief in God and Faith, Hope and CHARITY?

Where in all our mass medias do you find LOVE preached? Even in some churches you have a time finding LOVE. What can we expect of our youth if we adults do not practice "Love thy neighbor."

There is a song from the Broadway play "South Pacific" that sums up the real reason behind hate in this country. The song is "Carefully Taught". It goes something like this:

You've got to be taught to hate and fear,  
You've got to be taught from year to year,  
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ears  
You've got to be carefully taught.  
-----to be afraid of people whose eyes are oddly made  
and people whose skin is a different shade.  
-----you've got to be taught before it's too late,  
before you are 6 or 7 or 8, to hate all the people  
your relatives hate-----.

There it is in a nut shell. HATE! Hate the Nigger! Hate the Jew! Hate the Catholic and Protestant! Hate any one who does not agree with you!

We hate and are lawless because we are Godless.

How can we expect anything more when we don't respect the rights of others whether white against black or black against white.

When I was young and in school, we were taught it was a sin to steal. It is also an unlawful act to steal, with punishment prescribed by law. Our youth see members of Congress misappropriate funds (STEAL) and when caught, get nothing but a slap on the wrist, probably the same treatment they have received at home for stealing and feel it is all right to cheat and steal because the punishment will be the same.



The criminal who is caught in the act and gets off because his civil rights are violated. What about the rights of his victim? You see rioters on TV looting stores with police watching and not doing a thing because they don't want to inflame the mob. Is this right? Is this teaching respect for law and order? Cheat here, cheat there, steal here, steal there, what's the difference. We are all to blame for crime because we commit it everyday our selves.

Run that light, cheat on Income Tax, you name it we all have done it. From you right down to me, we are all guilty, one way or another. Petty things that we over look every day because it's the American way of life to look the other way.

I have been saying for years that I was going to write my Congress man but never did because I Didn't want to take the time.

It took the death of a man whom I didn't much care for, to light the flame under my rear to get me to write thes letter in defence of my right and the NRA'S right to support good legeslation and oppose the bad.

I thank you for your time and hope your grief does not dim your reason. We all know we need legeslation but let it be good sound legeslation.

Yours truly,

*Frederick L. Koch*

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June 14, 1968

Dear Grace:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Grace Fasolo  
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Paterson, New Jersey 07513

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Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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HW Dear Grace:  
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928 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Paterson, New Jersey 07513

Lyndon B Johnson  
President of United States  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon B Johnson

I am 15 years old. I came from Sicily 2 years ago and I like living in Paterson, New Jersey. I go to school #24 and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Although I live here with my mother, four brothers, and four sisters, my father lives in Sicily because he like it better there.

Yesterday on television they showed thing on Robert F. Kennedy and I cried because the Kennedy's have 10 children and are expecting 1 more. I am concerned about what is going to happen to the gun laws, since John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King were shot and killed. Please send me information on this subject.

Yours Truly  
Grace Pasolo

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**June 14, 1968**

**Dear Mrs. Mastro:**

**President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.**

**He shares your view that the spiritual and moral climate of our country is of the greatest importance.**

**With best wishes,**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Mrs. Jennie Mastro  
4263 - 12th Street  
Ecorse, Michigan 48229**

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Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Dr. Novitch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Dr. Mark Novitch  
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Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Daniels:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Dr. and Mrs. David N. Daniels  
4039 Ben Lomond Drive  
Palo Alto, California

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JL3/KENNEDY, R.E.

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Renan:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter to President Johnson, I wish to assure you that your views have been fully noted.

Perhaps the enclosed message to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shanemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Doris Renan  
360 East 55th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Enclosure : 6/6/68 ltr to Spker of House and Pres. of Senate.

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June 14, 1968

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Jack L. <sup>X</sup>Robinson  
103 Laflin Road  
Oakwood Park R.D. 2  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702

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WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18702

June 6 1968

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Dear Mr. President,

Today is a day of shame and grief for all of us in the United States due to the tragic circumstances taking the life of our fellow American, Robert Kennedy.

I call him fellow American and not presidential candidate or senator because I'm sure being an American was much more important to him.

Today after carefully considering your words spoken last evening on television I feel I must disagree with the statement "200 million Americans did not strike down Robert Kennedy". We are as much to blame for allowing our courts to become so lenient with the excuse "constitutional rights" that there is no fear of consequences for committing such evil and criminal acts. Yes we are as guilty as if we goaded this murderer to the task he undertook by sitting back & allowing someone else to worry about it and saying it's "too bad," when we should be doing our best to find out what we can do & then doing it!

Mr President, how do you explain things such as the possibility Richard Speck could become a free man after committing such a heinous act of violence? Could you possibly defend the judicial system making this possible with "Constitutional rights" if one of those murdered nuns



were your own daughter?

The time for eliminating species of what we should do is here if we care to save our country from the corruption we've created. It's time to remove our heads from the sand & stop hoping things will righten themselves because we all really know they won't without stern guidance.

The influence people should use today must switch to the concerns at hand & not personal gain. Isn't there some way that the powers invested in you can be used to severely punish those who loot, burn, kill, steal and rape as well as the other acts of violence bordering on treason as they do affect the security of our nation?

I suggest some fist banging to the lawmakers on the national level and some head splitting to these lawbreakers. Some realistic toe trodding must be undertaken.

I speak as a law abiding Ex Marine with a family of 3 children really & truly concerned about the country I love! I feel foolish as I possibly can drawing a letter such as this because I know it probably stands a 5000 to 1 chance of ever reaching post a 50th assistant secretary of yours. But doesn't it strike you strangely, that when an average Joe such as myself who is not a crackpot is driven to the maximum point of emotion & concern as this, that it's time to get something done! Don't allow this man <sup>(knowing)</sup> to die needlessly more, don't request, get a strong gun law going. You can do it!

When constitutional rights protect those who take over universities, protect H. Ray Brown's, eliminate a 2nd questioning



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of the man who shot Mr Kennedy, then don't you think it goes a little beyond "rights"?

So you see Mr President I disagree with you & Mr Humphrey on the point that we are not slipping in loyalty, morality, etc in our country and strongly agree with you on ~~your~~ our 10% surcharge & our stand in Viet Nam so if we can clean up other countries why not our own yard 1st or at least at the same time.

Be a politician if you must and be a good one but search our growing immorality and acts of violence and our leniency to the criminal with your heart and then compare notes with your aides, advisers, & commissioners & see if you still truly believe we are the nation we were 10 years ago and if the trend is one you can truly say is one going ahead.

I don't mean to sound as if I blame you for all these things as I do not, I blame us, and I charge that we must get going. I realize your love for your country is as strong as anyone else & maybe stronger and this is the reason this letter is personally written. I had to try to reach someone.

I stand ready to back you as my president with all the loyalty I can muster, abroad & at home, BUT are you ready to back me and many many others who are now asking this Question? "when are we going to do something to hand out meat & just punishment to those



who tend to destroy our U.S.A?"

I sympathize that you took to straighten our helm  
is overwhelmingly difficult but if I recall properly, you  
requested & sought your position.

I close thanking you for the opportunity to write  
and be heard.

Please do your honest best to get our beloved  
America back on an even keel again! We need you as  
a strong leader. My prayers are with you. God Bless you!

Sincerely yours.

Jack L. Robinson

JACK L. ROBINSON  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. P. V. ~~x~~Farnsworth  
Assistant Customer Service Manager  
~~x~~United Air Lines  
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Newark Municipal Airport, Newark, New Jersey 07114

June 7, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

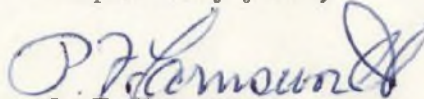
Dear Mr. President:

On Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968, I watched your TV appearance and heard your fine speech - the best speech I have heard you make, even at a trying time and under such pathetic circumstances. Following your speech the most appalling thing happened, and as it points up a good part of the problem you should be aware of it. The very next commercial in color was a flashy, vivid ad for a TV show or new movie, the name of which was "The Name of the Game is Kill."

I think you will agree that only when we get the cooperation of every American to remove this type of terrible crime show from the motion picture and TV screens can we hope to eliminate the idea that guns and crime can be a way of life from the minds of our children. Gun laws may help, as do drivers licenses, but they are only as good as the respect people have for them. If a person wants something he can't get he'll steal it, so this is not the real problem. What is the problem is getting the whole idea out of the minds of the people as being a way to settle problems and differences.

Please be assured that I will cooperate and support any legislation that will rid the TV and movie screens of violent crime shows which promote crime and killing.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. V. Farnsworth".

P. V. Farnsworth  
Assistant Customer Service Manager

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cc: Governor Richard Hughes  
Senator Eugene McCarthy



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Robert F.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Brent:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Your interest in letting the President have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Mary A. Brent  
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June 5, 1968

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President Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I personally unite my great concern and grief with the people of this Country for the terrible accident that happened this early morning to Senator Robert Kennedy. Even though I heard over the radio of the precautions that will be taken regarding the candidates who will campaign for the Presidency from this date through the next election day this year, I submit my humble opinion that they should not be exposed to this mass of mad men and use instead the television media for their campaigning.

The people already in power should also not be exposed to these accidents and should use other means of communication to the people, radio, television, local newspapers, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Mary A. Brent  
Registrar

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*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Koester:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mrs. Hedwig Koester  
c/o Dr. V. Morton  
The United Nations  
New York, New York

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MRS. HEDNING KOESTER

c/o DR. V. MORTON  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Your Honor!

Dear Mr. President!

R I hope you and your Family are  
in loss of health, after all the excitement.  
Feel so sorry for Mother Kennedy and  
poor Beth and the whole Family Kennedy.  
I might to you, my Husband and  
Senator Kennedy came together in  
one night in's Hospital. Please  
Mr President give us our peace,  
I don't want to see any body, I want  
to be free with my Family. I pray  
for you and your Family that God  
save you. Excuse my english.

Very sincerely  
Hedning Koester.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
Wash. D.C.



Mrs. Hednig Koester  
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The United Nations  
New York, N. Y.

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June 14, 1968

Mr. Elmer L. <sup>X</sup> Winter  
President of Manpower  
820 North Plankinton Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mr. Winter:

We have received your telegram of June 6, suggesting again the declaration of war on prejudice.

As I think you probably know, the President has on numerous occasions during the time he has been in office, in effect, declared a war on prejudice. He has appealed to the Congress for laws prohibiting discrimination and for programs designed to bring real equality and opportunity to all of our people. He has also done many things quite similar to the war on prejudice, which you suggest -- he has called a White House Conference on Civil Rights, he has established Committees to attempt to resolve discrimination problems in the various industries, and he has established the National Alliance of Businessmen which, as you know, has as one of its major functions the task of eliminating discrimination and arbitrary barriers to the employment of the disadvantaged in private industry.

We are continuing our efforts to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, and have carefully reviewed your letter for possible new approaches to this problem. We have also taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Mr. John Gardner, who now heads the Urban Coalition.

Our thanks again for taking the time to send us your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Samuels:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. John R. Samuels<sup>+</sup>  
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June 7, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

As I sat to meditate while anguished over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I heard your nationwide speech in which you declared, "all America was not the blame." I disagree with you vehemently. America has created the environment for this kind of act to occur. Although the accused assassin was not a native American, I am sure he has encountered hatred in the U. S. and abroad. For example, my husband and I visited Puerto Rico this spring and we could vividly sense that America was planting and cultivating the seed of bigotry and materialism on this Island.

In addition, we have ingrained in our children that "white" is superior and puritanical and that our standards are the guidelines for the world. Yet, on the other hand we say, America believes in democracy; freedom and equality for all. We are extremely hypocritical. We believe in democracy in textbooks, but not in reality and if a person endeavors to implement such belief, he is immediately quieted by pressures or assassinated.

Mr. President, what do you really think the commission that you recently appointed to investigate the causes of violence will find? If the results are conclusive will you file them away like the Kerner Report? Whereas, if the findings are watered down you will act accordingly.

The political leaders and administrators of America realize what our problem is, but do not have the necessary wherewithal and courage to correct it.

When will we awake? How many martyrs must we suffer? May God help us and guide us. "All we like sheep have gone astray...."

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs. John R. Samuels*  
Mrs. John R. Samuels  
8932 South Cornell Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60617

CC: Senator Charles Percy  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago Sun Times  
Chicago Daily News



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Souder:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. R. C. Souder, Jr.  
1837 Waverland Circle  
Macon, Georgia

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MR. CALIFANO

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1968

FOR Mr. Bradshaw

FROM Matt Nimetz *MN*

For reply - telegram re Poor Peoples'  
Campaign.

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

BEST WAY TO IMPLEMENT YOUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEECH

WILL BE TO CLOSE DOWN RESURRECTION CITY - THE NATION IS WATCHING

AND WAITING

R C SOUDER JR / 1837 WAVERLAND CIRCLE.

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Goodman:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. W. R. Goodman<sup>+</sup>  
40 East Date  
Porterville, California 93257

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Mr. and Comments re 6/5 Sp  
on shooting of Sen RFK  
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PORTERVILLE, CALIF.  
JUNE 6, 1968

K-3 Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson  
White House

Dear Mr. President :

When you come before the Nation last evening to discuss the recent act of violence which took the life of another great man, it seems to me you should have appealed to, and commissioned every one of us to be alert for the seeds of violence which might be reposing in another.

It behooves each one of us to examine the character of each acquaintance for elements of character which are not sound, to the end that we purge our society of these vicious elements.

When one notes in another such traits of character, which, if allowed to enlarge would prompt such



dastardly deeds as we have seen on at least three tragic occasions, then it is the privilege, nay, the duty, of that person to report such an observance to authorities who may take the person into custody, or at least supervise his activities toward the prevention of such acts.

This can, and should be done. I hope you will, in the near future, make such a appeal to all citizens.

These thoughts I humbly submit because I am deeply grieved, as I know you are, that such acts can and do occur in our beloved United States.

Respectfully yours,  
W. R. Goodman,

(a teacher)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
PR3/S\*

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Sprague:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Ruth L. Sprague  
110 Pembroke Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

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110 Pembroke Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have to react "violently" to your speech last night.

First, you linked together the various kinds of violence in our society in a simplistic way, and having done that, you left out the Viet Nam War. I think the links that connect the forms of violence we are experiencing-- Viet Nam, the assassination of major figures in political life, crime in the streets, political brutality, rebellions and riots in ghettos and on college campuses, and excessively violent reactions to such events--are tangential links rather than direct ones. The climate of violence and the climate of anger and frustration in our nation may very well provide a common, favorable nurturing ground for the several diseases of violence that infect our society, but these are different diseases. By making all these diseases--except Viet Nam--one disease, you have increased the level of anger and frustration for many people.

To make matters worse, you condemned violent talk as if it were as grave a sin as overt violent action. I think there is good evidence that angry, perhaps even violent words may be our salvation. I'm a relatively mild, middle-aged, middle-class, professional woman, brought up and living in a culture that has taught me restraint and given me a variety of constructive channels for expressing feeling. Yet after your speech last night I was literally exploding with anger. Given my background (and relative affluence) I exploded by making a long distance telephone call to my sister with whom I knew I could share my feelings in all their intensity. What about the people of different background whose habits of response are more physical than verbal? What about the people in our society who are hurting badly, the poor, the Black, the members of other minority groups and other victims of injustice who have good reason to be angry with American society? I'm afraid even to think of what I would feel like doing if I were among these people. And now the candidate who was most able to communicate with these people and give them some hope has been struck down! God help us!

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The President  
Page 2  
June 6, 1968

Then, the final blow: You appointed another commission when you have not yet put the full weight of your office and your administration behind the report of your own Kerner Commission. You have not even given the report the kind of decisive endorsement that is needed to support and encourage all segments of our society to carry out the commission's recommendations. Furthermore, even though you are in favor of gun control, you have not really put the needed pressure on Congress to get strong legislation passed. Although we finally have peace talks underway, we have not significantly deescalated the war in Viet Nam so that we can devote our energies to dealing with the injustices in our own society and in the world.

Why do we need another commission when we have far more knowledge about the deep problems and sicknesses of our society than we are using? The sicknesses will not be easy to heal and they cannot be healed overnight, but let us face the problems honestly and take action that is commensurate with their size.

I am an angry woman. I know I am part of a great body of angry Americans. The vast majority--probably almost all of us--will continue to handle this anger verbally and will not erupt into open violence. But I wonder how long the victims of <sup>the</sup> injustices of our society, the people whose anger is directly related to their own plight, can hold on. I am sure about one thing: Paternalistic sermons from our President will only make matters worse.

Respectfully yours,



Ruth L. Sprague



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**GENERAL**

*JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
H019/CO 312*

**June 14, 1968**

**Dear Miss Keithley:**

**On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Miss Anne M. Keithley  
3018 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, Florida 33040**

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3018 Hagler Avenue  
Key West, Florida  
June 5, 1968

President Lyndon S. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

I have just heard and watched your impassioned plea and call to prayer on behalf of Senator Kennedy and our beloved nation. My heart and soul ache for our country, our President, Senator Kennedy and his family, our children. Please know that this letter is being written in the spirit of love and anguish of heart and soul.

Please understand, President, I love my country and I respect my President. But my heart has been breaking and my spirit has been quenched watching the terrible agony and destruction that our country has inflicted upon the peoples of Vietnam. Dr. Martin Luther King, whom I agree with you when you called him "a great American," once said that our country is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today.

You implied in your speech you could not understand why violence is erupting over our land, and you called for a renewal and a dedication to the "reverence for life". Oh! how I agree, and beg you to mean those words! Let us revere life — every person's life — and let us begin to show forth to the whole world that we do revere life by



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ending the violence and terrible killing of thousands of lives in Vietnam. This, Mr. President, is what is tearing at the fabric of our national society. We must stop this un-American war!

President Johnson, you could be recorded in history - not only American history, but world history, - as the greatest man of our age - if you would give up the stubborn and unwise insistence upon a reciprocal act for the stopping of the bombing of North Vietnam. There is no reciprocal - they are not bombing us. And if a mere stopping of the bombing will enter in the possibility of an end to this terrible violence and ir-reverence for life - please, as you asked, yourself, for God's sake, as well as the sake of mankind, please order an end to all the bombing of North Vietnam, that our nation can again begin to lead the world as an example of "the land of equality, brotherhood, justice, and freedom" for all.

My prayers are with you daily, and for God's blessing upon our nation.

Most respectfully,  
Miss Anne M. Keithley



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GENERAL  
JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
PL2

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Neidig:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

I am sorry that the campaign button you desire is not available from the White House. You may wish to address your request to the late Senator's staff in Rm. 3327, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Miss Judy Neidig  
2718 Myrtle Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53704

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As for God, his way is

perfect...

Ps. 133:30

elm

June 7, 1968

C/S-2

Dear President Johnson,  
In these dark days  
following the senseless  
murder of Senator Robert  
Francis Kennedy, I have  
a very unusual favor  
to ask of you. Please send  
me one of Senator Kennedy's  
campaign buttons, or  
give me the address where  
I could obtain one for my  
campaign button collection.  
Since the late Senator  
was not in our state  
primary, his buttons were  
not distributed in our  
state of Wisconsin. If I  
had known where to  
obtain one of his buttons,

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth  
us with benefits . . . . Ps. 68.10

I would n't have bothered  
you. Because this is very  
dear to my heart, don't  
disregard my request.

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Heidig

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2718 Myrtle Street  
Madison, Wisc. 53704

P.S. may God keep you  
and your family safe.



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JL3/Kennedy, Robert  
LE/JL3  
PR2/ST32

June 14, 1968

Dear Boys and Girls:

Thank you for your letters to President Johnson. It was thoughtful of you to let him have your comments. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

With the President's best wishes to you and Mrs. Libman,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

*Claine*  
Pupils of Mrs. Libman's Second Grade Class  
x Public School 274  
800 Bushwick Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

Enclosure: P's 6/6/68 ltr to the Speaker of the House and the P of the Senate

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800 Bushwick Avenue

Bklyn. 21, N. Y.

June 10, 1968

Dear President Johnson

Enclosed you will find some letters written by second graders at P.S. 274, Bklyn.

After discussing the assassinations, first of Mr. Martin Luther King and now of Robert Kennedy, the children expressed a desire to help in some way. As young as they are, they seem to realize something that the Congress of the U.S. has not yet come to realize -- too many good people have been killed.

These letters appear just as the children have written them and hence, may be difficult to read. The sentiments are there, however, and in their own way they are asking for your help. I too am asking for your help - we need strict gun control laws and we need



them now.

Thank you - from class 2-2.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Elaine Libman

P.S. 274

800 Bushwick Avenue

Bklyn. 21, N.Y.

Dear President Johnson

I want you to know to many  
good people been Killed all  
reetty. you should not let  
stores sell rifles and guns in  
stores. you should stop them now  
befor everybody get Killed.  
and I want to tell you I  
hate the man that shot  
Robert F Kennedy.

From Walter



June 10, 1968

Dear President,

I am 8 years old and in second grade.  
My class has been talking about what  
happened. We donot want no guns. And I th-  
ink other people think the same way.  
Will you tell the people who sell them  
not to sell them. And people will be much happi-  
er  
When I first herd that Robet Kenn-  
dy was dead I cried in bed. So help us.  
thank you.

Pat Schulz  
P.S 274

June 10, 1962

Dear President Johnson,  
please stop the people that sell guns,  
rifles. Don't let them sell guns or  
rifles. Please stop other people from killing  
people please do.

To President  
Johnson

From

Yvette Demenech



Dear President, Johnson, June, 1964

Please tell the Mailmans to stop sending rifles to people to kill the good. I do not like the Mailman to send rifles so they can kill the people that are helping the poor people. You have to realize that they are not sending them to kill the bad people they are sending them to kill the good people you have to realize that. They do not need guns they do not need them, they should send for guns to kill the bad people. Do not send the guns please do not send them. Please do not sell them any more because you do not want to be kill like Senator Robert Kennedy died. Because the one who kill him send for a gun to kill him dead.

I was crying when I heard that he was  
killed I felt very sorry because almost  
all of our good people are gone they  
are dead from people sending for guns.  
That's why.

From Violet  
Hicks



PS

Michele Smith

Classified

June 10, 1968

Dear President

All The President who is kill will not come back  
again. especialy martin Luther King and Robert F  
Kennedy, brothers.

Dear President Johnson, June 10, 1968

Please stop letting people get guns and  
stop letting people kill other people.

My name is Junita Hill and I go to  
school P.S. 274. I am in the second grade.  
I am in class 2-2. I live at 15 Kossuth  
pl.

Juanita Hill



June 10, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I am in school P.S. 274 Class 2-2  
I am in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please don't get  
no rifle to peopl they killed some  
good president like Robert Kennedy.  
I Love Robert Kennedy. Plese don't  
get no more rifle to peopl Plese  
I don't want to hared that they  
killed the president. I Love  
all the president.

by Louis Valentin Jr,

Dear President,

Please arrest the people that  
sell the rifle to the people  
that are sick, please?

by Harry Malavé



Dear President

do not send any more  
guns out.

Senator Robert Kennedy  
want to be the Best  
President.

Class 2-2 talk about  
R Senator Robert Kennedy

From Earline Pitts

P.S. 274

Helen Yvette Aviles

June 22

June 10, 1968

Dear President please tell the store to stop sending guns because I do not like people to be killed. I hate people who killed the good people. The policemen are to ones who have to carry guns.



James Howard

Dear President Johnson,

Senathe Robert Kennedy got shot by  
a bad man, Stop people from  
selling rifle and guns.  
We love Robert Kennedy.

June

Dear President,

We shouldn't gave guns to  
bad poeple because they might gill good  
poeple. Please, take away the gun  
so they won't gill good poeple.

from Diane Sheff



Dear President

I send you this letter to arrest  
the gun stores because  
the people are getting killed  
by the people who are sick.

to President.  
from Fredie  
From Class 22.

Grisel Sandoval June 10 1968

Dear President

Please do not sell guns.

I don't want people killing other people.

I don't want people with guns. I don't like  
bad people who kill. I don't like people  
who talk bad. I don't like people  
who have guns. I don't like who are  
bad.



Dear President,

I find sad. Robert Kennedy  
was shot. arrest the store that  
has guns. You should not  
laughing...

P.S. 274

2-2

by Cornell

June 10, 1968,

June 10, 1968

Dear President Johnson  
I do not want to see  
rifle in peoples hands.

I like Presiden Robert F.  
Kennedy and I want you to  
mail this to Robert F.  
Kennedy.

from Benedetta DiGregorio

B=11



Dear president Johnson

Please don't sell rifle any  
more. people are getting killed.  
you must take guns away

From Valerie Stanford

P.S 274 class 2-2

P.S. 274

May 10, 1968

Class 2-2

Dear President

Please don't Sell on more  
guns. bad people shot other  
People.

Roslyn



PS. 274  
Class 2-2

Lee Jaudoni  
Jnud 10/19/68

Dear President Johnson  
Send This letter to  
President Johnson please  
please stop sell guns and rifle  
store men  
I love Robert Kennedy.

June 10, 1968

Dear President, Johnson,

Please " Stop selling guns and  
Knives,

From Jeffrey Fendros



P.S. 274

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Juan La Salle

June 10 1968

- 1 I do not like people to sell guns  
because they kill good people.
- 2 Please do not kill good people with rifles.
- 3 My school is P.S. 274.

Thank you

from Juan

Dera President

Please arrest the storykeeper keer gun.

I don't like gun.

It is not good. I like Robert F. Kennedy. I like Kennedy to.

George Migliaccio



Norma Ortiz

Dear President, Johnson

Dear Johnson I am in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
grade. You must take guns  
away.

~~Love~~ from Norma

Dear President

Please do not let the storekeepers  
sell guns or rifles because the people are killing other  
people.

from Magdalena



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**GENERAL**

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert  
LE/JL3  
PR2/ST32

June 14, 1968

**Dear Students:**

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Students of the Eighth Grade Class  
X Macomb's Junior High School  
c/o N. Funt  
1700 Macomb's Road  
Bronx, New York 10453

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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104 West 174 St.

Bronx 53, New York

June 6, 1968

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Dear Students:

The President.  
The White House.  
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President.  
I want you to know that  
Senator Kennedy's death  
shocked me. It's a sad  
day for me and for every  
body. Very much so for  
Mrs. Kennedy. Very much so  
for Senator Kennedy's parents  
also. I think that Senator  
Kennedy was the best Senator  
I know of. I know you  
must have been a dear  
friend of the Kennedys.  
You must have been shocked  
as much as I had been.  
I hope that Mrs. Kennedy and her



children will be all alright

Sincerely Yours  
Richard Martinson



1515 Macombs Road  
Bronx 53, New York  
June 11, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President;

My name is Frederick Reyes, I am 15 years of age. I am very upset over what happened to our Senator Kennedy. I would be very happy if you would do something about this gun law. I am asking you to limit the sale of guns or reduce to no more guns. Only people who work for the police Department would have them. More people in the United States will be shot trying to do something to help the United States. So I urge to please do something about this law. Many more people will write to you saying something like my letter

Sincerely yours  
Frederick Reyes



1645 Andrews Ave.

Bronx 53 New York

June 6, 1968

The President

White House

Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am sending this letter to express how I feel about this recent assassination. I am a girl of  $13\frac{1}{2}$  and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It really is terrible of what's happen to these good and important people. I think that something should be done about this. These people are trying to represent us and help us into a better world and then right away someone goes ahead for fun and shoots them. When I heard about Robert Kennedy that was unbelievable. First his 2 brothers now him especially with 10 going on 11. Leaving them behind. But he was only trying to help us. Is this what's happen to these people! Something ought to be done right away. There should be a hard law passed on selling good guns & these weapons



that can damage or hurt people. I'm sure  
everybody feels bad about this. What is our  
world coming to! It is terrible.

Sincerely,  
Rhonda Lernerman

83 W. 174<sup>th</sup>  
Bronx 53, New York  
June 11, 1968

The President  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Johnson

We the People are very hurt by the  
number of assassinations going in the United  
States. We feel that a stronger gun law  
should definitely be passed at this  
time, although most of the one we feel  
were our leaders have already been killed.  
We feel the the gun law should be  
passed to save the little Leaders we  
have left. For if this law is not passed  
in time even you might be next

Sincerely  
Gary Sheppard



1419 University Ave.  
BRONX 52, New York  
June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

Dear MR. President,

I Am A Student At Macomb's  
J.H.S. BRONX, New York. I Am in the  
8<sup>th</sup> grade AND I Am 13 years old. I  
Am very upset About the Assassination  
of Robert Kennedy. I think the U.S.  
Should Pass A Stronger gun law to  
Prevent so many people from buying  
guns AND from killing people. I think  
they Should stop selling guns, only  
sell them to policemen AND to other  
important people. Not to just Any-  
body.

Sincerely,  
Ernest George



1517 Jessup Avenue  
Bronx New York  
June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I feel that they should make the selling of guns or other weapons illegal. I think that if they use knives to kill a person that they would have to get up close to the person to kill him. If they wanted to kill someone they should kill Stockely Carmichael & H. Rap Brown. I am 15 years of age. I am in the eighth grade and I am about to go to High School.

Sincerely Yours,  
Jeanne Therese Kregger



1906 Nelson Ave  
Bronx 10453 New York  
June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President;

I am an eighth grade Student at Macombs  
J.H.S. my name is Roberta Smith and I'm  
writting you to ask If you can do something  
about all this unnecessary killing. I wonder  
why there are so many Great Man being killed  
why dose a man risk his life to defend his  
Country The death of Dr. Martin Luther King  
was anpp set to the world. Who is behind  
the killing of all these Great Man. Now  
its 2 months and 6 days Sence the  
assassination of Dr. M.L. King and now  
the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The  
whole world is at Stake. These men are  
trying to bring peace between all the  
races and to stop people from hating



each other. I wonder what dose it mean  
to be free. If some one try to help his  
Country and then in return he gets killed

I wonder when will all the  
unnecessary killing will end.

Sincerely yours;  
Roberta Smith



1760 Andrew's Ave  
Bronx 53, New York  
June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr President,

I am an 8th grade student at Macomb's Junior High School. My name is Geraldine Rogin when I heard about Senator Kennedy I could not believe what happened. I was shocked to hear about Senator Kennedy. I could not understand why someone would want to kill Senator Kennedy. In a way I don't know what the world is coming to. I just hope that from now on we can have as much peace as possible after what happened to the late Senator Kennedy. I hope very much that there is a law passed about selling guns.

Sincerely,  
Geraldine Royin



1475 Jeany Ave  
Brooklyn, New York 10452  
June 10, 1968.

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I think it is my duty  
to speak up for my country.  
This matter concerns the  
death of three great men  
who were fighting for us.  
To help us get the equal  
rights of freedom. To get  
respect from the white  
man and the black man.

President John F. Kennedy  
fought for us, the negro and  
I am very proud of my race,  
color, and creed. Yes, I am  
a negro, but I also have  
feelings too, I can be hurt.

Martin Luther King Jr.  
a man of peace. He was  
fighting for us, too. He was



murk involved with the treatments, education and life of the negro.

Senator Robert Francis Kennedy, he was about to get the presidential office. But he was assassinated right after his victorious speak with his wife Ethel by his side. He was shot down.

This is all we can take every man who has to try to stay alive just because of a mental disturbed man has purchased a gun. I think that there should be a stronger gun law passed.

Sincerely,  
Francis Shelton



1742 Bathgate  
Bronx 53 New York  
June 5, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

I am writing these  
few lines to tell you how I  
feel about guns. The United  
States is falling to pieces because  
too many good men that help  
America become something  
are being killed by guns.  
People who work all their  
life to build America men  
that show that they care  
about their country. I am  
afraid that when I grow up  
that people will be killing  
their selves. I am deeply



hurt because men that fight  
to see that children get a  
good education and fight for  
the people rights and  
non violence are being  
killed. I truly hope that  
you see that ~~peop~~ something  
is done in the future  
America depends on us  
the children of america

Sincerely your  
Victor Cepeda



2364 Lorillard Pl.  
Brooklyn 53, New York

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

To Mr. President

Everybody is horrified that Senator Robert F Kennedy died, I wish that you make the law stronger to punish the assassin, bad and make him suffer like he made us suffer for killing. You should improve a gun law saying that no guns should be sold to anybody unless he got permission from you. Cause this is very dangerous even for the state or the world

Sincerely  
Cesar Lujillo

57 West 175 street

Brond 53, New York

June 11, 1968

The President

The White House

Washington. D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am 13 years old. I wonder why there is a law allowing guns to be sold. There have been so many important people killed by guns. I think that the people who have the guns are not using it right. A lot of newspapers and magazines are showing ones and I think that it should not be advertised. I am very upset what happened to Senator Kennedy. I think that it is about time that the government tried to get stronger gun laws. If there is not a stronger gun law more and more important people are going to be killed.

Sincerely,  
Barry Cohen



June 14, 1968

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Dear Miss Petani:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 6th in which you asked if it would be possible for him to meet and talk with him on your forthcoming visit here.

The President sincerely regrets he will be unable to see you. So many young people write and ask if they may have personal conversations with him and he would like to be able to comply, but it just is an impossibility since the demands upon his time are so heavy.

If, when you have the opportunity, you would like to write the President about the discussion you had hoped to have with him, he will be glad to hear from you and your letter could be sent in my care.

In answer to your question about the airport nearest Arlington Cemetery, this would be The Washington National Airport.

With the President's best wishes to you and a particular expression of his gratitude for your prayers for him and his family,

Sincerely,

James R. Jones  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Miss Jean Petani  
P. O. Box 966  
Glendale, California

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Schecter:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Elaine Lynn Schecter<sup>\*</sup>  
2811 Fair Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Dear President Johnson,

I have been sitting here in almost complete shock for more than two hours that something like this can happen in the United States, time and time again. But I must also say that preventive measures should have been taken before anything could happen, not only now after a great tragedy! I know how hard this is because the candidates themselves shy away from protection, because they want such personal contact. I myself will be twenty-one years old and able to vote in the next election. As a potential voter, I can give you an opinion on how I would feel if the candidates were not so exposed to the public. A candidate, whether for governorship, senatorship, or the Presidency, is in constant danger; therefore my

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vote would not be effected in a negative way if the secret servicemen were to place themselves between the candidate and myself. I think the entire public would tend to understand and not vote differently because of less contact. What is the use of not being protected, winning an election (primary in this case) and ending up dead?

I also must say that the news media is very good, perhaps too good. One reporter in Columbus on Channel 10 was giving a brief description of what happened. He told us the bullets were of a .22 caliber gun, if they were of a larger caliber it would have meant instant death. On the same station they were interviewing a doctor (professor in neuro surgery) who said if the bullet entered at the base of the brain it would have meant instant death. With all the maniacs in this country I do not feel that this type of information should be so freely released, because next time the victim may not be so lucky. (I say lucky because <sup>the</sup> Senator is still alive at this time)



The secret servicemen are doing the best they can, but evidently it is not adequate, otherwise we would not have lost the beloved John F. Kennedy. I also realize that they are men with families and loved ones who are concerned for their safety. I feel that the secret service men should be compelled to wear bullet proof protection (I also realize here that they are not trying to announce their presence even though it is easy to pick them out), from head to toe; jumping to complete and faster bodily protection of an important candidate. I know this can get mighty hot in warm weather; but in this country where we are sending men to the moon, there must be some way to develop a light weight but strong metal. As a matter of fact, it would not be a bad idea for the candidates themselves to wear it!

I have been torn very much about the sales of guns in the United States. People do have the right to bear arms, but I do not like what their use is bringing about. I have heard suggestions to outlaw

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the interstate sale of guns. Since most assassins probably buy their weapons right before their attempted (sometimes successful) crimes in that particular state maybe a law of this nature would prove beneficial.

I would like to end this letter by expressing my deepest sympathy to the whole Kennedy family; we are in danger of losing a great man. G-d help him and us!

Sincerely,

Miss Elaine Lynn Scheeter  
Scheeter  
Columbus, Ohio

Miss Elaine Scheeter  
2811 Fair Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio  
43209



June 14, 1968

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Dear Mr. Chase:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Randolph Hugh Chase  
190 East 72nd Street  
New York, New York 10021

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JL 3/Kennedy, R.F.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Gibson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Phillip Gibson

Ellijay, Georgia 30540

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**GENERAL**

*FL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

**June 14, 1968**

**Dear Mrs. Cox:**

**On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Mrs. Claudia H. Cox  
4824 West 18th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90019**

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Los Angeles Calif.

June 7, 1968

The President of the United States  
The White House,

Dear Mr President: I feel  
very sad over the assassination  
of Senator Robert Kennedy, which  
happened in our City June 4<sup>th</sup>.

If I may do so, let me offer  
a suggestion please.

During world war II I was  
employed at one of the war plants  
in Kansas City Kansas. I had to  
be at work at 6 AM. every morning  
as I was a pastry cook. Every employee  
had to go through a gate, and  
the guards on duty at the entrance  
checked ladies purses or Handbags  
if one had a package it had to  
be inspected, The men also, it  
was just a rule, and we had



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to submit to a inspection or not  
work. we were checked out the  
same way each evening.  
I was thinking, My President  
couldn't we do that now?  
when a Celebrity, such as Senator  
Kennedy, or some famous person  
whose life could be in danger  
couldn't there be certain entrance  
to get in to hear the speaker?  
and no other way? and a Guard  
for each entrance. And a rule that  
everyone entering must be inspected  
for guns explosives etc,  
persons who are on the level  
could not object to that. To save  
a life one should be glad to do  
so. we could have men trained  
for just such duties, I believe  
it would help, if not a perfect  
plan it might stop some of

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This terrible Killing,  
I dont know if I have  
done the right thing or not,  
but I thought if I wrote to  
you, that you would know  
whether it was a good idea  
or not. I'm sure we should  
all want to help if possible.  
I do pray that something can  
be done soon. Thank you.

Respectfully.

(Mrs) Claudia H Cox.  
4824 W-18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, California.  
90019.