June 17, 1968 LE/JL3

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Dear Dr. Kistner:

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Dr. Joseph M. Kistner 305 AFRICAN Road Vestal, New York 13850

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

MD: mcv

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GENERAL JL3/KENNEDY,R.F. ND19/CO312/ND9

June 17, 1968

Dear Private De Vico:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He, too, was deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. The President hopes that all Americans will join in his determination to deny violence its victory and that "...we can emerge from this hour of sorrow -- a stronger and a more unified people."

The President also asked me to express his deep gratitude for the continuing contributions that you and those who serve with you are making to the cause of freedom at this crucial time. Your dedicated support of our country's purposes will keep strong America's priceless heritage.

With the President's warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

PFC Frank W/DeVico RA 11903300 2/11 Sve Btry APO San Francisco 96383

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as Mr Presidents PFC Fronk W. Delico. The le post yeurs I admired both nom in nowo 68, Kelling of great mon beho Derne ne Poblic and nere Country. Sencery your RA 11903 300 2/11 SUE BTRY

JL3/Kennedy, Rolt. F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Miss Ashhurst:

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Miss Anna W. Ashhurst 106 Locust Street Martinsburg, Pennsylvania 16662

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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John Samuel - R. Flenny

106 Locust St. Martinsburg, Pa. 16662 June 5, 1968

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

Dear President Johnson:

I am deeply appalled by all the violence that is sweeping our country. I strongly urge you to do all in your power to prevent any more by forecfully upholding any legislation that will keep it from happening again.

Sincerely,

Anna W. Ashhurst

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
June 17, 1968 JL3

Dear Miss Ringle:

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Miss Louise Ringle 3620 East Granville Westerville, Ohio 43081

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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In Set forth contributing forther to Westerville, Ohio June 5, 1968

My Dear Mr. President:

First, let me praise the masterful speech you delivered this evening, after the assassination attempt on Senator Kennedy. I am sure millions of Americans appreciated it as much as my family and I did.

You expressed concern about the conditions that would permit such a terrible crime to be perpetrated. I would not presume to attempt an explanation of social disintegration in america, but in my humble opinion such lawless acts are fortered by the "laisses faire" attitude of lawenforcement administrators throughout the nation. The enforcement of law and discipline requires a responsibility that many people will not assume. Solicemen are frequently intimidated by ones of "police brutality," or frustrated because of new and often bewildering Supreme Court rulings. When law enforcers will not or cannot act, when Judges and Jurors fail to assume their responsibilities, and when legislators will not pass necessary laws, there is a breakdown of the will to govern and of the well to obey existing laws. An atmosphere of lawlessness is created. Such an atmosphere prevails in our society today, and can only result in chaos and anarchy.

perplexed by vocal minorities of extremists and hate mongers that we and our law-enforcers stand paralyzed, awaiting whatever fate the law-less would bestow upon us. Two excellent examples are the college "take-overs" and the "non-violent" demonstrations (and looting and rioting) of the "poor" people.

infeltrated both groups. It is also no secret that the huge demonstration planned by the "por "people for June 19 m Washington will be taken over by extremists, many of them Communists, and that insurrection may result. It is also no secret that the police department in Washington is now under a "pacifist" regime, that veteran policemen have resigned in record numbers, and that morale is at on all-time low.

Blease, Mr. President, see that Washington is prepared to take drastic measures. Organized violence should be suppressed quickly. Extremists should be shown that their strategy is not successful in america. I abhor violence and bloodshed, but it is better for a few reckless lawbreakers to be killed, if necessary, than for a situation to explode beyond control with the loss of hundreds of lives. Let us not have another France!

Wery respectfully yours, Miss Louise Ringle O. S.: Blue, Mr. Bresident, do not be so concerned about your public image. History will vindicate your stand on the complex issues of today, especially Vietnam. You never here us say it, but most Americans realize that you are making the wisest decisions possible under extremely trying circumstances. May God bless you in all your indeavors and may God bless you in all your indeavors and

GENERAL AR5-1/LA JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Kathy:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was thoughtful of you to send him the poem you wrote.

As you requested, the home address of Robert Kennedy, Jr. is: 1147 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts Personal Secretary to the President

Kathy Lapoila 60 Conselves Street Brooklyn, New York 11211

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GENERAL JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Professor Clement:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to scknowledge 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 A. Clement
Department of Physics
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia 25112

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JUN1 8 1968 CENTRAL FILES Re Assassination - control of crime

Suggests strict gun control
Eliminate campaign trail method of campaigning
for President
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

June 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

The nation and the entire world is shocked and grief-stricken upon the untimely passing of Senator Kennedy. All begin to wonder about the train of events with which we are confronted today. Each one feels that some action is indicated. Although we know that there is no speedy single solution, still there are some approaches which appear to be indicated.

Forgive me for imposing upon you at this time. However, certain steps seem to be indicated and I am taking the liberty to make some suggestions, as a layman.

- A. It is evident that action on the possession of guns is in order. May we suggest that special permits
 - to carry guns be limited to the following:
 - 1. Government agents and Armed Forces personnel.
 - 2. State and local Law Officers.
 - 3. Plant, Armored Truck, and Bank Guards.
- B. Two Presidential Candidates be selected by each of the Democrat and Republican parties.
 - 1. One of the candidates selected by the Senate, and one of the candidates selected by the House.
 - 2. One National Primary.
 - 3. No National Convention.
 - One National election involving the winners of the Primary.
 - 5. Elimination of the "Campaign Trail".
- C. The gradual withdrawal of all Armed Forces Personnel now stationed abroad.

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- D. Additional training programs to be offered, and underwritten by the U. S. Government.
- E. Squatters rights be denied all groups and individuals.
- F. Strict enforcement of Civil Rights legislation.
- G. Strengthening of existing Welfare Programs.
- H. A closer look at our Farm Subsidy Program.
- I. Further implementation of Educational Aid.

I am sure that you will forgive me and understand that everyone is concerned and alarmed.

> Associate Professor Department of Physics

Sincerely,

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June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Marchese:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He mourns with the nation -- and with the countless millions around the world -- the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our Nation has indeed lost another very talented leader.

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 thank you for your expressions of confidence and support. You have his prayers and warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Sp/4 Michael Marchese
RA 11821171
23rd ADMIN Co.
AMerical Division
APO, San Francisco 96374

Enclosures: Rmks of 6/5 and 6/10

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This four of duty is not a vaction and if Sen. Mc Coothy should be elected a feel my 365 days wall have you Once again I would like to say that I associated of My Senator and a great american Robert F Kennedy. 5P4Mehael Marches SP4 Michael MARchese 15112811 AR 23RD ADMIN CO AMERICAL DIVISION APO SF 9637 4

JL3/Kennedy, R.F. June 17, 1968 Dear Mr. Brown: President Johnson is glad that you wrote to him at this time. He, too, was deeply saddened over the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions throughout the world -- the loss of this talented leader. The doubts you voice are certainly understood, but the quality of our nation cannot be gauged by the actions of a few. You can be sure that the President id deeply concerned over lawlessness in our country. In his words, there can be no justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months he 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 tell you that he is very proud of our courageous servicemen who, like your brother, bear the hardships of duth in Viet-Mam. He and his advisors are working very hard for a just and honorable peace so our men there can return home. With the President's best wishes, Sincerely, Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

> Mr. Mike Brown 300 Briarcliff Road Rocky Mount, North Carelina 27801

Enclosures: Rmks of 6/5 and 6/11

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June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Todd:

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

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

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

SP/4 Randell S. Todd, USA RA 16954852 158th QM Co. (PD) Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473

Englosures: Rmks 6/5 and 6/10

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June 17, 1968

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Dear Miss Denning:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. He, too, was deeply saddened in the tragic loss of Senator Rebert F. Kennedy. He asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. The President hopes that all Americans will join in his determination to deny violence its victory and that "...we can emerge from this hour of sorrow -- a stronger and a more unified people."

The President shares the deep cancern of all those whose loved ones are defending freedom -- and ultimately our own security -- at this crucial time. Asking young men to go into battle is the most agonising and painful duty of his office. He wants you to know that his prayers and his untiring efforts are being directed toward a just and a lasting peace and our servicemen's early return. We pray that the current talks in Paris will move us closer to that goal.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Debble Denning 1211 Second Street Graham, Texas 76046

Enclosures Ex. Order of 6/10/68 re Natl Comm on the Causes & Prev. of Violence; P's rms of 6/10/68 to Comm.

GMR:mg

June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Bell:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great corrow. 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.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Specialist Fourth Class Richard Bell 50th Inf. Pit., Scout Deg APO, San Francisco 96278

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ortin:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram concerning the action of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President mourns with the nation -- and with all men of goodwill -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. X Kennedy. He has termed this the moment, in his words, "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

Mr. Tomas Ortis McDonald Under Secretary House of Representatives Capitol San Juan, Puerto Rico

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEATH OF PUERTO RICO
AGREED IN TODAYS SITTING TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND GRIEF FOR
THE DEPLORABLE AND VILE ATTACK SUFFERED THIS MORNING BY SENATOR
ROBERT F KENNEDY IN THE CITY OF
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA AND TO PRAY FOR HIS RECOVERY

TOMAS ORTIZ- MCDONALD

GENERAL LEDL3 JL3/Kennedy, Robert June 17, 1968 Dear Mrs. Roberts: President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts at this time of terrible sorrow. The President shares the deep concern of all those whose loved ones have been called upon to defend freedom -- and ultimately our own security -- in Vist-Nam. Asking young men to go into battle, in his words, "is the most agonising and painful duty of my office." He wants you to know, however, that his prayers and his constant efforts are being directed toward an honorable settlement of this war and our servicemen's early return. You have the President's pledge that no possible avenue for peace will go unexplored. He hopes for your understanding and support as we pursuvers toward that goal. With the Provident's best wishes, Sincerely, Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President Mrs. Rose Roberts Post Office Box 1 Nelson, California 95958 GMR:nm

June 17, 1968

JL3/Kennedy Rolf

Dear Mrs. Watte:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Pat Watts 8446 Southeast Bush Portland, Oragon

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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ear Lis; Il don't know why il am writing this, and I know it will never come to your attention. But I have get this out of my system. Il was never more shocked in my life as on nov. 22, when I heard of the shooting and death of President J. F. Kennedy But now It see life had another shock in store for the nation, The shooting and death of Senator Robert Kennedy. What is this evored coming too? Tet just esnit a fit place to live any more when people Lator Kennedy, wh working for good of the world, can be shot down in cold blood I am 18 years old and the mother of an one year old som. Well he grow up to have his life taken by some assassins Bullet

Il know that is a question that only sool can ansures. But how can sod allow two such tragestys as the assassination of the two Kennedy brothers. This world is sure san shape Senator Kennedy's death loss. As if he were part respect him and his family very much thonly hope that someslay my son may grow up to be as understanding and brave as Kobert To Kennedy. Sincerely, Pat watte 3446 J. E. Bush Portland, Dre.

GENERAL

June 17, 1968

JL 3/Kennelg Rolf

Dear Mrs. Schmidt:

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. R. Schmidt 729 Danvers Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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RECEIVED JUN2 0 1958 DENTRAL FILES

RABILLEDA-69 June 5, 1968 739 Caxuera De 18 ms connect be Cincinnato, ahio President Johnson While Hause Washington, DC. Dear mr. Brosident. I have just heard that Senator Kennedy was shat last night! Since we are living in such a Changing & realest world - we abriously have to change our ways of living. It is no longer necessary - or possible for a man to side on the back of a train & shake hands with "the people" Let "the people" get acquainted with our great leaders via "television". Please gut a stap to all this! Life is too precious to gut it to such subjection We must adjust to this changing world Let us keep up with it! We have

page 2 been given new ways of Communicating (T.V. + radio) Let us use these ways to reach the people. I hope something can be done to stop this immediately before you or anyone else is taken from us! Thank you & Lot Blue you, With Brayers, mrs. R. Schniet. P.S. Blease too - we need some authority in this Country. before it's too late!

J23/Kennedy Rolf F. June 17, 1968

Dear Private Nicholas:

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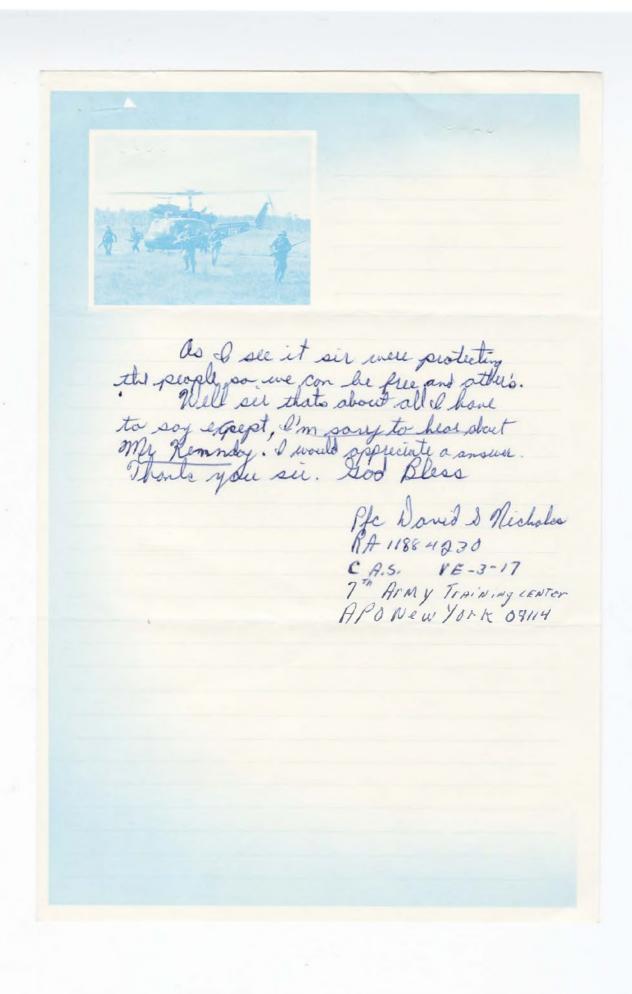
Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Private Pirst Class David S. Nicholas RA 11884230 C.A.S. VE-3-17 Seventh Army Training Center APO, New York 09114

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

MD: jam

Comments on death of R7K June 5, 1968 Mr President, I would like to ash you of us solidies were wondering what we are protecting; With all the Rioting and Killing we sort of had its doubte. Then Sil we were thrown out of France, them we lind them me hundred million dallots Does really make sense. To apoor PFC in the dling, it don't. problem. As soliders we see this bull in this was as a build up far the Commissed. There not interested in peace. But only in Communism. Were not pride: It huits the solidius who are protecting the country to hear all about this builting and horting all we protecting the Country fat that.



June 17, 1968 J23/Kennety Roht F.

Dear Miss McIntire:

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Niss Staci McIntire Route 1 Greenfield, Indiana 46140

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

CF:ajm

RESERVED JUN 2 0 1968 CENTRAL FILES S 18-69 ack 6/17/ gam Dear Sir, I would like to the know one Thing. what is United States coming to? I think Bobby Kennesty would of been the best President we could ever hope for ! and that god for almost every body in United States! Bobby had the will power, the goal, + the mind to save us all from going ento horrible times. I think he could of stoped riots, thanks trouble between blacks + whites! and most of our problems, problems. But no, someone had to murder him! Marsler. marder. murder that all any body ever hears! and pretty soon that's all any bodys going to do! I'ma girl, but one of these days I'm going to the President. I hat might sound like some stypical kiels dream, but I'm goin to try, I'm goin to try so hard! and will try to stop all of this. But really thats to what Bobby Kennedy wanted to do! Isn "tit? But then again, I think also when I grow up that no body is going to want to be President . For reasons of my own! Please, write back + tell me the answers to my questions. It we means so much to me 'and please, read this your stip self! priso Staci Mightere adress - Stace MI & Inter RA#1 Dreenfield Incl. 46148

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June 17, 1968 C092

Dear Mrs. Kiesselbacht

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Karl H. Kiesselbach USA STRATCOM-EUR. Engineer Command APO, New York 09056

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;

6/10 remarks to commission)

MD: jam

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USA STRATCOM-EUR. Engineering Command APO New York 09056 6 June 1968

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

As I sit here writing this letter I am still so stunned and shocked over just learning of Robert Kennedy's death that I must, absolutely must in some way, get these things from my mind onto a piece of paper. It was just four and half years ago that we heard the same news - Kennedy has been shot! At that time I was at the hub of it all - working for General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. How I remember the disbelief we all registered.

Oh I know you will probably never see this letter because I am all too familiar with the workings of top Government. I just pray to God that you will be able (because I KNOW you will do all in your power) to in some way help to save our country while you are still in office.

In the last several years we have been helpless as we have watched our country on the downward trend, watched the almost complete disintegration of law and order. My husband and I have been here in Western Germany for almost a year and a half now. Many of us once said how proud we were to be Americans; now we hang our heads in shame. I LOVE MY COUNTRY, MR. PRESIDENT, and I cry my heart out now in absolute anguish. How I feel for the Kennedy family, but how my heart aches for our country.

Oh God, I ask how much further we are going to have to go before things improve. What have we done that the years of hardship and suffering of our forefathers should now prove to be in vain.

Oh Mr. President, I ask you, YOU, to please listen to the pleas of us just the everyday people of the country. Do everything in your power to
bring back law and order. The way I feel now I could say take every one of
those old gaffers who sit on their thrones in the Supreme Court "interpreting
the Constitution" and put them in an old folks home where they belong. Since
when in the law of ages is the common criminal to be revered, coddled, and sent
out in the streets time and again to commit the same crimes.

Please help us all back to sanity. Today I feel as if I'm on the edge of insanity.

Respectfully yours,

GENERAL

June 17, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Serrata:

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Francisco Serrata 101 Mariposa Street Brisbane, California 94005

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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GENERAL

June 17, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Savalas:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker

Mrs. Telly A. Savalas 6 Chesterfield Street Mayfair London, W.l., England

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President Johnson Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson.
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Hennedy was shot - is am truly earry about it. That's why

I have decided to write to you.

Consant you please emproy the U.S. before you go helping people overseas? Don't you Des, Our country is falling apart and we aren't safe?! Don't you realize that we are going to destroy ourselves? You see the people in this country report to violence No quickly - and the only way if any that someone will take over this country will be to till our top Leaders -Like President Kinnedy - all our Leaders that we look up to, One by One. Don't you see what's happening to us? We have to try and settle our differences and sall - xoaner the better! Please President Johnson - Please help aur country before something Terrible hakkens. Il nos em pour place sont that the only way we can be Strong and defend ourselves we must live in sease and rich this country of our aggressors before we can defend ourselves and be a truly great Country!

Tight now our fine, ready good country is in a state of confusion and we are stumbling instead of going strong. We need someone strong and wiling to help us out. We have so moving faults, - "starration as shume, 3. so many people on Welfare who can work, to high a took rote, 5. Too many misunderstandings and misgivings bo Plase, please Help our country to get back on our feet! afteress, we need HEIP Too!!!!

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Carol E. Stowell McNutt 261 - Kailua Road Kailua, Hawaii 96734 June 5, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President,

From the scanty news reports we have received on the attempted assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy at 7:30 o'clock this morning, we are extremely upset. The past twenty-five to thirty years of "permissive" child rearing, and coddling of the common criminal while the respectable citizen cannot walk the streets in safety in America should come to the end, immediately! I must correct this letter. Between the time I began it, and drove my husband to leave for Viet Nam we heard the tragic news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. God help this country. He was the one man who could have made us a nation with pride and hope, as did his brother. The loss of their guidance is so tragic it is beyond comment. The comment is the state of the United States today.

The substitutes we have as nominees for the office of President since the tragic death of Senator Kennedy are so inferior to him that no one could change their images. One nominee should return to the movie lots, one nominee should return to his law office and not worsen his image, one nominee should return to the farm, one nominee should care for his ill wife, and stop spreading the desease of hatred of races. That leaves Eugene J. McCarthy and Nelson Rockefeller. Let us not compare their statures to the stature of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Let us place our hopes and devote our energies to the rise of

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political leadership of Senator Ted Kennedy, and hope that the Kennedy family is willing to share the political genius of this one remaining Kennedy son to an ungrateful American nation.

It is not not surprising that the assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy was the product of an American High School, whether he was an emigrant or not.

When I entered my eldest child in a California school, I was severely rebuked for having taught her to read before she entered school in California. Four years of playing at home was not enough.

It is far past time that this nation stopped playing and started working. I am not referring so much to the sociological lower classes as to the middle and upper middle classes. I was born in poverty, so I know that there is no excuse for looting, rioting, burning and destructive actions. Such actions tear down. They do not build. And they should be dealt with accordingly. In California we lived in a typical middle class American community. The community contained a doctor, a lawyer, a service station manager, a city planner, a military family (ours) and men with similar sociological level occupations. Almost without exceptions the children of these families were spoiled, heaped with gifts which they destroyed as rapidly as possible, irresponsible, selfish, bullies, and encouraged in their behavior by their parents and the schools! The parents of these children were even worse. They were so naive and spoiled it is incredible. Their working hours were just about one half of those of my husband and myself.

Let us hope that the great hearts of the late President John F. Kennedy, and Senator Robert Kennedy will be reborn in the hearts of some responsible Americans.

OSINCETELY, Carol E. Stowell Mc Mutt

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June 17, 1968

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Assistant to the President

Mrs. P. Ladygu 126 Congress Avenue Waterbury, Connecticut

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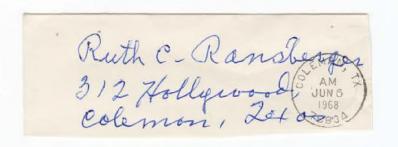
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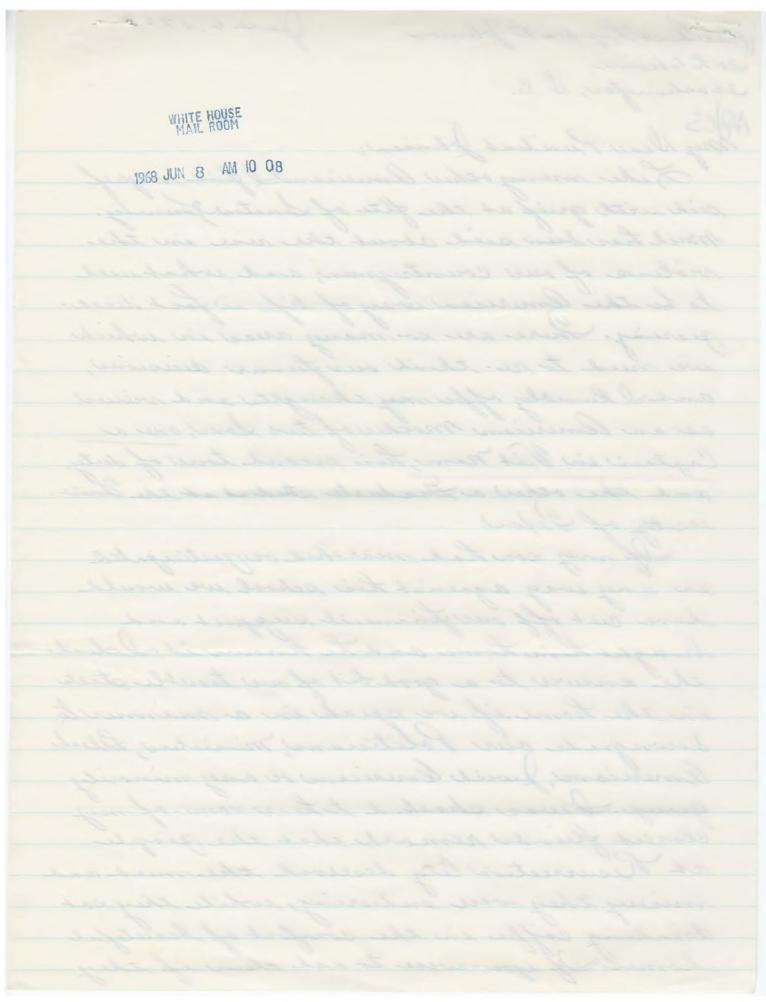
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June 6, 1968 President Lyndon D. Johnson It hetchouse. It askington, W. C. My Near President Johnson; Like many other americand find muguel sich with grif at the fite of Senator January. much has been said about the rise in the violence of our countrymen, and what used to be the Umerican way of life is foot dissa. pearing. There are so many areas in which we need to re- think our former decisions, and I kumbly offer my choughts and views as an Umerican mother of two Sone, one a Captain in Viet nam, his second tour of duty. and the other a Fraduate student at the Univ. ersity of Tegas. If my son had marched or garticipated in any way against his school we would have cut off our financial support and broughe him home and he knows it I think the answer to a good bit of our trouble starts in the home if we speak in a manner to Sowngrade our Politicians, ministers, Bluck americans, Jwish americans or any minority group. I was shacked to hear some of my Closest fliends remark that the geople at Mesurrection lity deserved the meed and misery they were enduring, while they sat drenking coffee in the comfort of beautiful homes. If you were to ask them if they



were Christians, they would be shocked that you would doubt it for one moment. Their children adopt their attitude and the problem goes on. To have taken God out of the schooled feel was the qualtet mistake ever made From many children it was the only place they ever heard the Dible or thanked Dad for their daily bread. The have had an influe of geogle from Countries where the only life they have known is violence and if our offerings at the Moving Picture Theatres are any indication of what our life in Umerica is like, it's all Sex and Violence. "Donnie & Clyde". Now can we expect our young coupled to sit for a couple of hours and when they leave the theater expect them to go home feeling morally uplifted? It's the adult world also who graduce these films, make money from them and then shake their heads in wonder at our young men and women's morals. Our tress and Televison coverage are senequaled anywhere in the world but it has wished side effects. There seems to be a chain reaction when one group of steedents demonstrate, another group feels it's a good

idea to try the same thing and our grableme are compounded. my Jeagers are with you me President as you try to find the answer. I hope my letter hasn't boud you, as I said at the be. giving of my letter, I am only a housewife and mother but I want so much to help it hurts. In sure the answer lies in our homes, churches and schools. The have last control completely and we must lay new foundations for future generation to build on. Very truly yours, Hazel Harding (mrs. It illiam Harding 3) 1337 25th St. 3) Parkersburg. Thest Virginia 26101

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BISBEE, NORTH DAKOTA June 6, 1968

To The Office Of The President Of The United States
THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dear Sir:

I am deeply sorry what has happened to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I think that the people of the United States have truly lost a fine citizen, politician, spokesman and a very fine statesman. I believe we should have this day set aside for his memorial.

I also think that Mr. Martin Luthe King was a fine man, but they had his name on every television, radio, when he died and went on and on about him. They cancelled the baseball game, "Major Leauge" and everything else. When Mr. Kennedy died things went on just as an everyday ocurrance.

This nation as a whole had better get there heads togeather and stop this violnce, make an example of a few of these people so that they will quit this dam killing. I don't know why we didn't go into California a couple of years ago when they started this riot business and lynch a few of those marchers and rioters. If someone would put there foot down hard word travels fast. I believe their would be no more of these marches, riots, looters and I think that if some of this welfare business was taken away and these people would get out and do something they wouldn't have so much time on there hands to stir up trouble.

I Can't imagine the job you must have Mr. President but some one has got to get busy or maybe we won't be here to see our kids grow, and I certainly want to see my young daughters grow up and live in a respectful country, it certainly makes a person wonder what will happen in the next few years.

There are several troubled spots in the world but It has to be cleaned up as soon as possible. We are losing our young people in that war in Viet Nam and that is a dirty shame. One life is just as important as another whether it be King, Kennedy or someone ease it certainly is to bad.

mr. William a Sault

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Miss Virginia McKenzie 1614 Redwood Dickinson, Texas 77539

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but the teacher is the politiciair and the newsman. Sir, you are challenged with the offairs of state each hour. I challenge you with the moral future of our notion. For sir, it is you and I as individuals who have the power to help our country. The moral challenge of today belongs to every man. Young people want the right of choice; they will demand and get the right of choice. It is our responsibility as adults to give them this right under law. Duly under law will our democracy remain alive. The mon who buys a gun today doesn't want law if it is for protection. Are we so frightend of our own law that we revert to frontiering? Sir, I plead with you the President of these United States to wake up America, or soon their will be no United States to wake up. Thank you, may God bless you. Sincerely, Miss Virginia McKenzie

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Dear Miss De Rosa:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Miss Joey L. De Rosa Post Office Box 311 Pawling, New York 12564

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P.O. Box 311 Pawling, New York 12564 June 5, 1968

President Johnson c/o White House Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

I have never been lucky enough to meet you or to even see or shake your hand, but I am an American and I find it in my heart that I must write and give you my opinion on this so call Great Nation of ours.

You know, I can't believe what this world is coming to. Don't the American People realize that the War in VIETNAM is bad enough without more and more voilence. First it was President John F. Kennedy, then Dr. Martin L. King and now Senator Robert F. Kennedy. What is coming out of all these acts? I can give you an answer - NOTHING. Just hurt and above all distruction of our great nation.

Mr. President, I can remember when I was in Grade School and then in High School. Boy, was I ever PROUD of being an American. I was PROUD of my wonderful country. But now I am not Proud of either being an American or of my Country. I am Shocked!!!

Why can't all Americans just live good lives filled with happiness and love for all? Why must there be violence?

What about all those wonderful American boys in Vietnam fighting for our Nation? I don't think that the American people really realize the seriousness of what is going on both within the United Satates and in Vietnam. If we did, there surly would not be acts of violence within the United States.

Believe me I am PROUD of our boys in Vietnam, but it seems to me that our boys are fighting and getting killed for no reason. If the American people can't find peace among themselves how can we find WORLD PEACE?

President Johnson, I am young - only 21 years - and I have alot of years left of my life. I am just wondering if it is worth living for. Will the American people really know the true meaning of

- (1) LOVE OF THY NEIGHBOR
- (2) WORLD PEACE.

I can only pray that God will help us all to some day find the real meaning.

God bless you President Johnson, and you are always in my prayers and heart.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Joey L. De Rosa

P.S.

President Johnson, I know that you are a very busy man but I would like to hear from you in regard to this letter if you can find a few minutes to spare. If not, I will understand.

P.S.S. I am angry and furious but I still love my country.

June 17, 1968

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Dear Miss Brookers

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June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Pichulo:

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.

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You have the President's warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

SP/4 Lawrence L. Pichulo
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Company A, 815th Eng. Bn. (CONST)
APO, San Francisco 96318

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Dear MR. President,

I write this letter as an American serving my country in The Republic Of Viet Nam in this time of peril and crisis in the world.

After hearing of the tragic death of a fellow American, The La te Senator Robert F. Kennedy, it makes me wonder, what kind of people are living in America today? Is this The Land of The Fr ee and The Home of The Brave that our National Anthem so describes, Is the land of opportunity and fortune that our American Men will return to after serving their country overseas? Is this the way people show their appreciation for the valiant efforts of their sons who have given their lives so that America will remain a Free Nation?

As an American Soldier serving in The Armed Forces of Our Nation, I am shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of a truely great American who died at the hands of an assassain while trying to make America a better place for his Fello Americans. Is this what our GI s are dying for, so that people can run amoke in a trail of violence and destruction throughout the nation? MR. President, what is it that we are fighting for here in Viet I Nam?

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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

Sergeant Harvey A. Kilby
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APO, San Francisco 96326

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

Dear Mr. President;

We American fighting men here in Vietnam sit stunned with the tragic news of the maddening attempt to assinate one of our country's finest representatives, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the other fine citizens, in cold blood. This act was committed with complete disregard to the law of the land, the taking of human life and the laws of God. We sit here in the rain, staring at each other in disbelief and disgust at what is happening in that land of the free 12,000 miles away - yes, that same country we are here for, young, proud Americans die for - every day. But the fighting here, nor even the fear of dying here does not worry us now, these men would fight from here to eternity if our country needed. The worry in the hearts and minds of these young and gallant men, most whose Fathers fought and many died in other battles for freedom, - LIES AT HOME! They and I wonder in deep frustration - WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON BACK THERE!!

If the unity, brotherhood, understanding, respect for others, and the devout love of our country, what she is and stands for, knowing the precious privelege of being an American and having the privelege to serve her - if these factors prevailed at home as it does here among ALL the guardian of her Constitution, - maybe - just maybe - - But we will not give up our hope and trust in our homeland and especially it's peoples!

Thank you Mr. President for listening.

Sincerely,

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JE3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Wetterlind:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He mourns with the nation -and with the countless millions around the world -- the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our Nation has indeed lost another very talented leader.

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 wants you to know that he is indeed proud of you and your comrades who defend freedom at this crucial time. You have his warm best wishes and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

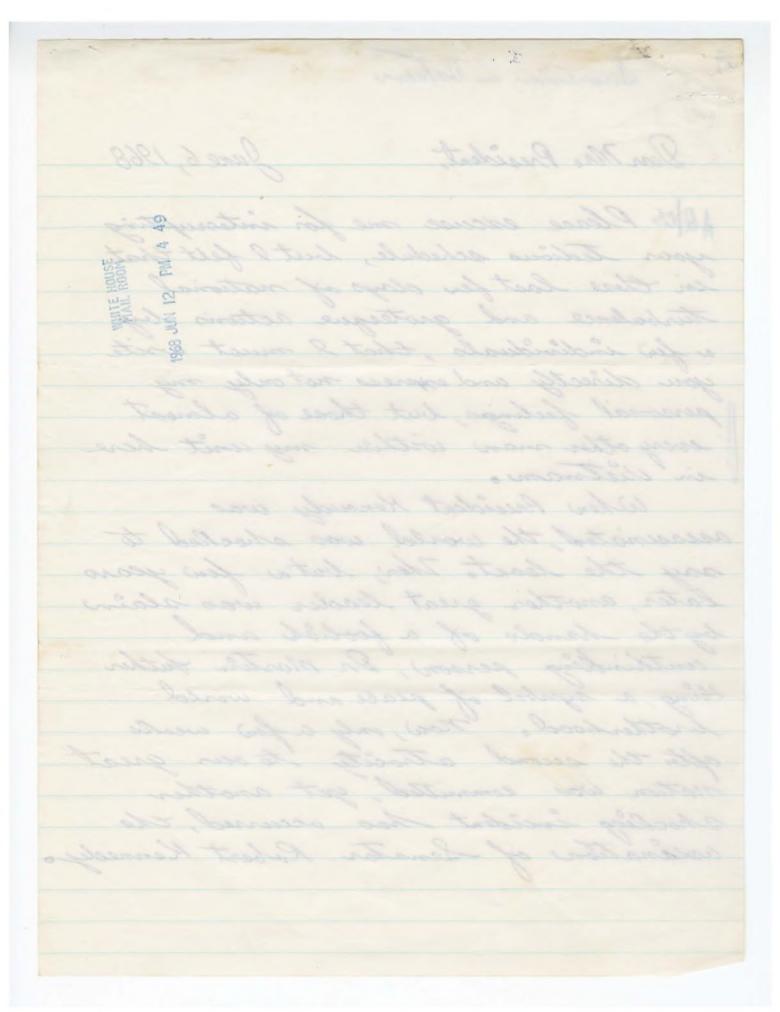
Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Specialist 5 Larry M. Wetterlind US 56691799 HHC 27th Engineer Battalion (C) APO, San Francisco 96308

Enclosures: Remarks of 6/5 and 6/10

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and the second JUN 1 7 1988 19. Serveremen in Vretran Dear Mr. President, June 6, 1968 All & Please excuse me for interrupting your tedious schedule, but I felt that in these last few days of national turbulence and grotesque actions leg a few individuals, that I must write you directly and express not only my personal feelings, but those of almost every other man within my unit here in Vietnam o When President Kennedy was assasinated, the world was shocked to say the least Then, but a few years later, another great leader was slain by the hands of a foolish and centhinking person, In Martin futher brotherhood of peace and world world weeks after the second atrocity to our great nation was committed, yet another shocking incident has occurred, the assanation of Senator Robert Kennedy o



When I heard of Senator Kennedy's assenation, my legs felt weak and I had to sit down and clear my mind. I have asked myself over and over, what is hoppening to my countrymen back in the states. What pressure is driving individuals to commit such acts of violence and unetability? I have overheard many men here talk about the crisis back home, and have seen the effect it has had on them, its not pretty. Many serior americans look upon the atrocities being committed in these wident years and think that our generation is going into termoil and unthinking chaos. Mr President, on the contrary, I think that the nest 10-20 years will see a startling Change in america. These men over here, young americans, are sick and tired of hearing about assonations and grotesge acts being committed back in their homeland. They are just plain tired of riots, protests and the likes o

These men are tomorrows leaders, the ones who will shape the world to Their desires and needs; and after hearing and feeling their common emotions over here I can only say that I am proud to be one of them and share this world of which we shall inherit. There are going to be great Changes made in the next decade, it will come hard and fast. These men are determined to better our world at the cost of their very lives. we are all willing to do our parts and more for the development of a strong and united country and world. I for one have enrolled in the Los Angeles Police academy with the hopes a becoming a useful law enforcement Mr President, we the young citizens for from home, salute you. Though foolish endividuals therest and protest you, you persist in your ideals and for the betterment of the United States of america

Through courage such as yours, and the men over here, who are dying for what they believe is night, we shall have that better world in which to live and we shall greserve it thus. May the esiminals and sadiets of the world take heed, for through unfaltering devotion to country and ideals, such as these men and yourself passess, we will unite and obliterate these facists and make the street safe once more . I thank you Mr. President for taling your time to read my letter . May I personally, as unknown as I may be, with you the best of luck in every aspect of your office and duties. You sir, are a true Umerican. SP5 Larry M & etterlind US566 91799 HHC 27th Engineer Battalion (C) APO San Francisco 96308

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June 17, 1958

Dear Corporal Wolk:

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 whomre 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 buddies 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 best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Corporal R. A. Wolk, USMC 2203238 H&S Co., 3rd S.P. Bn., 3rd Marine Div. FPO, San Francisco 96602

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3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

DEAR MR. PREsident, Sir,

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I think it is an assonine stunt the idiots book there pulled this time. We Received the bullet on over the Armed Forces Radio Station Viet NAM. I think it was a damn shame. It really was och When are people going to wise up, if they even do That just about blew my faith and confidence in the free states - called America. I'm getting to feel I don't even want to come back to the hypocretical, ignoranus people. I'm going into the CAREER Advisors office tomorrow toget the information on extending my tour overhead (I was planning on getting out of the service to get markiel in January - but I'm afraid to have Kids) This hole is better than the States are going to be in, in a few weeks, if not a few days, or already, The repercussions are going to be terrible.

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3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

We try to tell all the other countries that the free Nation is best with the tree election - then turn right around and assasmate the man elected as the Chief of the Nation (JFK), then the man that is just Running for the Nominuation to that posts My God - what is this country of over coming to ???? That is the questions of the men over here - giving up many things - including their lives, to stand up for that way at life - The FREEdom Liberty, and Justice for all - what is the Auswer?? How are we joverhere suppose to give this fight all we have - to win and preserve those Rights - LIberty - and Justices 6-66 I just wish I could ask the whole populace this question. It's just that so many men over here feel the same way, and more and more are getting to feel this way too. I realize that it is just those "TEN PERCENT"-but how many others Realize this ??

Thank you for your time and patients

One that CARES

A Fellow AMERICAN!

Cordially Yours

Cpl. T.A. Wolk 2203238

HIS Co. 3509, P. Br. 350 MARDIN

FRO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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30 MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

P.S. Would you please offer my condolences to those concerned. I'd appreciate it much.

June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Patton:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you and Mrs. James
Yazel for writing to him. He, too, was deeply saddened over
the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our country
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The President also wants you to know that he is deeply grateful for the tremendous contributions our courageous men in uniform are making to the cause of freedom at this crucial time. He prays daily that we may soon see the peace and freedom for which the world so desperately yearns.

With the President's warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

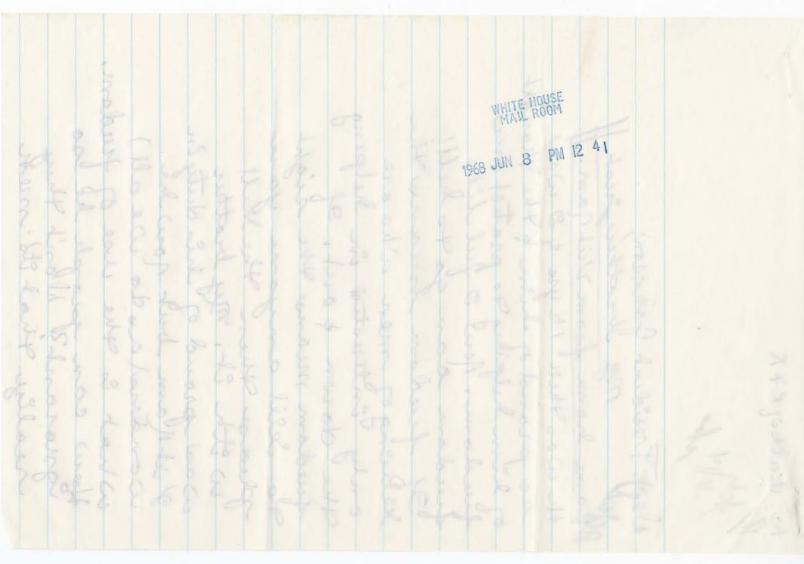
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" I am a part of Nothing that once was everything" (america) " my tears are plawing, Earth take back your child" May Hod have mercy on no We call ourselow amirkoans may the Hood Lord bring you less of the sorrows & More of the Loves of life, liberty & the pursuits of happines. Thank you for your The Olyde Vatton RT1, Bay 184 Fiskilia, Illinans Mis James Yazel Fiskilwa, Ellinais

JL3 / Kennedy, Robert 7. June 15, 1968 Dear Mr. Ehrlich: President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your latter at this time of terrible sorrow. 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 the Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest. Sincerely, Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President Mr. Michael Ehrlich 175 Northwest 121st Street Miami, Florida 33168 Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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Dear Mr. President,
That happened to Mr. Kennedy,
all I have to say 13
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The U.S.A. Thank your Sincehely, Michael Ehrlich ENN) JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

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June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Finnegan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram 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

Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Finnegan 7920 North Kendall Drive Miami, Florida

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT AT THE RISK OF BEING CONSIDERED PARTISAN

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR OUTRAGE AT THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

OF SENATOR KENNEDY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION

RIGHT OR WRONG ARE STILL ENTITLED TO A CHOICE AS TO A PRESIDENTIAL

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LIEUT COL AND MRS RUSSELL M FINNEGAN RETIRED 7920 NORTH KENDALL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 17, 1968

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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. F. Figlin
337 Green Avenue
Lyndhurst, New Jersey

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Clete Sharpe 4203 Flowerfield Road Norfolk, Virginia 23518

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June 5-1968 norfolk, Va. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson White House Washington . W.C. Dear Mr. President. In lichalf of what's hoppened in our Nation last Right and as we are praying with you for our Belowed america - & Zelt impelled to write asking you to please get some of our potroitie america song leoch on Tele. Vision & before the public' Like God Bless america "america" etc. and revine america to fight for the good of our land. For God has blessed

america and rue house millions of good christian americans who would like to praise God for Blessing america. For giving us this wonderful land and He will Continue to believe us as we praise him of ask him. Steeping Violence, mudder & fighting off the air & From trefore the public. gener said, The Chief Cometh only to kell of to kell and to Westroy -But I am come that we might have Life and that we might have it more alundantly - St. John -10:10 God lolese you Mis Clite Sharpe

GENERAL JL3/Kennedy, Robert June 17, 1968 Dear Mrs. Bowman: 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. Danetta Bowman Apartment 11 142 Bella Vista Anaheim, California 92804 RECEIVED JUN1 7 1968 GMR:trd CENTRAL ELLS 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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PRIDE You have left us none.

Mother of a son in the service in Viet Nam.

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With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker

Mrs. Frances J. Wester 411 Alder Street Everett, Washington 98201

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411 Alder Street Everett, Wash. 98201 June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson White House Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear President Johnson:

With Americans generally I wish to express my shock and profound grief and anxiety over the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. It represents a terrible blow to America and to the forces of reconciliation and empathy among groups which he so nobly championed. The specter of moral anarchy and its counterpart, totalitarian repression, have never been so real in people's minds.

I am sure that you are painfully aware of this danger and of the need for dramatic leadership to steer our country away from what appears as the collapse of our moral values and of our very society and toward an affirmative response to the overwhelming challenges our country faces.

May your dedicated response to this tragedy be an increased effort to set priorities where he knew they belong. First must be the ceasing of our monstrous involvement in destroying Vietnam. Second, as this would release the necessary resources of moral commitment and intelligence as well as of wealth, we should concentrate a major portion of these to building our own nation into a diverse but cooperative society that will allow all our children to grow up as responsible citizens in a world community instead of being destined to live in frustration and terror and to die in vain.

my prayers are with you as you face this challenge.

Sincerely and earnestly,

(Mrs.) Frances J. Wester

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June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Horton:

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.

Sincerety,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Eula F. Horton 2002 Martha Harlingen, Texas 78550

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June 15, 1968 JL3/KENNEDY,R.F.

Dear Mrs. Grays

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

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mrs. Donald W. Gray 315 Summit Street, SW. North Canton, Ohio 44720

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mr. Hugh J. Connor
Manager, WEJL
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

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WEJL... THE RADIO STATION OF THE SCRANTON TIMES SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503 (717) 346-6555 HUGH J. CONNOR MANAGER June 6, 1968 Dear President Johnson: Thought you might like a copy of the enclosed editorial. Sincerely, Mr., Hugh J. Connor Station Manager HJC/mpt/enc;

WEJL EDITORIAL

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Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

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June 6, 1968

SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN LOS ANGELES, AGAIN POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS AND IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION TO CURB THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE IN AMERICA HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE

FOR SOME TIME. AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY

IS GROWING. THERE ARE THOSE WHO BLAME THE DECISIONS HANDED

DOWN BY THE SUPREME COURT, WHEREBY - IT IS SAID - THE POLICE

HAVE HAD THEIR HANDS TIED AND NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER TO

COPE WITH SITUATIONS THAT GET OUT OF HAND.

WE CAN CITE A LOCAL EXAMPLE IN WHICH THREE YOUNG MEN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING SCRANTON POLICE OFFICERS WERE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AFTER RECEIVING "A MILD SLAP ON THE WRIST."

AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATION EXERCISES IN NEW YORK THIS PAST WEEK, POLICEMEN WERE ON DUTY TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE. THIS IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE STATUS OF EDUCATION



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AND JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO - AS CITED IN A WEJL BROADCAST
EDITORIAL - SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK HAD TO BE TAKEN
THROUGH A HOTEL GARAGE IN ORDER TO AVOID A GROUP OF PEOPLE
WHO BECAME ABUSIVE AS HE ADDRESSED A GATHERING. HE WAS
ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS SO DEMEANED.
IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT CERTAIN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE
MISINTERPRETING THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION.
THEY MUST BE BROUGHT TO THEIR SENSES AND TAUGHT THAT LAW
AND ORDER MUST PREVAIL.
ITS TIME FOR THE PENDULUM TO SWING THE OTHER WAY... AND THE

TIME IS RIGHT NOW!

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you there is termed can tell you, in part, what is wrong with america. you seemed distrought and angry last night as you appeared on TV. How Could you have been otherwise : all the Commissions in the world well not change Things until peoples sense of values change. Of course I mean the many persons and groups of persons who cause our server problems. ago I legan to sense a change in respect for

law and order. In school we must considers "the undividual - which good teuchers had always done Lut had also taught since we live in a group we must consider others. I could write reams on what has happened to education - today we are reasing the results of permissiveness and the progressive theory in education. I well remember the Supreme Court decision on saluting the flag. The lad in school who used Liv right to requise to salute was the Fad for of the school, begare & after.

He ones who Lave Chosen to break the law have been coddled and sense. I remember a few "Lay P. In Netroit there had been a great merease in juvenile delinguency. an inguring reporter talked to offenders, some of them several times Legores the Judge. Hey bragged that they all -brew they would get LEAR. Lecture and Parole. you know thousands instanced where I know I a few dozen. My heart in Leavy This

Kennedy murder Robert Hennedy had a right to Ter views and the right to utter them as long as he was a law abiding Citizen. Jagree with you that all americans are not to blame for the violence which is sweeping our land but there are a few who can start to do something about it. Let's insist and respect for our flag, our officials, our standards, our beliefe, our laws. Let's not be lement. If a dozen or so

desloyal americans were placed in jail for a long sentence and much ado was made about et - it would influence others. I just know That there are practical, simple and effective methods and measures at the stage working from the top down would Le necessary. Many people will be gooded into accepting facts and Thousand well rise up and call the effort blessed. God be with you in these trying and freightful times

Fraternally yours Lattie Bullack (Mrs. Philip) Lome address: 800 5 Old Channel Trail Montague, Mirligan summer address (Pur env.) Teneral delivery Machines, New York

June 15, 1968

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eckel A-3 Thursday, June 6 Dear President Johnson, My family and I are shacked and langued that such a terrible tragedy has been inflicted upon a public figure in this Country. Me Presidents our war is that in Niet ham it is at the donstep to the white Hause. It's time to Call our soldiers home, turn our meapons into planshears and start hulding the america we were meant to be. How can we free asian launtries of communism, hunger and disease when we cannot do it within our own borders? It is time for our armies to be put to work building with minority groups, new homes and butter environments for all pase and needy peoples of this Country. I gray God will give you and am nest president the strength and camage to radically bring about these desperately nudedlehangs. Respectfully yours, Mrs. W. L. Hesslin,

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Suggestion to combat lawlesses

President Lyndon B. Johnson Washington, D. C.

My dear President Johnson:

After our latest disgraceful tragedy, you pointed out that 200 million people are not to blame. I, as an American, felt a personal feeling of guilt and shame, particularly when one reads statistics that show us to be far, far in advance of any other country in this dubious honor.

I have been disturbed and upset at the standards to which our movies, news media, of which television is the worst culprit, has sunk. In the name of censorship, nothing is being done as we sink lower into the mire.

My feeling has been for some time, that in this overpopulated world, where quantity seems to exceed quality, that all this violence constantly being brought to the forefront on every possible medium, can only bring about the era that we have lived to see. One of our eminent doctors, this morning, observed, as to how, if he were confronted by a teenager, on a dark street he would hope that the teenager had not seen Bonny and Clyde.

I was raised to respect law and order and have been called a square because of this view, but my common sense did tell me, that despite everyone reciting the Bill of Rights to me, and how it is everyone's prerogative to fight the system, that no people can exist in a society that knows no respect for parent, teacher, law-

men, or their president, for that matter. It is indeed a very sad comment on our society, when men like Stevenson, Humphrey, you, Mr. President and others of like stature, can be booed and hissed down by a bunch of students. When we reached those depths, I knew anything could happen.

I can only hope, Mr. Fresident, that within the framework of our Bill of Rights, that something can be done about this very deplorable state we are in. I do not believe that our schools and other public institutions should condone the lack of respect for persons and property that a large number of irresponsible parents are guilty of in their home. Teachers are afraid to discipline a pupil just as a policeman is afraid to apprehend a criminal. It seems that these people are the ones that are in line for criticism, rather than the culprits.

I am not unmindful of your terrible burden of running our country, particularly under these present conditions, but I had to give you my feeling of what I believe to be some of the causes.

Obediently yours,

Mrs. Betty Romeo 122 Dawn Drive

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

June 5, 1968

to the attention of the White House Chief Executive, President Johnson

Dear President:

Like others in this nation and throughout the world I have felt the despair, sorrow and anger caused by the criminal offense perpetrated on the person of Senator Robert Kennedy.

More personnally, I have found that your decision to grant the various presidential candidates the protection of the secret service police is an excellent and just decision.

Could I allow myself to even suggest that further preventive steps be taken to discourage potentially criminal conspirators ?. For instance, to permit the continuation of the spirit of a murdered presidential candidates, a"shadow" vice-candidate - so to speak would be appointed by the candidate himself at the start of his campaign and would replace him in the race for nomination or presidency. Such "shadow vice-candidate" may or may not be made known to the public. Thus, this vice-candidate's existence would discourage any political aggressor or conspirator from trying to prevent a certain platform from reaching the top executive positions, as the individuals would be readily replaced. Although I am aware that the personality of the candidate has much to do with his success, an equally popular figure replacing the murdered candidated would in fact have a greater chance to win the elections than otherwise which is an other deterrent to potential political murderem. Of course this proposal assumes a certain amount of rational thinking on the part of the conspirators and would be useless with insane individuals that have a personal grudge against the candidate.

Please receive all my respect and admiration for the handling of this sad happening and let us pray for Sen. Kennedy's recovery.

Respectfully yours,

L. Q. Satger

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June 15, 1968

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Dear Mr. Reitz:

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162 Rexford St. Rochester, New York 14621 Dear Mr. President I am presently a Sopohmore in College and many many questions are coming to my mind because of present situations. Why have people acted the way they have in this country! One or two bullets seems to be the only auswer left to many peoples problems. I once had great faith in the strength, policies, and leantly of my country, but now I see many many reforms that are needed. I have not lost my faith in this country yet, but many people have. I realize that giving up is only going to and the present problem and I am not about to give up, but what of those who do? If attempted assassinations have become as numerous as they have now, what does the future hold? There is too much hate in this country because people are either ignorant, selfish, or blinded by false ideas. I think that america is not get ready for men of peace and brotherhood but rather seem to strive on their violence. Please let me know what is being done

about today and then let me know what's going to be done, since whats being done hasn't been effective get. I'm sure that this letter doesn't just represent my views but those of many others so Please Mr. Johnson, answer this letter, 91 is very important to me. Whank you very much. Sincerely Sincerely mr. Richard J. Reitz REITZ

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Dear Mr. Printy:

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Jim Murray's Opinion . . .

Outraged Citizen

LAKE TAHOE — I was going to write to you about fun and games today—a golf match on a sylvan lake, a track meet in a municipal amphitheater.

But once again America the Beautiful has taken a bullet to the groin. The country is in surgery. The Violent States of America. One bullet is mightier than one million votes.

It's not a Democracy, it's a Lunacy. A country that shrinks from punishing its criminals, disciplining its children, locking up its mad. It's like an animal that disregards its senses. It's a lamb defending the lion's right to eat it.

Democracy is in the cross-hairs. The Assassination Party wins elections without going in a primary. The President of the United States is chosen in a hardware store, a mail order catalogue. We blame Dallas, but it's no good. It happens everywhere. Memphis, Los Angeles. The United States.

We quarantine the good, the reliable, the honest. We keep a 24-hour watch on the trustworthy, but watch habbage correspond to the country loss.

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Freedom is being gunned down. The "right" to murder is the ultimate right in this country. Sloth is a virtue. Patriotism is a sin. Conservation is an anachronism. God is over 30 years old. To be young is the only religion—as if it were a hard-won virtue. "Decency" is dirty feet, a scorn for work. "Love" is something you need penicillin for. "Love" is handing a flower to a naked young man with vermin in his hair while your mother sits home with a min in his hair while your mother sits home with a broken heart. You "love" strangers, not parents.

I will be severely criticized, even ridiculed for crying out. "Lousy sportswriter, what does he know?" I can hear it said, "What does he think he is, Paul Harvey?" "Fulton J. Murray." still others will sneer. This is the 20th Century, they will say, not Disneyland. Well, it's getting to look more like the Cave Man Era every day from this seat. Americans who have a podium should use it today.

who have a podium should use it today.

I like people with curtains on the window, not people with "pads." The next guy that calls money "bread" should be paid off in whole wheat. I'm sick of being told I should try to "understand" evil, Should a canary "understand" a cat?

These are some of the things, it seems to me, that has put blood on the walls of America. The next funeral procession will be for the Republic itself. The American Dream will be rolling up Pennsylvania.

Ave. behind the roll of drums. It will be buried in Arlington. The Constitution was never conceived as a shield for degeneracy. You start out burning the flag and you end up burning Detroit. You do away with the death penalty for everyone but presidential candidates—and Presidents. The national symbol is not the corlection of the correction of the corr

candidates—and Presidents. The national symbol is not the eagle, it's the catafalque.

The point of the country is Fear. The rebellion is against good. Men of God become men of the Mob. The National Anthem is a scream in the night.

American's can't walk in their own parks, get on their own buses. They have to cage themselves.

"Get off your knees, America!" people cry, but it is ignored. Bare your teeth, they say. Threaten to fight back. The lion bares his teeth and the jackals clink away. slink away. A cowering animal invites attack. But America is not listening.

These are the things, it seems to me, that put a young senator, a servant of his people, to death. A young, vigorous country is immobilized by bumper stickers, slogans, neurotic students with their feet on desks they couldn't make, pulling down universities

they wouldn't know how to rebuild.
It all begins with that—the deification of drifters, wastrels, poltroons-insolent guests at the gracious table of democracy overturning it on their dismayed hosts

What have the Kennedys ever done to deserve ambuscades every five years at the hands of people they ask only to serve? What apology can we offer to a noble family except to resolve to stop being ruled by our refuse, our human refuse that is? How many good have to die before we wrest weapons from the terrible hands of our barbarians, demand respect for

our institutions, stop glorifying hate?
Our healers couldn't repair Bobby Kennedy. Who is going to repair America?



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Then, at the gentle end or a grassy knoll resting pl blue and shiny day, the jet assassinated John F. slipped downward across the darkening silver of the Hudson River and settled onto the La-Guardia runway, guided by the ened at 3:01 a.m. MST airport landing lights.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, the two Kennedy sons and their un-cle, Edward, took the casket up that flew Kennedy hon the front steps. Again Archbishop Cooke said prayers over it.

Less than two months ago, the rchbishop and the slain senator 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.archishop and the slain senator mourned together at the funeral of another assassination victim, the Rev. Martin Luther King,

Now, following the casket into the cathedral, was King's widow, who traveled eastward to Washington. with Kennedy's body.

Waiting inside the cathedral was Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, ready now to say goodbye to a third of her four sons. Her eldest, Joseph Jr., was killed in action during World War II.

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be cast automatically, one each last Saturday night in by the national committeeman, nia, three days before Leif Erickson of Helena, and the committeewoman, Mrs. Norma Kell of Ledger.

The Helena convention will receive a recommendation that State Chairman Blaylock also be allowed to cast a full vote. The basis on which the remain-ing 23 votes would be cast would be determined by the con-

vention.
"I feel certain we could have gotten at least half of the delegation (to Chicago)," Cate said Thursday. He said many of the Thursday as they cou county chairmen who are going to run for national convention delegate had been counted on Robert Kennedy.

National committeeman Erickson was considered a Kennedy supporter. Others believed to lean toward the late New York senator included Tom Judge of Helena, the nominee for lieutenant governor; Gene B. Daly of Great Falls, the nominee for attorney general; and Paul Cannon, nominee for state treas-National committeeman Erick-Cannon, nominee for state treasbe a banquet at the (

Besides Cate, Kennedy organization leaders in Montana include Joseph Rutan in Great Falls; Thomas Murray in Missoula; Joseph Reber Jr. in Helena and Daniel Harrington

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT, THAT YOU WILL POSSIBLY NEVER SEE THIS LETTER, NOR THE CLIPPING ATTACHED HERETO.

I DO SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU DID AND WOULD READ THE ATTACHED, IT WILL TRUTHFULLY TELL YOU WHAT YOUR OFFICE, THE CONGRESS AND MAN-KIND CAN DO, THAT YOUR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WILL NOT.

SINCERELY,

P.S. PLEASE PARDON THE BUM (T) WWY ON MY HAY-WIRE MACHINE.

L. B. J. - PRESIDENT - U. S. A. WASHINGTON

D.C.

June 15, 1968

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Dear Mr. Loftons

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Comment RFK Blanes court deasure for violence in 81. 5. Who wor Comment your legis. MSGT. HOWARD F. KUHN Det 2, 601 Tes, Box 91 APO NEW YORK, 09035 The PRESIDENT 5112, I am DISMAYED at the thought that our political leaders, or any one else, can be subjected to sudden death so easily. It is my opinion That all at the gon legislation in the world will not prevent such Things From happening. Nove will FBI agents, secret service men non any other law enforcement spency - That is until such a time arrives when the supreme wort is over toiled in its hamstringing or all low on forcement ogencies. A creminal or setter a pontential criminal, has vivtually nothing to Fear From legal action. He is babied, petted, cajoled and treated like a celebrity. Should a police of Ficere ore a citizen attempt to stop or prevent a criminal act, he finds himself to be the one who is wrong according to the supreme court.

SIR, with all due respect, I am extremely Concerned. It is my content ion that the eviminal or potential creiminal must be afroid to commit a crime simply because of the hard Feet legal consequences! The Supreme court is preventing this more and more each day, should the present trend Continue the Supreme Court will legislate The U.S. A. right out of business, we see violence on all sides; morders, assassinations, rapes, viots, protests, sitins; all in the name of civil rights, Political expression, Free thought, etc, etc, etc, It is time to stop this terrible trend before our country becomes a notion of overt violence and Fear. with deepest respect and sincerety. 24/1746 M/SGT HOWARDF. KUHN

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June 6, 1968. Mr. Burton Bieber 6623 Kingsbury University City, Missouri. 63130

Dear Mr. President

Early today was a black mark in this world of ours, and that was the death of one of the Sen. Kennedy. I was in service of our country when the assassination of the president John F. Kennedy hit and I said how is it possible for such a thing to happen in this day and age?. Now again not more than two months after Dr. King was killed, Sen. Kennedy died from a assailant gunshot. I have just returned from Viet-Nam in Feb to see this kind of horrible things that are happing to the United States, I am a boy Scoutmaster and I am teaching my boys to do things right and to the law. I hope to get a small answer if it is possible.

June 6, 1968.

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Dear Lisa:

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."

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Sincerely,

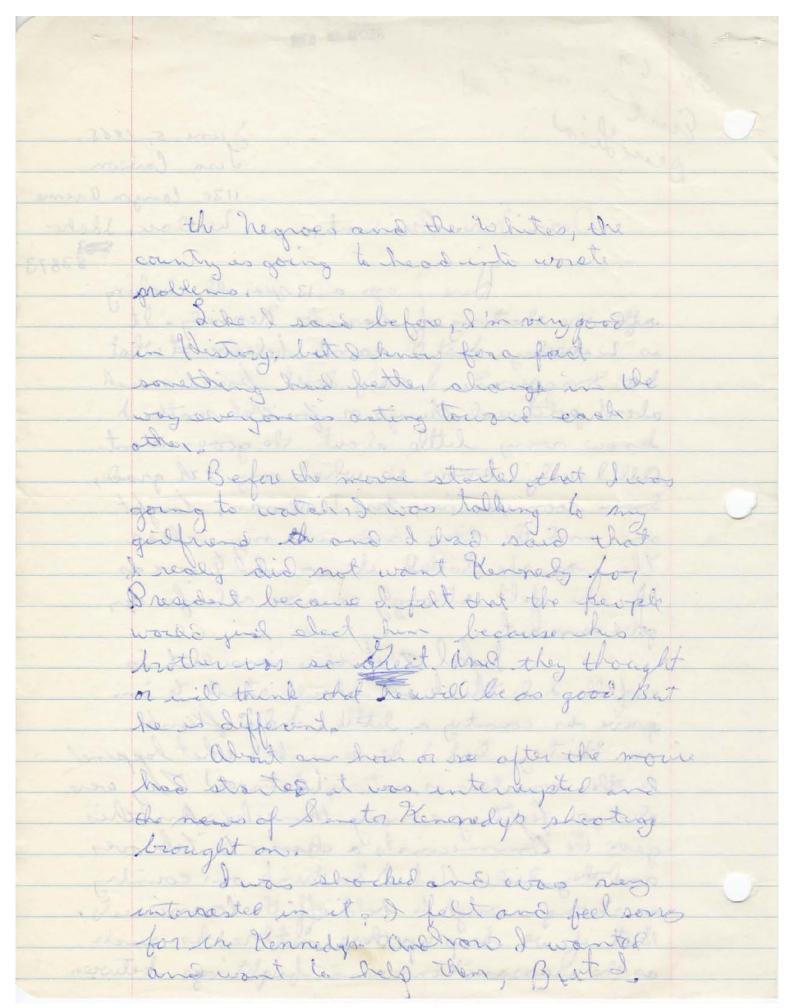
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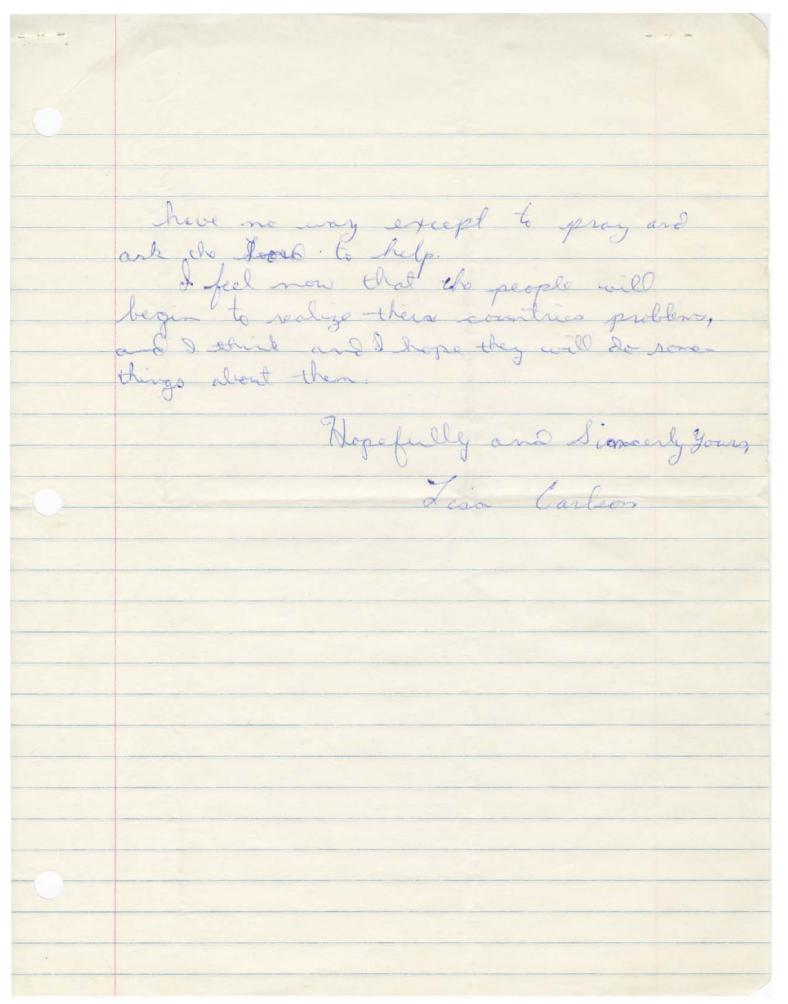
Lisa Carlson 1130 Canyon Avenue Wallace, Idaho 83873

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

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REC'D JUN 8 39 ach 6/15 5H 67 End Lisa. une, 5, 1968 1130 langon avenue Dear has President, Wallace, Idaho Here I am a 13 year old, shaking after the shorting of Senator Kennedy. It is wereday, I still can't believe I what has trappered. I really dirt know much about politiced things or for that matter I know very little about the government. all I realy know so what my 7th grade, home room peacher, mrs. Wellman, taught me and the other his in my class. The ing she tolked it rounded to me as if she felt strongly or was all fer our I feel that this insident is aufille I de Think are should start to ion prove des country a little. I ded flunk in Westery, but I do remember what happened to other countries or nations what very They were dways fighting among themselves, and this gave the Communists a chance to take over and dry did. But I do think our country But if we keep up these outbreaks such as the associations and fightings believe





June 15, 1968

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Dear Julie:

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Julie Hogenson Box 69 Wilsall, Montana 59086

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Dear Presedent Johnson

I am going to be 13 June 17 . I am not complaining but why can't the world have peace. Pon't Throw my Letter away I want the United States to here it and you to read it. Every night I cry because there's always riats or some body ahways gets Killed. The blame seems to go on the negros Some people think people that are negres are all bad but Just because they are a different cohon on the out side They are The same on the insider. I wish we could meet That would be the bappiest birthday I ever had. I am Roy Hogenson

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert J. Emmons Vice President and General Manager Baskin-Robbins Eastern Corp. 1 Pondfield Road Bronxville, New York 10708

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
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Miss Loren F. Holste 2228 St. Stephen Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55113

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Mr. President;

Since our country exports murder into foreign lands, it is perhaps only just that murder should be brought back to us. The shooting of Senator Kennedy by a man who was born in Jerusalem is a hard lesson in the evil inspirations which America arouses in an immigrant's heart. This lesson seems to tell us that men born and nourished in hatred can find in America nothing that will heal their sickness.

The lesson of murder in America is that it is not good to infect our foreign visitors with the madness that governs us, with our sick homicidal rage and our malevolent treachery towards those whom we "destroy in order to save." It is not good to re - infect our people with the international epidemic of hatred and rage. It is not good to bring into American homes evil people and teachers whose only claim to virtue is that their evils have not yet been outlawed!

How good it would be not to murder, for the killer murders himself. But murder is done by command. How can Americans learn not to kill when the command to kill has been with us for so long that it does not need to be spoken again, and the mere thought of murder goes straight into our hearts and destroys us.

Sincerely,

Loren F. Holste

Dear Roberts

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Robert Blalock 1821 North Alabama Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting: 6/10 remarks to commission)

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June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Misch:

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.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Donald A. Misch 4516 North Rosemend Drive Peoria, Illinois 61614

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CC; SENATOR E. DIRKSEND C. PERC; C. HUNTLEY - NBC W. CRONKITE - CBS A. SMITH - ABC RESPECTAVLY,
DONALD A. MISCH
45-16 N. ROSEMEAD DR.
PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61614

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Dorchin:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in submitting your views and comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been given careful attention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

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Please, I beg you, please let us start an emotional purge of the dangerous emotions that are running away with us and which will destroy us from within. A free society should not need body guards; it should have an inate respect for law and order, and of one's fellow man.

I think a crusade for decency should be started at once. I would be proud to lend my efforts to it.

Cordially,

Morton H. Dorchin

President

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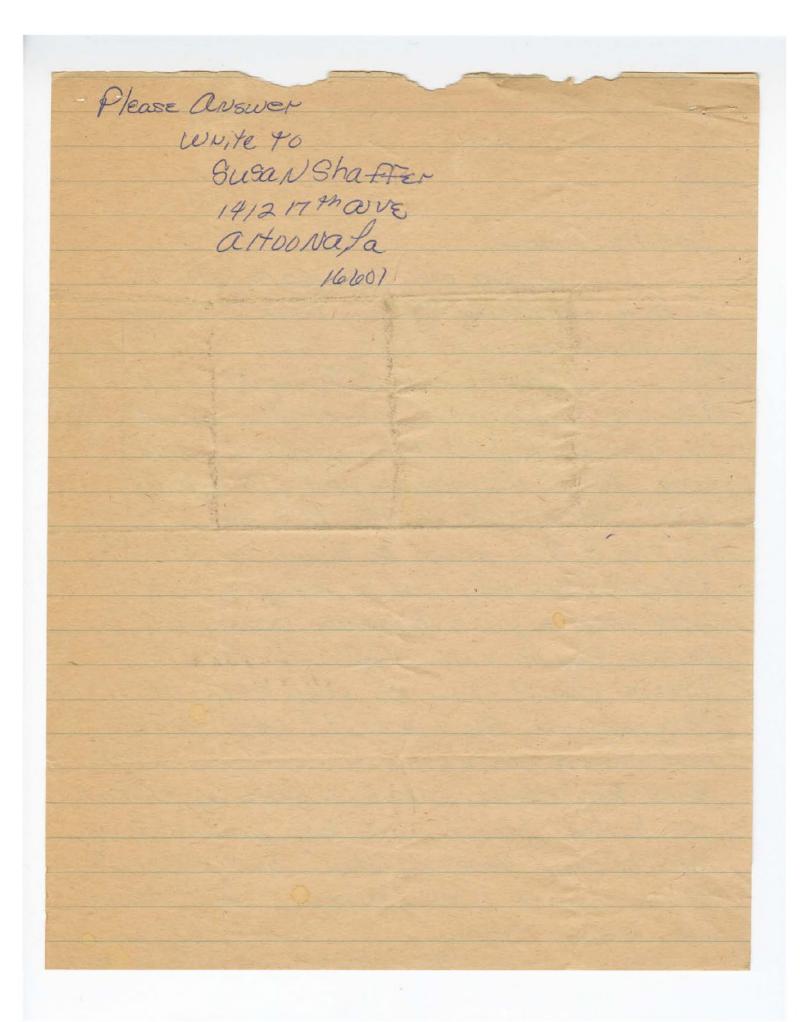
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Susan Shaffer 1412 17th Avenue Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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5H-69 Den Susan: REC'D MILL 188 LUNE 4, 1968 DEAT Mr. Johnson, I am only 13 years old but I have something to say that I think you should hear. Last week I thought the U.S. was the most wonderful country IN the world but this week I have some to a conclusion. If the kids and the people in the US. KEEP it up the U.S is going to turn to Kussia. Robert Kennedy was a very much loved man a just because some maniac with loose they he is now dead. I think Unerica should try to keep clean of Fifthy NESS and Man iacs. It gets pretty bad when a state official can't even walk down the street, without getting shorar or killed. Your wife has preached on how to keep America clear but it does n't SEEM TO WONR. Well I guess I don't have any Thing to say, Thank-You Wer Sus AN Shaffer 1412 19thane Alterrage



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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mr. N. F. Kinney 6532 Highwood Place Charlotte, North Carolina

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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June 15, 1968

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Mrs. Delores Pangio 363 South Truesdale Avenue Youngstown, Ohio

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Mr. Leo J. Schaefer, Jr. 6719 Abbotsford Wichita, Kansas 67206

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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politicians & others say this is a violent

mation. Most present violence is because it

is condoned & encouraged by people in

high places, starting with the President,

Vice President & Supreme court.

No more law would have prevented

the tragic death of Son. Kennedy,

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Juthorything laws. We need to have our

present laws enforced irregardless of the

Supposed voting power of certain groups,

mer Leo g. Ichaefer, gr.

June 15, 1968 LE/JL3

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vincent:

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vincent 3500 Ridgewood Way Sacramento, California 95821

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Mr. Jules Krems 147 Frances Street Portland, Maine

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Miss Lois Wood 805 Leavenworth Street San Francisco, California 94109

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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June 15, 1968 JLG-1

Dear Barbara:

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."

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Barbara Spalla Post Office Box 313 Aurora, Oregon 97002

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

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Post OFFICE Box 313 Aurora, Oregon 97002 Barbara, Spalla June 2, 1968

Dear Sir:

Today is the day that R.F.K. DIED. IT IS HORRID AS

I hope you will agree. I think you should do something about it. What? I don't know. It Edward knowledge runds in his place you should have special guards around him at all times. I know you probably won't listen to me since I am other 12 years old and in the 1th grade.

I am grateful that you put guards on the other candidates, but you are too late to take leave of knowledge. I'm wat blaming you because I guess you wouldn't know It it's going to happens but now you will know better. I hope the to be president has learned a lesson, for when went election comes around.

Please write to me personally so I can be proud to have a letter addressed to me signed by the president Himself.

y ours Truly

Barbara Spolla

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June 15, 1968

Dear Private Kruger:

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PFC Karl E. Kruger, USA RA 11974300 536th M.P. Co. APO, New York 09407

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JL3 /Kennedy, Robert 7.

June 15, 1968

Dear Dean Haight:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in wiring at this time of tragedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dean David Haight

Hunter College

New York, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THAN THE ARBITRATION OF A SINGLE CRACKPOT AFTER THE

DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. IT IS

AN INDICATION THAT AMERICANS ARE BECOMING

ACCUSTOMED TO THE IDEA OF MURDER AS A STANDARD

TECHNIQUE OF AMERICAN POLITICS WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN

TO AMERICA. I URGE YOU TO ASK FORMER

PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND TRUMAN TO JOIN YOU IN
A MAJOR TELEVISION SPEECH DENOUNCING VIOLENCE AS
A POLITICAL METHOD.

(DEAN DAVID HAIGHT HUNTER COLLEGE NEW
YORK CITY.

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June 15, 1968

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Whitney Shoemaker Assistant to the President

Judy Karp 3321 Fairhill Drive Washington, D.C. 20023

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting; 6/10 remarks to commission)

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Sear Judy: REC'D JIN 10'88 Judy Karp - 3321 Fairhill Drive Washington D.C. 3321 Fairhill Drive President Johnson 1600 Pennsylvania are. White 200 House June 6, 1968 President Johnson; only 12 ½ years old, I have felt grief. When President John J. Kennedy was killed, somehow, I realized what had Rappened. all I remember is trying to hold back the tears that

kept coming. Two months ago, Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, I realized fully, what the United States had lost, as well as the Negro race! do not see why anylody would want to segregate the nergras because of skin color, I am a Jew, so I know some people do tend to make you fed lad,) of

shed tears, as I did for President Kennedy. now, Senator Robert Francis Kennedy has been assassinated, again the flow of tears. It hurt me, as well as my parents, sisters (2) and relatives. get, I know the grief I felt was also for the living Kennedy family. It gives me an odd beeling to thing think that Senator Kennedy will never get to see his 11th Child. I am also remonded continuosly of the Kennedy's because my initials are J. H. K. (Judy Helen Harp). There are several questions troubling my mind, why must there be violence? It seems that some outstanding leader is always getting shot, I Thank D-de you haven't been shot.

What is happenning in the Cl. S. Why is there Had race relations? The negros are entitled to a much rights as we are. When you look around you notice that a great percent of the poor people are negros. Why is this? Because of the white people acting per prejudiced over the negros? If so, there is no reason for it! at this moment I am very brold troubled. I wonder why people insist on killing other people. I of they thought about it hapenning to them, that they are violence themselves. Insanity perhaps: In some cases, but in

4. President John I Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Senator Robert J. Kennedy's cases, insanity isn't the answer. I don't know what the answer is. I m looking to for it. I hope you can answer these questions. I will be very grateful; Sincerely, Judy Karp

June 15, 1968

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Miss Jane Van Droskey Santander No. 6, Torrimar Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

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J. Van Broskey Santander #6, Torrimar Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

President L. B. Johnson White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I woke up Wednesday morning to find the trgic news about R.F. Kennedy. His being shot was unbeleiveable after the assassination of his brother J.F. Kennedy.

From the time that he was shot Wednesday until the time of his death on Thursday morning the entire nation prayed in hope of his survival.

The assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan should be given immediate capitol punishment. I'm sure that the majority of the nation if not the entire nation backs me up on that statement.

He sure deserved more than a broken index finger, and a sprained ankel.

The San Juan Star stated that the assassin "may have been inflamed" by a statement made in a televised campaign debate Saturday night, advocating supportof Israel in the Middle East crisis.

But no level-minded person would be driven to go out and kill someone just because he disagrees with him. There have been derogatory statements directed toward the United States and no one as of yet has been driven to the extent of killing the person who directed those statements to our country. I don't believe that anyone of us, who have any loyalty for our country would do so either. I'm not meaning to brag on we Americans, we are by far a perfect race, but our country means a great deal to us.

A raving maniac such as Kennedy's assassin, should not be allowed to live his life any further, for fear that he may damage our country's future even more severly. I find this almost impossible in my eyes, because R.F. Kennedy like his brother were both great attributes in our country.

If Edward runs for President in later years he stands great risk of loosing his life just as his brothers before him did.

The San Juan Star also stated that the gunman said that he shot Kennedy for his country, and he loves his country. Well we Americans love our country too. But shooting someone isn't showing your love for your country. Fighting for your country during a war is the only time for killingbecause of difference of opionons. That too involves the whole countries veiws and opionons, not just one mans. When someone claims to love his country he does something to improve the condition or reputation of it. Again killing someone is not helping his countries reputation any. But that isn't my motive for writing this letter.

I didn't realize my respect and love for Robert until this tragic event occured. I was one of the millons who prayed for him.

I've never had such an urge to see a man suffer before, as I do now. I feel that we Americans will make him regret that he ever lived! y (the assassin)

Something has to be done about this violence that's overtaking our nation. The source of it all should be eliminated.

Please give this letter some consideration and thought. I am sure that this letter will not be the only one of its kind that you'll receive.

Sincerely yours,

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June 15, 1968

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Dr. McIntire:

President Johnson received your telegram and asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness at a time of terrible sorrow. 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 prayers,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Carl McIntire
President
International Council of Christian Churches
756 Haddon Avenue
Collingswood, New Jersey

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TO MR. SHOEMAKER

FROM MR. HOPKINS

Whitney, you may have some thought on how such a telegram from Dr. McIntire should be handled.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR CONFERENCE OF PASTORS HERE HAVE
BEEN IN SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU ASKING GOD TO GIVE YOU SPECIAL
STRENGTH DURING THESE DAYS. WE KNOW HOW YOUR HEART MUST BE TORN
AND IN THE PERPLEXITIES WHICH CONFRONT YOU,
MAY GOD GIVE YOU WISDOM AND COURAGE TO BE HIS SERVANT ACCORDING

TO THE SCRIPTURES FAITHFULLY YOURS



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June 15, 1968

Dear Mre. Archard;

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. To know that he has your support means much to him and he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing.

With the Prunident's best wishes,

Stacerely,

Whitney Shoemakes
Assistant to the President

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