

June 22, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Gross:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Sylvia Gross  
30 Deerpath  
Roslyn Heights, New York 11577

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On this terrible day, I imagine  
you, in your power and our nation's  
leader, are keeping looking for a way out  
only to the people, but to the Congress.  
I applaud and support your  
efforts, Mrs. J.F.  
May God bless you and your  
your thoughts in the days and months  
to come.  
Yours sincerely  
Mrs. Lytton Bryant

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

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Joseph Stewart, Jr.  
James, 1968



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Dear Mr. Suarez:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Albert J. Suarez  
667 Estado Street  
Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907

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June 5th, 1968

PRESIDENT L. B. JOHNSON  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

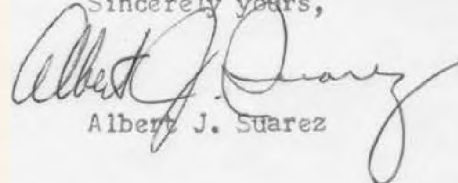
My Dear President Johnson:

I just heard you speak over the radio here in San Juan on the eve of the attempt on Bobby Kennedy's life and for the first time in my life, I am moved to write my PRESIDENT a word of encouragement.

In these trying times, we need the directorship of a man with lots of "guts and leadership" and it seems from where I stand that you have an abundance of both. As we say in Spanish (and you know Spanish) "usted los tiene en su sitio"!

You have chosen to hand over the PRESIDENCY to a successor in January 1969, however, until then, remember we count on you for your leadership and guidance. Until then, may God illuminate and bless you. You have a tremendous load, but let me humbly tell you that I respect and admire the way you are carrying it.

Sincerely yours,

  
Albert J. Suarez



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*JL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.*

Dear Miss Sam:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Becky Sam  
856 Broadway  
El Centro, California 92243

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*TL 3/Kennedy*  
*Robert F.*

Dear Mrs. Love:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Irene de Leon Love  
The Broadview Apartments No. 1107  
116 West University Parkway  
Baltimore, Maryland

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JL 3/Kennedy  
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Nowak:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Chester Nowak  
3015 South Farrell Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

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*JL 3/Kennedy*  
*Robert J*

Dear Mr. Schranze:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. David Schranze  
349 Broadway  
New York, New York 10013

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JL3/ Kennedy,  
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Morris:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Allan Morris  
3105 Shelburne Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

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June 22, 1968

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JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F

Dear Dr. Oringer:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Dr. Charles J. Oringer  
29 Murdock Court  
Brooklyn, New York

P.S. I am returning your enclosure since it is felt you may wish to retain it.

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JL 3/Kennedy  
Robert F

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Dear Miss Rutcosky:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Karen Rutcosky  
Post Office Box 38  
Wharton, New Jersey 07885

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JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F

Dear Mr. Cobb:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Joe Cobb  
Director  
Baptist Student Union  
Northeast Mississippi Junior College  
102 Felker Street  
Booneville, Mississippi 38829

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JL 3/King

Dear Mr. Cobb:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Joe Cobb  
Director  
Baptist Student Union  
Northeast Mississippi Junior College  
102 Felker Street  
Booneville, Mississippi 38829

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*JL 3/Kennedy*  
*Robert F.*

Dear Miss Cheller:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Theresa Cheller  
97 Hanson Place  
Ronkonkoma, New York 11779

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*JL 3/Kennedy*  
*Robert F.*

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Dear Mr. Hicks:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Hoyt Hicks  
7241 Richlynn Terrace  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

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June 22, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

MA 2

Dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President. He has asked me to tell you how very much he shares your admiration for the courage and presence of mind displayed by Mr. Roosevelt Grier and Mr. Rafer Johnson on that tragic day in Los Angeles.

In this time of test and trial for us all, it is heartening to those who lead the country to be assured of the kind of concern and civic interest reflected in your letter.

Please be assured of the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks  
Assistant to  
the President

Mr. Jonilee E. Moss  
391 Shore Road  
Pittsburg, California 94565

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June 7, 1968

Mr. President,

I do not pretend to know the answers to these senseless assassinations (which seem to be happening more and more often), but, I do know that it would be a great injustice to let men like Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson go without some form of recognition for their heroism against the armed gunman who killed Senator Robert Kennedy. Perhaps, if there were more men like them, (citizens who are not afraid to get involved) these things might not happen. Robert Kennedy was a good American, but, now he is gone and after he is buried there is nothing more that can be done for him. I feel he would be pleased if he knew that such courage had not gone unrewarded.

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Your Friend and Fellow American,

Mr. Jonilee E. Moss

Jonilee E. Moss  
391 Shore Road  
Pittsburg, Calif. 94565

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June 7, 1968

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Mr. President,  
I do not pretend to know the answers  
to these questions, but I do know  
the following facts and more often than not I know  
that it would be a great injustice to let men like  
Robert Kennedy and other leaders go without some  
form of responsibility for their actions against the  
armed forces who killed Senator Robert Kennedy.  
Perhaps, if there were men like them, (citizens  
who are not afraid to get involved) these things  
might not happen. Robert Kennedy was a good American,  
but now he is gone and what he is worried about is  
nothing more than can be done for him. I feel he  
would be pleased if he knew that such courage had  
not gone unrewarded.

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PRESIDENTIAL

Your friend and fellow American,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Julius E. Miller

291 Blue Road  
Columbia, Md. 21044

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June 22, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.  
MA2

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President. He has asked me to tell you how very much he shares your admiration for the courage and presence of mind displayed by Mr. Roosevelt Grier and Mr. Rafer Johnson on that tragic day in Los Angeles.

In this time of test and trial for us all, it is heartening to those who lead the country to be assured of the kind of concern and civic interest reflected in your letter.

Please be assured of the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks  
Assistant to  
the President

Mrs. Harry<sup>x</sup> Carter  
5006 Norman Avenue  
Finleyville, Pennsylvania 15332

(Mrs. Juanita B. Carter)

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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you  
to ask if it would be  
possible to award medals  
to Roosevelt Grier and  
Rafer Johnson for their  
courage and bravery in  
seizing the assassin of the  
late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.  
In these days of racial  
strife and violence I think  
these great athletes deserve  
recognition instead of glamor-



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-izing the hoodlums who promote violence. These two men are splendid examples of sportsmanship and I think they should be recognized.

Roosevelt Grier was a student at Penn State when I was there during the 1953-1954 school year and I can personally testify to his kindness and consideration of others.

I had in mind the type of award which was given to Rufus Youngblood.

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I am only a housewife  
and mother, but I had  
to write this as a small  
contribution to help end  
hate and injustice.

May God grant you  
courage to deal with  
your heavy burdens.

Sincerely,

Juanita B. Carter

Mrs. Harry Carter  
5006 Norman Ave.

Pineyville, Pa

15332



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June 22, 1968

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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Catherine:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the enclosed statement by the President on signing the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1968. In it, he discussed the urgent need for more stringent gun controls.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Catherine Murphy  
740 New Deep Lane  
Staten Island, New York 10306

Enclosure: Crime statement, 6/19/68

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June 22, 1968

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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Kastel:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Katherine Kastel  
1920 Estes Road  
Los Angeles, California 90041

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June 22, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. F. Smith  
9222 South Leflin Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60620

(Virginia G. Smith)  
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Mr. & Mrs. John F. Smith  
9222 S. Laflin Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60620



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My dear Mr. President:

My husband and I just listened  
to your talk on television re-  
garding the charges against  
of Senator Robert Kennedy.  
Never

in our lives have we heard

such a sincere message  
right from the heart. You  
wonder your thoughts

beautifully. In other words,  
you said what was in our  
hearts.

God bless you,  
Sincerely,  
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June 22, 1968

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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Benedict:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Miss Margaret Benedict  
Apartment 25  
230 Oakland Avenue  
Audubon, New Jersey 08106

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To the President: June 5, 1968  
Dear Mr. Johnson:  
I think your address to-  
night may well be the high  
point of your long and honorable  
career. I only hope that your people  
(our people) will respond to  
your sincere and passionate

words. Even as I am writing this,  
the news reels have been showing the  
rapid and horrifying sequence of events  
immediately following the St. Louis  
cruel shooting of a young negro  
man with the purport of contributing  
much more to his country.

As one of the "little people" I  
can report that a ground swell is  
spreading among us, and you speak  
aptly of the feeling, and o-  
pinion being expressed this morning  
in the wake of the shocking news.

May I add that I think  
you have endured the most im-  
portant castigation since Robert  
Homer!

Sincerely  
Margaret D. Benedict



June 22, 1968

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*JL 3/Kennedy R.F.*

Dear Mr. Simonton:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. Thomas E. Simonton  
Apartment 1228  
5480 Wisconsin Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. James A. Franklin  
8-1 Deerfield Park  
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

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Hightstown, N.J.

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June 5, 1968

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your appeal to Americans this evening to reject the philosophies of extremism and violence and to respect the laws of this nation was very commendable. I admired your eloquence and I sincerely hope it has touched others as it has me.

I can only wish great strength and perseverance for you as you lead the country in the coming months and search for peace in Viet Nam.

You have my admiration and support.

Most sincerely,  
James A. Franklin



June 22, 1968

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7L3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

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

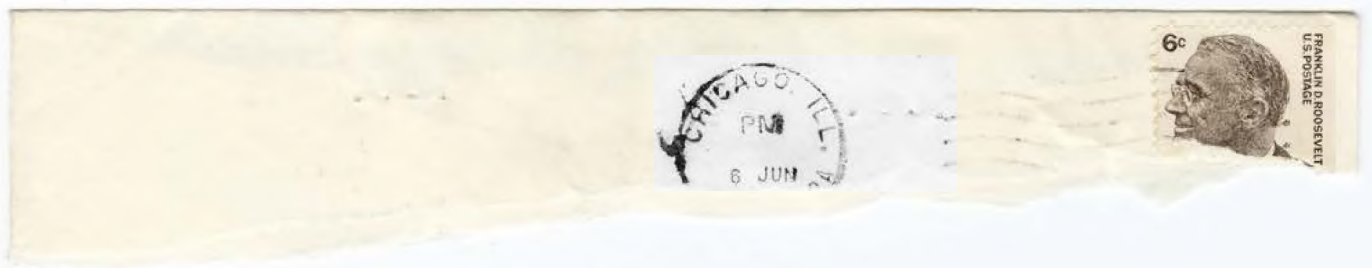
With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. James <sup>X</sup>Sherman  
750 West Belden  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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J. Sherman, 750 W. Bolden, Chicago, Illinois 60614



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June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. President-

The full dignity of your office, and the full dignity of the man you are, came through a few minutes ago on television.

At such a time as now - it is reassuring to know that we have such men as you - who are willing to take on the world's headaches and dedicate themselves to "full-time-trying" to alleviate them.

Someone has to. You, being the Father image, of sorts - said what had to be said - tonight. God pray sensible people - and others - were listening.

Thanks,

James Sherman



June 22, 1968

General

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JL3/Kennedy RF

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Thomas W. <sup>X</sup>Johnson  
Apartment 4 D  
478 Central Park West  
New York, New York 10025

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and you hang  
you don't need  
to get your  
back to work

I have a car  
I have a car  
I have a car

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June 22, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Ward:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul Ward  
Box 458  
Hays, Kansas 67601

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LAW OFFICE OF  
**PAUL WARD**  
BOX 458  
HAYS, KANSAS  
67601

June 5 -

Dear President Johnson -

Amen on your talk  
Wednesday Night  
Concerning Violence.

Sincerely  
Paul Ward



June 22, 1968

General  
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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Hull:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John B. Hull  
High Point Farms  
Orange, Virginia 22960

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Orange, Virginia 22960

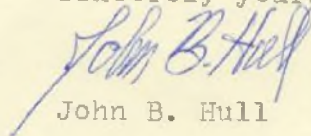
June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your speech of Wednesday night, June 5, which was carried live on television, seemed to me to sum up in very concise terms the main problems that our country has been having these last few years. You are to be congratulated for spelling it out so clearly to the American public.

Sincerely yours,

  
John B. Hull

JBH:bd

June 22, 1968

General  
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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Rust:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Ben Rust  
781 Ventura Street  
Richmond, California 94805

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June 22, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/22

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

The Reverend James A. Sawyer  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Postfach 2010  
Wiesbaden, Germany

CF:msc



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1968

MEMO FOR JOHN ROCHE

I'm answering some who peg  
assassination to violence and  
want to stop bombing, end war,  
etc. This one looks like a sure  
loser to me, but wanted you to  
have a look.

*Shoemaker*

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Whitney Shoemaker

He is a jerk -

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take? I repeat, may we not have peace in Vietnam and effort in  
this country?

Respectfully yours,

*Thomas J. Wilson*

Thomas J. Wilson  
Vice President & Senior Editor

/k

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42 STREET NEW YORK CITY 10017 TEL: (212) 661-4500

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Robert F.

Athenaeum

June 14, 1968

**GENERAL**

JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Stohlman:

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

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

Perhaps the enclosed releases, which contain suggestions the President made recently to some young Americans, will be helpful to you.

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Elizabeth A. Stohlman  
Route 3, Box 227-A  
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851

Enclosures: Rel of 5/29/68, President's remarks at TCU; rel of 6/10/68, President's remarks at reception for 1968 Presidential Scholars; rel of 6/11/68, President's remarks to Capitol Page School Graduates; and rel of 6/12/68, President's remarks to National Rural Electrical Coop. Assn.

DEK:jms



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R. D. 3, Box 227-A

Reynoldsville, Penna. 15851

June 11, 1968

Mr. President,

I am writing to you today to inquire about what I can do as an American citizen to help the situation in America. I was much bereaved over the death of Senator Kennedy. As tragic as it was it awakened me to the sad state of affairs which our country is in. If you are too busy to help me with my request please inform me of someone else who can?

Mr. President, I am looking for information about jobs on which the young people of today can work together to make America a better place. I want to dedicate my life to my country, doing as much as I possibly can to help create a better place. This is a time in our history when all Americans must do their part to help America again become the once highly respected country it was in the world. We must all work together to attain this goal so the children of today and all

future generations will walk with their heads high with the honor of being an American instead of in shame as we have done so frequently in our recent past. Robert Kennedy is gone from our world but behind he left his goal for all Americans to reach. It is time for all inspired youth to take up his banner and reach this goal he held so dearly, and to which he gave his life. Please, Mrs. President, help us, the youth of America to find places in this country at which we can all work toward his goal.

Thank you, Mrs. President, for your time in reading my letter.

Very truly yours  
Miss Elizabeth L. Stahlman  
STOHLMAN



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
S.P

June 21, 1968

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May I also express appreciation for the importance of efforts to maintain law and order in the nation.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Fleming  
Deputy Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Joseph E. Wellman<sup>X</sup>  
684 Falmouth Road  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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Referred to:

Mr. Robert Fleming

By: Mr. Hopkins' Office

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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JOSEPH E. WELLMAN

June 13, 1968

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The President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

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I pray that during the balance of your time as our President that you can instill in the American public the necessity to restore law and order.

Respectfully,

*Joe E. Wellman*

Joseph E. Wellman  
684 Falmouth Road  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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June 13, 1963

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Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully,

Joe E. Wellman  
Joseph E. Wellman  
484 Yalough Road  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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GENERAL

June 21, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tillich:

Thank you for your "open letter" to President Johnson.

The thought behind your particular suggestion of new primaries is appreciated, but I am sure that on reflection you will understand that the prevailing state laws make it impossible to fulfill at this time.

Beyond that, there can be no justification for violence which tears at the fabric of our national life. You may want to read the enclosed copy of the President's statement to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Tillich  
132 A Royal Circle  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Enclosure: NCCVP statement 6/5/68

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*McPherson*

CONGRESSIONAL

June 21, 1968

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

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Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 20 to the President enclosing a copy of an open letter to the President by Mr. Walter Perry Dornaus.

Your interest in bringing Mr. Dornaus' letter to our attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barefoot Sanders  
Legislative Counsel  
to the President

Honorable Page<sup>y</sup> Belcher  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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TO: Barefoot Sanders

FROM: Whitney Shoemaker

Suggest we let the case rest with your ackmt  
to Belcher. His constituent blames the  
President for crime and violence.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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MARY C. HIGGINS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

June 20, 1968

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing an Open Letter to you as requested by a constituent of mine in a recent letter.

My constituent is Mr. Walter Perry Dornaus, Chief Counsel, Kewanee Oil Company, Box 2239, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Page Belcher*  
PAGE BELCHER  
Member of Congress

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JUN 21 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing an Open Letter to you as  
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My constituent is Mr. Walter Perry Dornier,  
Chief Counsel, Kansas Oil Company, Box 1234, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Lyndon B. Johnson*  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
Member of Congress

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An Open Letter to The President of The United States:

My dear Mr. President:

An overwhelming majority of Americans share the concern which you have expressed in the aftermath of Senator Kennedy's assassination. We, too, are concerned, and deeply, with the mounting wave of crime and violence and with the disregard for law and order which is sweeping our country. We do not agree that the fault lies with the millions of law abiding, hard working, tax paying citizens, of all races, who alone support the economy of this country. We resent the implication that somehow we, all Americans, are to blame. We feel that the causes which lead to the consequences which you deplore, and which we deplore, lie elsewhere. It is not a sick society which is to blame, but a perverse philosophy in government and the permissive and tolerant attitude of our elected officials and appointive justices which has given rise to so many of the problems with which we are confronted.

We feel it is time that someone, like the boy in Andersons fairy tale, "The Emperors Clothes", stripped the veil of sanctity from the eyes of those who refuse to acknowledge the truth. We feel it is time that you, Mr. President, examine the contribution which your administration has made to violence and disorder, that you review the contributions of our highest court in the light of decisions which increasingly protect the criminal and hamper the efforts of our police and prosecutors and State courts to protect the innocent against vulpine and voracious violators of their rights.

We feel that you should evaluate the contribution to disorder and violence which has been made by political demagogues who, in exchange for votes, promise more



than they, more than our country can fulfill, and by doing so arouse hopes which being unfulfilled give rise to bitterness and lawless reaction.

We feel that you should examine the impact which has been exerted by sociologists and "liberals" who belong to that school of thought which professes to believe that a "poor environment" should be an excuse for all anti-social activity and should exempt the offender from punishment. A poor environment is no excuse for failure -- the splendid career of Al Smith and hundreds like him constitutes a complete refutation of this concept.

You have demanded law and order. We agree that this is an imperative. Have you demanded as well that degree of self-discipline without which law and order cannot exist? Have you, in the alternative, insisted upon imposed discipline where self-discipline is absent? We do not need more laws, we need rather, prompt, firm, fair and impartial enforcement of those which we have.

Those who have incited and led riots which make a travesty of law and order are still at large. As surely as if they had held the pistol or applied the torch those who incited these riots are as guilty of murder as was the demented wretch who assassinated Senator Kennedy. What action have you taken to bring these culprits to justice? What action do you propose to take?

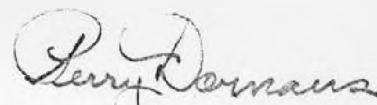
Recently on television we witnessed the debasing spectacle of your Attorney General standing at bay while an undisciplined mob threatened to burn and destroy. What action do you propose to take to bolster and strengthen the sanctity of law in the face of this challenge?

What do you propose to do to alter the thinking of those who refuse to enforce discipline in our colleges and universities and mistakenly assume that education at the

public or private expense of others is a right and not a privilege? When will you state, without equivocation, that freedom is not license, that privileges carry with them obligations, that in the absence of self-discipline, enforced discipline must result?

You have appointed a commission to examine into the causes of lawlessness and disorder. Will it, like the ghetto commission, find no one to blame except the mass of Americans who do not and cannot control the policy of our government except through its congressional representatives? Or will your commission probe more deeply, will it seek to determine the extent to which these disorders have been influenced, encouraged, and yes, protected by the utterances and actions and attitude of our elected officials? Will they then, suggest, as indeed they must, that the tone of the orchestra is created by the conductor, that the course of the ship is determined by the captain, and the welfare of the state is determined by those who control policy, who act or fail to act, and not by those who, like the mass of your fellow Americans, can and do obey the law and look to our elected representatives to see that others are required to do the same?

The wrongs committed by or suffered by a minority can never be corrected by destroying the rights of the majority!

  
Perry Dornaus

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert  
Kennedy, Edward

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Bray:

President Johnson has asked me to express his understanding and appreciation of your wish to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has been deeply touched in these days of grief by the evidence, in messages such as yours, that the heart of America is compassionate and can respond to tragedy of this magnitude -- not only with a sense of irreparable loss, but also with vision and high purpose.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Mary Patricia Bray  
Apartment 7-B  
10908 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90025

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
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June 21, 1968

Dear Mrs. Daehne:

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mildred I. Daehne  
3256 Wall Avenue  
San Bernardino, California 92404

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The President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson  
Mr. President, <sup>But</sup> you, I know who <sup>joined with you</sup>  
Enclosed is a letter with signature of friends.  
If I were not a semi-invalid with a muscular problem  
I would have had hundreds of names. But this is  
enough to let you know we are concerned  
Yours truly,  
Mrs. M. Daehne



The president of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson

6-12-68

Mr. President

As law abiding citizens of the State of California, and of the United States of American, we DEMAND that you, as our elected representative, see to it that people obey our laws and that when they break these laws, they pay the full penalty of our law.

The death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy is a HONOR to our society. Regardless of personal politics, we all follow lawfully our President and our laws, no matter which party is in office.

NO REASON can be found for THIS ASSASSIN to avoid the death penalty for his criminal act of murder. Too many convicted criminals are turned loose to prey on our society again.

Mrs. Mildred I. Daehne, 3256 Wall Ave, San Bernardino, Calif 92404

Russell Krotzer 111 E. 18th St. SAN BERN. CALIF 92404

Vera Fiskford 5858 Stanton, Highland, Calif 92346

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President Johnson

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Governor Reagan

Mayor Yarto

Senator Murphy

State Senator Coonles.

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Mildred I. Elder Daehne  
3256 Wall Avenue  
San Bernardino, Calif. 92404



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GENERAL

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

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss O'Leary:

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

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Barbara C. O'Leary<sup>+</sup>  
3117 Circle Hill Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22305

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President: -

Arthur Schlesinger forgot to mention  
the strength and generosity of our present  
President. I'd like to mention it and  
thank you for ordering Secret Service  
protection for Senator Edward M.  
Kennedy - the last of the Kennedy brothers.

Very gratefully yours,

Barbara C. O'Leary

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Gilmore:

President Johnson has asked me to express his understanding and appreciation of your wish to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Mikette Gilmore  
1292 Antwerp Lane  
San Jose, California 95118

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643/Kennedy, R.F.  
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June 21, 1968

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson at this time of terrible sorrow.

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

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

Your comments on the war in Viet-Nam, the campaign and the candidates have been fully noted. The President has made his position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your understanding as he devotes his efforts toward progress through a united purpose in America -- and toward a just and lasting peace in Viet-Nam.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Deloss S. Brown  
70 Austin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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70 Austin Street  
Cambridge, Mass  
June 12, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I am writing first to express  
my admiration and gratitude for  
your behavior at the time of the  
death of Senator Kennedy. I was  
grieving over his death and the end of his  
chances, I was frightened by the anarchy  
in the death of a public figure by  
assassination, and I was angry

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that such a thing could be  
allowed to happen. It was  
therefore very comforting to see that  
you shared the grief and managed  
yourself and your office with  
dignity and taste (Taste is perhaps  
not the right word, but it is the best  
I can think of). I was glad that  
you were angry with those who had  
destroyed the gun laws, and showed  
it. They can scarcely be blamed  
for the senator's death, but they  
may have contributed indirectly.

Finally, you are a good, strong,  
intelligent President, and I do not



fear anarchy and chaos while you hold the office. I was very glad that you were Vice-President when President Kennedy was shot. I voted for you in 1964 and I am very glad that you have been President both for your accomplishments and your character.

I have one other topic which I will try to write about briefly, and I address you because I don't know who else to write to. I am one of those who disagree with you on our conduct in the Viet-Viet War. I think I understand that you hate the war, and I hope you understand that I know



it is a horribly complicated business  
and that there aren't any fast solutions.  
I had favored Senator McCarthy as a  
candidate for the Presidency because  
of his position on the war and because  
he was not in your administration. I  
mean you no discredit: I take your  
refusal to run as an acknowledgment  
of the nearly impossible difficulties  
in your trying to conclude the  
war. Though I had no great hopes  
for Senator McCarthy's getting the  
nomination, I thought that Senator  
Kennedy might. He had enough popular  
support that he might have gotten the  
nomination, despite the fact that the  
leaders of the Democratic party seemed  
not to favor him.



With the death of Senator Kennedy, it seems clear that the parties intend to nominate Vice-President Humphrey and Nixon. These men are both unacceptable to many either because of their associations with past administrations, their present views, or the fact that they have not stated their views on some very important topics. Yet, to my opinion, has demonstrated a justifying amount of popular support.

Yet they are apparently going to be nominated. This means that several million of us who are already disaffected will be denied any chance to express our disaffection, at least, by voting.



But voting is the only effective, legal way we are allowed to make changes in our government.

If you, sir, feel that it is unfortunate that many of the citizens are in effect being denied any voice in the government, I hope that you will try to use your influence to keep the parties from choosing their candidates long before the conventions, and without regard for the wishes of the electorate.

I wish that the remainder of your term may be much happier than these preceding months.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
Delbert Stoddard Brown



GENERAL

June 21, 1968

Dear Private Fleming:

President Johnson received the letter you sent to the White House and he appreciates your writing at this time of great sorrow. He shares your concern over lawlessness in our country and mourns with the nation the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. There are no easy solutions to the problems that confront us today -- but they can be overcome when our hearts and minds are put to the task. The image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's gratitude, his warm good wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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PFC Frank Fleming Jr.  
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199 Inf. Brig.  
APO San Francisco 96279

Enclosures Ex. Order re NCCPV 6/10/68; and  
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To the Public

This letter is important, for more reason than <sup>one</sup> maybe some people can understand. I don't know what going on in the world which I call home, but it one thing I do know all that evil has got to be put ~~put~~ to a stop, for this and I don't care who don't like it, but everytime there a good person running for office or is in all ready dirty minded person want to take his life look at me ~~this morning~~ when I come home I want peace, but will forget that, not only me this come from all my friends that is in my Btry.

What can I say I never cry so much in my life, and if it weren't for my friends I wouldn't have knew what to do they told me, Frank you can't hate everybody for what one has done, but look every person that believe that every man should be treated as man and stand up for that have not made it through life.

Person who believe in right, you better start standing up and face the evil one in our Country, because let me tell you this, if you don't the evil will have what you work all your life for, it up to you.







There are times that will come when if we are not together to destroy all evil in our nation, I want say what might happen, because I don't want to ever thank that way because there are so many good people in our country.

Maybe people might say what do a p.f.c. know, but I tell you this come over here with us and find out, stop your yelling, you don't know what going on until you make the big change and come over.

I will tell everybody that from now on I will devote my life to fighting crime no matter where it may be, for this reason there have been many men who have given there lives for freedom and all those men I had great respect for them and when I leave Vietnam my future will be as I have said, it time that every american stand up for his or her country. There is nothing to great for a man to give for his country but if he sit back and let the evil one take what he believe in, he is not a man so I say this to the nation, you better wise up we will fight against violence any where it may be. Don't let people destroy things that are good and decent.

Sincerely  
Frank

GENERAL

June 21, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Wakelee:

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. Heath Wakelee  
448 Denslow Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90049

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June 21, 1968

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Bone:

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Jerry Bone  
1614 West Granwyler Road  
Irving, Texas 75060

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Dear Mrs. Hardin:

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, the inscribed copy of "Apples of Gold" which you kindly sent to the President. As you requested, I am forwarding the other two books to Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

Mrs. Willabee Hardin  
Apartment 253  
3304 Florence Boulevard  
Omaha, Nebraska 68110

cc: Mrs. John F. Kennedy w/ book, 400 Park Ave, NY, NY  
Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy w/ book 1147 Chain Bridge Rd,  
McLean, Virginia. Each book is inscribed

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June 20, 1968

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JLJ/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Marion W. Alexander  
Wingate  
179 B Hart Avenue  
Trenton, New Jersey 08610

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Pledges efforts to bring peace  
& love at home & abroad (Pis 4/5 Sp?)  
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Dear President Johnson:

For two days, when  
I am not at my job  
as an employee of  
the administration section  
of the New Jersey Dept.  
of Transportation, I have  
listened and watched  
you and everyone else  
who has appeared on  
my television screen.

As a mother of  
three wonderful children  
and as the daughter  
of a retired Penna.  
Railroad engineer, may

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I say "Thank you" for conducting yourself as the truly great person you are - I would be proud to be your daughter, and I know if your parents were alive, they too, would be proud of you.

It has never been my custom to sit down and write to a President a Senator or any other man or woman who represents me in Washington. But today, my heart is

filled with grief. And I have said where is it all going to end.

During World War II, my husband and myself served our country, both as members of the U. S. Marine Corps. Today our youngest son volunteered for the armed forces. He is now a member of the Green Beret. He is proud, like Robert Kennedy, he is anxious to serve his country.



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and to try and tell  
the world that we  
are not 'all bad -  
we want peace - we  
want equality for all  
and most important  
we want to offer love  
to our many neighbors,  
here and abroad.

God grant (and we  
must not forget to  
include him in all  
our plans) that in  
the remaining days  
of your long, interesting  
brilliant career in  
the service of your  
country, you may see  
men, women and  
children drawn closer

together.

I know of no better gift of appreciation to give to you, than our promise and are efforts to create a world of peace, love and harmony.

Thank you Mr. President for giving me the opportunity to express my thoughts. A privilege many people throughout the world do not share.

Respectfully  
(Mrs) Maria W. Alexander  
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179 B West Ave.  
Trenton, N.J. 08610

June 20, 1968

General  
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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Koch:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Rucile L. Koch  
216 Main Street  
Valley City, North Dakota 58072

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## Rucile's Dress & Gift Shop

216 MAIN STREET

VALLEY CITY, N. DAK.

President L. J. Johnson  
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson:


I am just one citizen...but my heart is so full of sorrow on this occasion of Senator Kennedy's death it compels me to tell you that I think YOU are one of the most understanding and unprejudiced man and President the United States could have. In spite of the personal conflicts reported to have arisen in the Johnson-Kennedy associations and your rejection of Robert Kennedy as your V.P. last election, your present reaction to this terrible misjustice has overpowered your personal feeling and you have been a shining light to many of us who have heretofore, judged you wrongly as far as your actions and attitudes toward the Kennedy's are concerned.

I dearly love the Kennedy family. Their loyalty, to the extent of sacrificing their lives for the country they love...dwells deep within my heart. I definately would have voted for Robert F. Kennedy because I believe he was sincere in his desire to help us out of this terrible world situation. His youth, his burning zeal and desire to light the one candle to make the nation brighter was the inspiration every citizen understood and wanted to aid.

Now that Robert F. Kennedy has been relieved of his duty, it is for us that are living to commemorate his dedication and carry on with just as much fervent dedication that he portrayed. If our Vice President Humphrey believes in the principles and desires of his accomplishment as Senator Kennedy I for one, will do all in my power to elect him. for we need another President with your foresight and compassion. (I think your wife is a wonderful person too).

In the meantime, again accept my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful tribute and attitude at this trying time.

God's blessings and Lord's protection  
to you, our faithful servant.

  
LM/R Mrs. Rucile L. Koch

June 20, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 21

J23/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Chadder:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles W. Chadder  
82 Cedar Street  
Wenham, Massachusetts

DFP:jms

June 20, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Schrick:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Donna Schrick  
10055 Sepulveda Boulevard  
Mission Hills, California 91340

DFP:jms



June 20, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 43

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Deatherage:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. O. B. Deatherage  
709 Lakeside Drive  
Mesquite, Texas 75149

CF:jms

June 20, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 32

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Enter:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Cora M. Enter  
33 North Avenue  
Webster, New York 14580

CF:jms

June 20, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 13

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Strickert:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Charles Strickert  
2535 North Talman Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

SM:slaxc



GENERAL

LE/JK3  
JK3/Kennedy, R. F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Needler:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5. It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Martin C. Needler  
1201 Las Lomas Road, NE.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

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*quid/g*

June 20, 1968

GENERAL

*FL3/Kennedy*  
*Robert F.*

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*FE*  
*Kennedy, Mrs. Robert F.*

Dear Kevin:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness at this time of terrible sorrow. Your card has been conveyed to the Kennedy family as you requested.

The following are the constitutional qualifications for the offices about which you asked:

1. The President of the United States must be a natural-born citizen, at least 35 years old, and for at least 14 years a resident of the United States;
2. A member of the United States Senate must be at least 30 years of age, must have been a citizen of the United States for 9 years, and must be a resident of the state from which he is sent to Congress;
3. A member of the House of Representatives must be at least 25 years of age, must have been a United States citizen for at least 7 years, and must reside in the state from which he is sent to Congress.

With the President's appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Kevin Cooney  
130 Bellamy Road North  
Apartment 409  
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Enclosure 9 Our American Government.  
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130 E. Albany R.N.  
 Scarborough, Ont.  
 June 6, 1968  
 Canada

Dear Mr. President,  
 I don't wouldn't be so much  
 trouble could you please answer ~~me~~  
 the question and mail it back a -  
 give you have done this could you  
 give the letter in the other envelope to  
 Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

I since I live in Canada, and I would  
 like to know, could I become a Senator  
 and later a President, like you?

Yours truly  
 John F. Kennedy



*mc/dg*

June 20, 1968

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

*FG2/Kennedy,  
John F.*

*Kennedy, Mrs. Robert F.  
PR 6*

Dear Mr. Pulliam:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I am sorry that we do not have pictures of President John F. Kennedy or Senator Robert F. Kennedy. You may want to write directly to the office of Senator Kennedy, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., which is still open.

With the President appreciation for your thoughtfulness at this time of sorrow,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Philip Pulliam  
Mill Creek  
Missouri 63658

Send Enclosure only to the Hill.

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brothers who have been  
shot by other men.

Sincerely yours,  
Philip W. Williams  
Mill Creek  
Missouri  
103658

P.S. That is my address  
also. Please send the  
pictures to me.

P.P.S. Please excuse this sloppy paper and writing but I'm not rich



*me*

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 20, 1968

Dear Miss Adams:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter to President Johnson has been received and the enclosures forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness at this time of sorrow,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Elizabeth <sup>X</sup>Adams  
469 Columbian Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

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Send ALL of incoming to Hill

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ELIZABETH ADAMS  
469 COLUMBIAN AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an article which I wrote while taking an evening course at Ohio State University in 1952. This article was published recently by Dr. Warren G. Harding II M.D. Superintendent of Grant Hospital, Columbus Ohio in an issue of the Hospitals newsletter. Dr. Harding is a nephew of the late President Harding of Marion Ohio.

The subject of the article is "Dying can be beautiful" and the inspiration found in the comment "The end of something good is seldom bad", has brought comfort to hundreds of people who have requested copies from the hospital. It occurred to me that it might bring some comfort to Mrs. Kennedy. If you agree, perhaps you would forward it to her.

I am also enclosing a picture of my sister Pauline Mahaffey when she was a guest of the late President John Kennedy. She publishes a weekly newspaper "The Suburban Record" in Silver Spring, Maryland. Her



ELIZABETH ADAMS  
469 COLUMBIAN AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

husband is Raymond E. Mahaffey  
who is employed by The Department  
of State in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully yours  
Elizabeth Adams R.N.

June 9, 1968



GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
PR6-1/D+

June 20, 1968

Dear Miss Doningue:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for sharing with him your concern and grief at the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- at this time of terrible sorrow.

As you requested, your card has been conveyed to the Kennedy family. The enclosed photograph of the President comes to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Rena Marie Doningue  
204 Maud Avenue  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

Enclosure: Unsinged photograph of the President sent

Send enclosure only -- on separate envelope with address on front.

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Alhenville La.

June 9, 1968

Dear President

Lindon Johnson,

Writing you this  
letter to let you  
know I want to comment  
you on your speeches  
you made how  
wonderful I was very  
interested. I sure hate  
to see you are retiring  
from being a president  
of the U. S. It must  
be tough to rule all  
those states. To me  
all of you who are  
in public offices are  
so nice. I could spend  
all the night listening



and watching all of  
you talk, Vice Herbert  
Humphrey is also nice.  
I took it so hard  
when they killed  
John F. Kennedy &  
Robert Francis Kennedy.  
I weeped and weeped.  
I'd be so glad when  
they'll stop the killing.  
I really do care. It  
must be tough on their  
family. Would you  
please, send a small  
photograph picture of you  
for a souvenir. I'd  
like one. When you  
talk & make speeches  
I weep. Even though  
I don't know any.



Anyone of you. I feel  
sorry. I have sympathy  
for all of you. I wish  
you all in the best  
of health. Even Edward  
Kennedy & Ily.

Sincerely yours,  
Miss Rula  
Maiee Domingue

P.S. Would you mind  
giving this sympathy  
Card to the Kennedy's  
Family. I my mother  
can't get over all  
of this tragedy.  
I don't know the  
Kennedy's family.

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F. (2)

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Babazadeh:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter and for your thoughtfulness in letting him have your suggestion.

He shares your appreciation for the swift action and heroic courage shown by the two athletes, Mr. Rafer Johnson and Mr. Roosevelt Grier. It is indeed the kind of unselfish spirit that is traditional in our society and has contributed so much in making our country a great one.

The President believes, as you do, that our future is bright as long as our nation can develop young people with faith, with courage and with a sense of responsibility.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Will Sparks  
Assistant to  
the President

Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh  
326 Westcott Street  
Syracuse, New York 13210

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EDDIE BRADSHAW:

Could you please prepare a reply for Mr. Sparks' signature. Many thanks.

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326 Westcott Street  
Syracuse, New York 13210  
June 10, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

Sadly, it is often a tragic event which causes heroic qualities in men to emerge. Los Angeles Rams' tackle Rosie Grier and Olympic decathlon champ Rafer Johnson not only captured and disarmed the man accused of shooting Senator Kennedy. At risk to their own safety, they defended the constitutional rights of the man who, allegedly, had just gunned down their friend, a great American. These two powerful athletes used their inner strength to maintain law, order and justice. To overcome personal grief, and to act rationally and purposefully in the midst of danger and confusion is heroic.

We are overcome with grief at all the disorder and violence we have seen during the last few years, and sometimes may ask ourselves if there really is a future for law, order, democracy and justice. The heroism of two athletes says there is a future. While grieving America's tragedies, shall we ignore America's heroes? Couldn't Rafer Johnson and Rosie Grier be officially recognized for their courage? We like to think they did what any decent citizen would have done under the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh*

Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh

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300 Westcott Street  
Gutierrez, New York 10010  
June 10, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

Sadly, it is often a tragic event which causes heroic  
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O'Brien and Olympic decathlete Ralph Johnson not only  
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ignore America's heroes. Couldn't Ralph Johnson and Jackie  
O'Brien be officially recognized for their courage? We like to  
think they did what any decent citizen would have done under  
the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Abraham Bebradash

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J.3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mr. Frye:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5. It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Barson Frye  
Post Office Box 348  
Fresno, California 93708

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P. O. BOX 348  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93708

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383 statement on June 5.  
... comments  
as this time of tragedy,

June 6, 1968

President Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the aftermath of the tragedy of Robert Kennedy and having listened to your speech of last night, I must make several points clear to you that seem to me the only solution to your and our problem.

Allowing hot heads to speak of violence and defiance of the laws of the United States without immediate incarceration is unthinkable.

Allowing looting or burning or any other acts of this nature without immediate retaliation by the police or soldiers to the point of shooting the offender is unthinkable.

To carry these points forward I think you should ask Congress to study a new law with teeth in it regarding what is treason and what is sedition, and what responsibilities the police and soldiers have regarding the protection of property.

Registering guns is nothing particularly good or bad, for, after all, any criminal can steal a gun, registered or not. But allowing the Rap Brown's and Stokeley Carmichael's to spout like they do and get away with it, infuriates not only the white people but leads every kook in town to think he can do the same thing.

I think your speech of last night was great. My heart goes out to you and the Kennedys, but "freedom" without law is anarchy and "freedom" without the law requires, unfortunately, restrictions on every individual, rich or poor, black or white, Arab or Jew.

Sincerely,



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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Skidmore:

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

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. Richard Skidmore<sup>+</sup>  
154 Hernandez Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94127

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Mrs. J. Richard Skidmore  
154 Hernandez Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94127

June 5, 1968

My dear Mr. President,

Your speech this evening  
was the best speech I have  
ever heard you make. You  
came through loud and  
clear—short and to the  
point.

I agree with you one-  
hundred percent! May I  
applaud you on your forceful  
speech this evening.

Very respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Patricia A. Skidmore



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REFERRAL

GENERAL

NYH14-1

FE3-1/Kennedy, L.H.

JL3/Kennedy, Robert

To: Secretary of Defense

Date: June 20, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:  
☐ President's signature.  
☐ Undersigned's signature.  
☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

☒ Direct reply.  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ Furnish information copy.

- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.  
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.  
☐ For your information.  
☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: Barefoot Sanders  
From: Cong. Joe Pool  
Date: June 13, 1968  
Subject: Use of federal planes to transport the body of the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

By direction of the President:

Barefoot Sanders  
Legislative Counsel  
to the President

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June 20, 1968

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
PR14/ST 36  
Karcher, Mrs. Oswald  
Watson, M. E.

Dear Reverend Belk:

President Johnson received the copy of your precinct resolution and asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

The President shares your deep sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. In his words:

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

The President also has taken appreciative note of the theme of loyalty and the high regard for party leaders expressed in the resolution. You have his warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Reverend Fred R. <sup>X</sup> Belk  
1404 Kaw Street  
Perry, Oklahoma 73077

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Rev. Fred R. Belk  
Prct. Chairman  
1404 Kaw St.  
Perry, Okla. 73077



RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT PRECINCT 2 OF WARD 3 OF NOBLE COUNTY, PROPERLY ASSEMBLED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1968, HEREBY GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND URGING ITS ADOPTION AT THE NOBLE COUNTY PARTY CONVENTION TO BE ASSEMBLED AT 2 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 15, IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM AT PERRY, NOBLE COUNTY, OKLA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, NOBLE AND DILIGENT LEADER IN OUR GREAT PARTY, WHO DIED FROM AN IGNOMINIOUS ASSASSIN'S BULLETS, BE COMMENDED TO ALMIGHTY GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND THAT WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE HE ESPOUSED.

SECOND, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALL LOYAL DEMOCRATS URGE THE CITIZENRY TO BECOME CONCERNED AND INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL ARENA OF AMERICAN LIFE SO THAT A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MAY PERVADE OUR LAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT ALL ACTS OF DEBILITATING VIOLENCE AND CRIMINALITY MAY CEASE IN THIS LAND WE LOVE.

THIRD, BE IT RESOLVED THAT OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN OUR PARTY ON THE PART OF SENATOR MIKE MONRONEY, SENATOR FRED HARRIS AND COUNTY CHAIRMAN DWIGHT RYMER BE COMMENDED AS WELL AS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, SENATOR EUGENE MCCARTHY, AND THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY BE COMMENDED AND THAT NOBLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS URGENTLY UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES OF THESE MEN AND STAND BEHIND WHOEVER MAYBE CHOSEN BY OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO IN AUGUST.

AND FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT STATE, COUNTY, CITY, WARD AND PRECINCT WORKERS BECOME SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF THE ENORMITY OF OUR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROBLEMS AND SEEK TO ELECT WISE LEADERSHIP IN ALL SPHERES OF AMERICAN LIFE.

ATTEST:

M. E. Watson  
PRECINCT SECRETARY-TREASURER

Fred A. Belk  
PRECINCT CHAIRMAN  
Mrs. Chuald Karcher  
PRECINCT CO-CHAIRMAN

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June 20, 1968

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JL 3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Easley:

Thank you for writing to the President and enclosing a Green Scapular for him. He, of course, shares your concern and grief at the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

In answer to your query, you may send your expression of sympathy to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy at 1147 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

Mrs. Anna Easley  
16653 Gazeley Street  
Mint Canyon, California 91350

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IL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts on events of critical concern to every American. He is very much aware of the distress that tragic events in this country may cause those whose loved ones are bravely serving the Nation 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 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

Mrs. Betty Lewis  
426 Northeast 156th  
Seattle, Washington 98155

Enclosures: 6/5 televised rmks on shooting; and 6/10 rmks to Commission

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June 19, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 25

*JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.*

Dear Mr. Crow:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. A. B. Crow  
7038 Chestnut  
Kansas City, Missouri 64132

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GENERAL

JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Miss Bowers:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtful letter. You have his thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Miss Rose M. Bowers  
510 West 13th  
Hays, Kansas 67601

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Dear Mr. President:

I'm listening to the report on the attempted assassination of Kennedy on C.B.S. It was reported that a man ask you what was wrong with this Country and you replied, "I AM." ??

Mr. President, Don't ever apologize to anyone for doing what you think is right. No one, least of all the people in this Country, knows the job and decisions you must make and, right or wrong, you must do what your conscience tells you to do. Just blaming yourself. you owe no man any explanation, no people any excuse for what you do. The only debt you have is to God.

All of us share the blame. We sit at home and criticize (and I've done it as badly or worse than most) you for your job but there is no one person alive who could do any different.

Regardless of whether I like you or not,  
you're still my President of my Country  
and I do respect you for this Position.  
Don't ever blame yourself for whatever  
you do.

I just had to write this short note.  
It just made me angry to hear you  
take the blame for all of us when you  
don't have to. You've done your best  
and that's all anyone should ask of you.

Sincerely Bowers  
(Miss) Rose Mary Bowers  
510 W. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hays, Kansas 67601

June 19, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 30

TL 3/Kennedy Rott F

Dear Miss Malone:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Maureen Malone  
426 Garfield Avenue  
Palmyra, New Jersey 08065

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June 19, 1968

General  
SP 3-236/ST 22

JL3/Kennedy, RAY F

Dear Mr. Morris:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John J. Morris  
21741 Edmonton  
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080

DFF:sle

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GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Rubin:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter.

It was good of you to commend his leadership and to let him know of your confidence and support. You have his appreciation and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Norman<sup>x</sup> Rubin  
543 Fairway Drive  
Woodmere, New York 11598

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My dear President

I am writing you at the same time  
I am listening to you on the  
evening of Senator Kennedy's death.  
This is the first time I have ever  
written a letter. Please, please,  
do what you said on television.  
I loved my country, my  
laws, my people and the way  
my government worked - through  
democracy. But these last years  
I am so confused. I am also  
beginning to get filled with  
hate, and I am really crying  
because of this hate. Please let  
me help you, help me;  
if there is anything I can do  
I will do it. I am just a  
housewife and feel so useless  
and helpless. I am sure there  
are many such women as I  
who will be glad to do something.  
If you do read this, thank you



for that speech, It really  
helped because I know you  
understand what we are all  
feeling.

With respect and love  
Mrs. Norman Rubin

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June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Sichelman:

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

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Janet Sichelman  
5817 North Kenmore  
Chicago, Illinois 60626

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5817 N. Kenmore  
Chicago, Illinois 60626  
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Dear President Johnson,

My husband and I thought the  
content and delivery of your  
speech last night was excellent.  
"To live under law" is the only way  
to achieve freedom.

I admire you greatly, and  
even though I may not agree  
with all of your policies, I feel  
that no man would have been  
able to improve upon your  
administration. This is a time of  
difficulty in our world, and I feel  
you have done your utmost to  
improve all situations.

We wish to thank you for  
undertaking this tremendous  
task and for doing such a  
fine job.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Janet Sichelman



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JFK/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Pickard:

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

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Sam<sup>x</sup> Pickard  
2246 48th, NW.  
Washington, D. C. 20007

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(Mrs. Janelle Pickard)

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My Dear Mr President,

Three weeks ago we moved to Washington. So much has been beyond my understanding. As the mother of two teenage girls I have been even more concerned about the apparent disregard for law and human dignity.

Having a basic belief in people's goodness, I was more than confused at recent happenings, and had begun to think I was the stupid one.

On the T.V. program, after Sen Kennedy was shot - you came on the air, and with basic good sense and leadership straightened out my thinking. Thank you for reminding us that we are not all bad.

If I, a plain citizen, can worry about this country - what you have had to carry is beyond comprehension.

Thank you again for a fine speech in a time of need.

Very Respectfully,  
Genelle Richard  
(Mrs Sam Richard)

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June 19, 1968

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Dear Mr. Harrington:

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

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles F. Harrington, Jr.  
Route 4, Box 256B, Station A  
Joplin, Missouri 64801

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**June 19, 1968**

**Dear Mr. Case:**

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

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Mr. Johnny E. Case  
10543 Jardine Avenue  
Sunland, California**

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June 19, 1968

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Dear Mrs. El-Saden:

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

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. M. R. El-Saden  
1530 Miramar Drive  
Fullerton, California 92631

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