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Visit of Vice President Johnson to Senegal for independence ceremonies was, in my judgment, not only great personal success but contributed in highly important degree to advancement of US policy in Africa. Vice President's outgoing personality, warmth and sincerity, as well as his faithful attendance at all functions on rigorous program, created most favorable impression and made many friends for US. Elimination of Madrid from itinerary in order to follow President Senghor's suggestion and discuss Senegal's economic development plan with Prime Minister Mamadou Dia, was particularly timely and effective stroke, which undoubtedly did more to convince GOS of US friendship and sympathy for aspirations of this new African country than all of us at this post could hope to accomplish over long period of time.

Public reaction is perhaps best summed up in tribute paid by Prime Minister at close of above discussion (which will be reported separately) when he charged Vice President with "delicate mission" of thanking President Kennedy for sending Vice President to Senegal. Afterwards I suggested to Prime Minister that as Ambassador it might be easier for me to transmit such message, to which he quickly agreed. From viewpoint of US relations with Senegal I should like to underline my own thanks as well.

I should appreciate it if foregoing could be conveyed to White House for President Kennedy.

VILLARD

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April 5, Vice President Johnson and members of his staff, including Messrs. Moyers and Carter of the Peace Corps, visited the village of Kayar, located at the southern extremity of the coastal zone known as Les Niayes. This area had been proposed as the site for a Peace Corps project (TOICA A-39). Moyers and Carter had previously visited the area on April 3.

The Vice President promised to send the Village Chief of Kayar a Johnson outboard motor upon his return to the U.S. Specifications on a suitable motor will be forwarded soonest for transmittal to Mr. Johnson.

Later in the morning, the Vice President, Ambassador Villard, the ICA Representative, Mr. Arva Floyd, Mr. Busby, and at one stage an uninvited "New York Times" reporter named Marvena Howe, called upon Prime Minister Mamadou Dia. Minister of Justice D'Arboussier joined the group during the course of the meeting.

The Vice President spoke of his favorable impressions of Senegal, its people, spirit, friendliness; he complimented Mr. Dia on his previous day's speech to the Assembly, and expressed admiration for the full support the Prime Minister appeared to enjoy.

Mr. Dia returned these compliments and said that while not wishing to give the appearance Senegal was meddling in the internal affairs of the U.S., he was very pleased Mr. Kennedy had been elected, and stressed the importance which Senegal attached to Kennedy's role in world affairs.

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At ~~one~~ point the Prime Minister deplored racial discrimination in the U.S., which he termed a "black spot" on the American image.

Mr. Johnson turned to the topic of U.S. aid and quoted Dia, who had recently stated the time for polemics and sterile debate [in Africa] was past; that the task at hand was national construction. We agree, said the Vice President, and are prepared to assist Senegal in carrying out its development plan.

Mr. Dia replied Senegal had delayed seeking aid from its friends until such time as it had completed its development plan. This point has now been reached and Senegal is willing to discuss aid with all its friends.

The Prime Minister presented Mr. Johnson with a copy of the development plan, which he autographed at the Vice President's request. Mr. Johnson noted with approval Senegal's evident determination to lay a sound foundation to its economic house by careful advance study as illustrated by this document. He took great pains to emphasize the readiness of the U.S. to help rear the projected structure. In particular, the Vice President offered to lay before members of Congress the need for making \$3,000,000 in aid recently requested by Senegal available before the end of the current fiscal year. The Prime Minister suitably acknowledged Mr. Johnson's interest, but did not press the advantage which this opening afforded.

Mr. Johnson said the primary requirement would be a general agreement. Mr. Dia responded that the ICA draft proposal had been studied and would be on the agenda of his next cabinet meeting. (At a short press conference which followed, outside the Premier's office, Mr. Dia stated that the two governments had reached agreement [tombés d'accord] on the principle of U.S. aid). Mr. Johnson described the difficulties and complexities of U.S. foreign aid legislation, the importance of timing, and stressed again the need for having a general agreement between the two countries. The Prime Minister's answer was vague, if not evasive, and he again mentioned Senegal's hope of receiving aid from all its friends.

In parting, the Vice President assured Mr. Dia that he would carry back to the U.S. President the image of a serious, democratic, friendly African country.


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INTRODUCTION

Heading the U.S. Delegation to the ceremonies marking the first anniversary of the Republic of Senegal's independence, the Vice President of the United States, with Mrs. Lyndon B. JOHNSON, visited Dakar April 2-5. The other members of the American Delegation were: Mr. Romeo J. CHAMPAGNE, a retired Manchester, New Hampshire, businessman and friend of the President's, who bore the rank of Special Ambassador; Senator Thomas H. KUCHEL (R.-Calif.), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee; and Representative John J. ROONEY (D.-New York), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for State, Justice and the Judiciary. (The two Congressmen were also accompanied by their wives). Ambassador Henry S. VILLARD was appointed the third member of the official U.S. Delegation with the rank of Special Ambassador.

The Vice President's visit, it may be said in summary, was a resounding success from all viewpoints: that of the Senegalese Government, of US-Senegalese relations and of the Vice President himself. Whereas the Vice President had initially had some doubts as to whether he could remain in Dakar for the full two days of the ceremonies (April 3-4), these were rapidly dispelled by the warmth of his reception, by the variety of events planned by his Senegalese hosts, and by the wealth of impressions and contacts afforded by his first visit to Black Africa. Further, President SENGHOR expressed the hope to the Vice President that he could meet with Prime Minister Mamadou DIA to discuss Senegal's economic development plans; and it did not appear likely, due to the fullness of the independence program, that this meeting could take place before Wednesday morning, April 5. Embassy, Madrid was therefore informed on April 3 that the Vice President would have to forego his originally planned overnight stop in the Spanish capital and fly directly from Dakar to Geneva on April 5. Take-off time was tentatively set for 12 noon on that day.

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PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

As is probably inevitable in a high-level visit of this kind, the Embassy was not given very much advance notice of the Vice President's coming, having received definitive word only on March 29, some four days before the independence ceremonies were scheduled to begin. This, coupled with the fact that the official U.S. party was somewhat larger than anticipated and showed a tendency to pick up additional members as the departure date approached, placed a considerable strain on the Embassy's and the Government of Senegal's limited accommodations facilities. Happily, the Senegalese authorities, unknown to us, had foresightedly reserved two extra rooms for the U.S. Delegation at the N'Gor Hotel which were used, when it became apparent that the cabins on the boat "Ville de Bordeaux" were totally inadequate, to accommodate the Congressional members of the delegation, as well as the Department's escort officers, Assistant Secretary Crockett and Mr. Floyd. The Vice President's personal aide, Mr. Busby, and his physician, Dr. Hurst, together with the two Peace Corps representatives, Messrs. Moyers and Carter, had to be assigned to the four boat cabins, which were scarcely large enough for one person each, let alone two, because of the absolute lack of any other space. The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, Col. Burris (Air Force aide to the VP), Mr. Knight (Secret Service), and Miss Wiley, executive secretary, were the guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Villard at the Residence. Mrs. Carpenter, who turned out to be a personal and press assistant to Mrs. Johnson, was housed at the apartment of our communications supervisor, Miss Verdin. Mr. Champagne (and subsequently Ambassador Graham MARTIN and FSO Edmund GULLION, who arrived in the middle of the festivities, to brief the VP and accompany him to Geneva) were put up at the DCM's house. Quarters were organized for the additional four security operatives (Messrs. Youngblood, Taylor, Jones and McGuire), and the White House signal officer, Capt. Dunn, in a temporarily vacant Embassy apartment in the Avenue de la Republique. Thanks, finally to General Madre, the local French Air Force commanding officer, the 13 members (it had originally been 11) of the aircrew of the VP's special MATS Boeing 707 were housed at the French airbase of Ouakam. Despite the improvisation required by the lateness with which the Embassy was notified of the exact size of the VP's party, it fortunately proved possible to accommodate everyone in reasonable comfort.

The fact that various elements of the delegation had to be housed in four separate locations (Hotel N'Gor, Residence, "Ville de Bordeaux" in the port, and the DCM'S) did, nevertheless, somewhat complicate the transportation arrangements, which were perhaps the second major organizational problem, given the amount of moving around town from function to function which was necessary, together with satisfying the security requirements of the Secret Service with respect to the VP and Mrs. Johnson. The Embassy was able to solve this largely because the Government of Senegal generously placed three cars with drivers, including an escort, Melle MAGNIN, at the U.S. Delegation's disposal (instead of the originally planned one vehicle), and through the extensive use of officers' own cars. A detailed logistics program of cars and escorts assigned to various members of the U.S. Delegation was worked out and served as an indispensable, if not always precisely followed, basis for coordinating the extensive movements. The Secret Service representatives were of great help in this respect, getting the cars reorganized for departure from such often large and crowded functions, as the sports and folklore exhibits, which took place in stadiums, and the parade.

One difficult and unanticipated feature of the physical organization of the VP's visit to Dakar, which the Embassy passes on for the guidance of other small missions that may be called upon to accommodate similar delegations in the future, was the problem of feeding and servicing the group of eight or ten men comprising the VP's detail of Secret Servicemen, Departmental SY, communications, personal aides, etc. who were constantly in attendance at the Residence. This was a task of no means physical and psychological proportions.

PROGRAM

The basic Senegalese independence ceremony program, to which the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and the other members of the Delegation (with one or two minor exceptions) energetically and faithfully adhered, comprised the following events:

MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 10 A.M. Presentation of Credentials by Delegations to President Senghor at the Palace (at which the Vice President also tendered President Kennedy's gift of an engraved Steuben crystal vase).
- 1 P.M. President's luncheon at the Palace for Chiefs of Delegations and wives.
- 4 P.M. Sports Show at the Blaise Diagne Stadium.
- 8:30 P.M. Government's Reception at the "Palais de Justice."

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 8:30 A.M. Speech by President Senghor and Parade, Blvd. de la Liberation.
- 11 A.M. Formal Session at the National Assembly (Place Tascher)
- 1 P.M. Luncheon at the National Assembly (for Delegates and wives).
- 4 P.M. Folklore Exhibition at the "Parc des Sports."
- 8:30 P.M. President's Reception at the Palace - followed by choral singing and fireworks.

In addition to this already heavy official schedule, the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson participated in the following other activities:

MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 11 A.M. Informal visit to Senegalese Arts and Craft's Village erected for the Independence Ceremonies at the Bay of Soumbédioune (Corniche Road and Blvd. de la Gueule Tappee).

6 P.M. Reception at Embassy Residence for the American Colony
(arranged at the request of the Vice President) consisting
of about 120 guests.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 P.M. Supper offered by the British Ambassador for the U.S. and U.K.
Delegations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 -

10:30 A.M. Trip to Kayar, a fishing village some 25 miles NE of Dakar,
organized at VP's request, so that he could visit the countryside
and see the local population.

10:45 -

12 Noon Interview with Prime Minister DIA at the Government of Senegal's
Administrative Building, arranged at the suggestion of President
Senghor.

Mention should also be made of the fact that the Vice President held two
formal and one informal press conference : on arrival at the airport 11:30 P.M.
unday, April 2, in the presence of Prime Minister DIA. (A copy of the VP's
remarks and DIA's reply on this occasion are enclosed); and on departure from Yoff
at about 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 5, in the presence of Foreign Minister THIAM
who saw the Vice President off on behalf of the Government of Senegal. (The Embassy
does not yet have a copy of the VP's remarks on this occasion. These were, however,
taped by Mr. Kirchwehm of USIA, and have probably already been made available to
the Department). The informal press conference took place outside the Prime
Minister's office at about 11:45 A.M. on April 5 when the Vice President was depart-
ing from his interview and accounted for the public information that Senegal and
the United States had reached agreement in principle regarding the prompt conclusion
of a bilateral aid agreement. The Vice President, as well as Mrs. Johnson, also
made some informal remarks to the assembled American colony at the Residence on
Monday evening, April 3 in which the VP presented the members of his delegation and
the two Peace Corps representatives, and expressed his pleasure at being in Africa
and Dakar on behalf of President KENNEDY and his confidence in the future of fruit-
ful relations between the United States and Senegal. (The Embassy does not have a
transcript of these remarks, which were partly impromptu, and partly of a more
formal character drafted by his aide, Mr. Busby. They were responded to, also on
an impromptu basis, by Ambassador Villard).

COMMENT

While some of the more extravagant U.S. press accounts of the jubilant public
welcome accorded the VP by the Senegalese population (the reported shouts of
"Long live the U.S. champion of independence", for example) must be taken with a
grain of salt, it is unquestionable that the VP was most warmly and cordially
received by the thick crowds of people who lined the routes to and from the various

official functions. The passage of the Embassy car with the Vice President smiling and waving from the open window was greeted with frequent bursts of hand-clapping and smiles of obvious pleasure. This was in marked contrast to other delegations whose less demonstrative passage was accompanied more by the craning of necks to see who was in the official cars. To the Embassy's knowledge, this is perhaps the first time the Senegalese public has been exposed to the outgoing and informal approach of the veteran American political campaigner which characterized the Vice President's manner as he moved from one ceremony to the next, smiling, shaking hands, and greeting pleased and astonished by-standers who most certainly have not been accustomed to such cordial informality on the part of their former French mentors.

The high point in the field of successful public relations was undoubtedly the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson's visit to the Senegalese Artisanal Village, undertaken at the Embassy's suggestion, on the late morning of Monday, April 3, where the now widely reproduced AP photograph of the Vice President presenting an attractive Senegalese baby with a pencil was taken. The Kayar trip of the morning of April 5, on which the ICA Representative, Mr. Vaughn, acted as escort, was similarly marked by a good deal of friendly informal contact and exchanges with the local population.

From shortly after his arrival, the Vice President's movements were heavily covered by a number of newspaper reporters and press photographers, notably Mr. Nash (AP London), Mr. Walker (Time-Life photographer), Mr. Levy (AP photographer, Paris), Miss Pick (Manchester Guardian), Miss Howe (N.Y. Times, Rabat) and Mme Lebrun and M. Cherami (local UPI correspondents). His presence also received proportionately heavy press and photo coverage in Paris-Dakar (since the independence ceremonies, renamed Dakar-Matin).

Members of the Senegalese Government, from President Senghor on down, also certainly went out of their way to accord the Vice President the attention and place of honor which his rank and quality as President Kennedy's personal representative warranted. In the official presentation of credentials on April 3, the United States-Delegation was received by President Senghor second only to that of France (headed by Andre MALRAUX), followed by that of the United Kingdom (headed by Mr. Dodds-Parker, representing Queen Elizabeth), and then by those headed by various African Chiefs of State: the Central African Republic (David Dacko), the Ivory Coast (Houphouet-Boigny), Dahomey (Hubert Maga), Gabon (Leon Mba), Upper Volta (Maurice Yameogo), Madagascar (Tsiranana), Mauritania (Moktar Ould Daddah), and Niger (Hamani Diori).

At the Government's "Palais de Justice" reception on Monday evening, President Senghor invited the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to join him and Mme Senghor at a private table, along with a selected group of other guests of mark, including Dodds-Parker, Malraux and Jacob Malik whom, the NY Times - AP piece of April 4 to the contrary notwithstanding, the GOS certainly did not snub, even though they may perhaps not have displayed the cordiality toward him as toward Vice President Johnson.

Prime Minister Mamadou Dia, accompanied by Gabriel D'Arboussier and Obeye Diop, came to the airport to welcome the Vice President despite the late hour of his arrival, and Foreign Minister Thiam spent at least an hour and a half at Yoff in seeing him off. Imposing military honor guards, including the colorful "Garde Rouge", were drawn up on each occasion. It was further at the specific request of President Senghor, made during the formal Palace luncheon on April 3, that Mamadou Dia received the Vice President for over an hour's conversation in the late morning of April 5 just prior to the VP's departure. (An account of this rather curious interview is contained in Mr. Vaughn's airgram TOICA A-56 of April 10, 1961, as well as reference to the separate activities which the Embassy's ICA representative organized specially for Dr. Moyers and Mr. Carter of the Peace Corps).

It may be said, in conclusion, that the Government of Senegal, mindful, as all newly independent Black African States are, of considerations of international recognition and ceremonial prestige, was unquestionably pleased and flattered by the rank of the American personality whom the President chose to represent him at Senegal's independence ceremonies and by the dramatic emphasis which this placed on the importance the new Administration in Washington attaches to United States -

African relations. It now remains to be seen as to what extent Senegalese gratification over the Vice President's visit will be translation into concrete progress in terms of accepting the proposed bilateral agreement which is a prerequisite to an actual U.S. aid program.

For the Ambassador

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The Vice President:

Honored and distinguished company, it is a high honor to be present with the United States delegation at this celebration of independence in Senegal. Many Americans have known your country, respected your people and cherished their friendship. Having walked this road of independence ourselves, Americans feel a special kinship with you as you assume the responsibilities which independence imposes.

That is why President Kennedy has asked me to come to bring to your country and its people, the people of Senegal, the warm good wishes of the American people on this proud and happy occasion.

Our delegation has in its membership some of our most influential and respected members of the Congress and of our citizenship generally, Senator Kuchel, the deputy minority leader of the United States Senate; Mr. Romeo Champagne, a personal friend of President Kennedy; Congressman Rooney, a very knowledgeable authority on international affairs in our House of Representatives.

The United States has watched with growing interest the rapid rate of progress throughout Africa, toward national independence. We hope for very friendly and mutually beneficial relations with Senegal and with all the African nations.

We admire especially the sound, carefully-studied efforts made by the leaders of Senegal to promote orderly economic progress of the Senegalese people. Mr. President, it is clear that there is full understanding here that independence is not an end in itself, but a means to improving the lot and enlarging the opportunities for all the people. The people of the United States congratulate you on having obtained your independence and we wish you every success in making that independence rewarding for all.

On behalf of Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kuchel, and Mrs. Rooney, and the other members of the delegation, we especially appreciate the invitation to come and be with them during this great ceremony and we especially appreciate the Prime Minister's coming here at this late hour and the Minister of Information and the others to give us this warm welcome.

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I would like very particularly to thank you for the words you've just said. I would like to express again the pleasure and honor that is done us by your presence. Senegal has for a long time had friendly relations with the United States. There are even certain kinships and affinities between the Senegalese people and the American people. There is especially the ardent love of liberty which is a characteristic of

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the American people and which one also finds in the Senegalese people.

It is perhaps this love of liberty and democracy which explains why we have joined in the field of battle even if our legal status was somewhat inferior. Now that we have recovered our liberty, we wish to be more than ever the champion of this liberty and democracy. We know that in this struggle we can count upon the American people and the Government which President Kennedy heads. Even though his administration is relatively recent we've already had a number of very striking examples of the interest which President Kennedy brings to African questions and to the problems of African people.

And as a particular example of this interest he has sent us a message when we were meeting at Yaounde in the Cameroons. We met amid general indifference. But President Kennedy, who is a very well-informed man, very alert, very clear-sighted, had sufficient perspicacity to see that at Yaounde something important was happening. And the results of the Yaounde conference demonstrate that he was not mistaken. I think that the future will show clearly that he was entirely justified in expressing his interest in the meeting of the Brazzaville powers at Yaounde.

Today we have a new demonstration of the interest which President Kennedy brings to Africa, to Africans and to our own dear Senegal. The importance of the delegation which he has named to our independence ceremonies and most especially the leader of this delegation, shows very clearly the importance he attaches to our problems.

Ladies and gentlemen you are here in a friendly country, among friends.

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND PARTY SPENT 24 HOUR ACTION-PACKED HOURS IN TAIWAN. VISIT WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS IN ALL RESPECTS. VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON AND MR. AND MRS. SMITH RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AND EVEN WARMER SEND OFF. CHEERING CROWDS OF CITIZENS AND STUDENTS LINED STREETS THROUGH WHICH CAVALCADE PASSED. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY WAS TURN OUT IN RURAL AREAS ALONG ROAD TO TAOYUAN AND IN TOWN OF TAOYUAN WHERE VICE PRESIDENT VISITED LAND REFORM EXHIBITION. VICE PRESIDENT MADE DEEP IMPRESSION BY INNUMERABLE STOPS WHEN IN CAVALCADE TO MINGLE WITH ORDINARY CITIZENS AND STUDENTS, SHAKE HANDS AND EXCHANGE REMARKS.

VICE PRESIDENT MADE FORMAL STATEMENTS ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, AT DINNER IN VISITING PARTY'S HONOR AND AT CONVOCATION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS GATHERED IN AND AROUND CITY HALL. TEXTS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY. IN ALL THREE STATEMENTS VICE PRESIDENT STRESSED FAITH IN FREEDOM, FAITH IN CHINA'S FUTURE AND ASSURANCES OF FIRM US SUPPORT FOR CHINA. IN ONE FORMAL AND AT LEAST THREE INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCES VICE PRESIDENT TOOK SPECIAL PAINS TO CALL ATTENTION TO REMARKABLE ADVANCES MADE BY TAIWAN IN EDUCATION, HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AREAS AND TO REMIND LISTENERS OF TRAGIC CONTRAST MAINLAND CHINA PRESENTS. VICE PRESIDENT STRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN US DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT CHINA ALONG LINES STATED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN HIS COMMUNICATION TO /PRESIDENT CHIANG.

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PRESIDENT CHIANG. VICE PRESIDENT LAUDED PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS YOUNG BUT ARDENT AND DETERMINED CHAMPION OF FREEDOM AND SAID PRESIDENT KENNEDY WOULD MAKE WISE AND TIMELY DECISIONS IN CRISIS NOW CONFRONTING MANKIND. VICE PRESIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED INVIRTUALLY ALL HIS ACTIVITIES BY CHINA'S VICE PRESIDENT CHEN CHENG, AUTHOR OF TAIWAN'S LAND REFORM PROGRAM AND A FINE POLITICIAN IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HOWEVER, CHEN HAD TO CONFESS AT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CHINESE NEWSMEN THAT HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN ELECTION CONTEST. STEPHEN SMITH ACCOMPANIED VICE PRESIDENT ON ALL VISITS AND ALSO RECEIVED PLAUDITS OF CROWDS.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE, MRS. JOHNSON AND MRS. SMITH FOLLOWED SEPARATE, TIRING SCHEDULES. ESCORTED BY MADAME CHIANG, THEY VISITED A MODERN ORPHANGE AND SERVICEMEN'S HOMES. THEY ALSO TOURED A GIRLS SCHOOL AT WHICH MRS. JOHNSON SPOKE TO STUDENTS AND A HANDICRAFT CENTER. THEY ALSO VISITED SUBURBAN AREAS.

OFFICIAL TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CHIANG, VICE PRESIDENT CHEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER ON ONE SIDE AND VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSISTANTS ON OTHER WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO EXTEND ONLY ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS. HOWEVER, IN END TALKS LASTED PERIOD OF SIX HOURS INCLUDING SOME FORMAL DISCUSSION AT DINNER AND BREAKFAST. AFTER-DINNER TALKS EXTENDED BEYOND MIDNIGHT, CONSTITUTING RECORD FOR EARLY-BETIRING PRESIDENT CHIANG.

OFFICIAL TALKS WENT VERY SMOOTHLY AND CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL. VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON SPOKE FRANKLY AND PLAINLY INVITED CHIANG TO TAKE VICE PRESIDENT INTO HIS CONFIDENCE. VICE PRESIDENT'S PATIENCE, CAPACITY TO LISTEN AND SYMPATHY EVENTUALLY DREW FROM CHIANG HIS CANDID VIEWS ON GENERAL ASIAN SITUATION AND HIS BROAD FORMULA FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMS. IN GENERAL, HE EXPRESSED TO VICE PRESIDENT MUCH SAME VIEWS HE SET FORTH TO SENATOR DODD (EMBASSY TELEGRAM 696). SUBSTANCE OF TALKS IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TELEGRAMS. SUFFICE IT TO SAY HERE TALKS /WERE GENERAL

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JOHNSON CONCLUDED AFTER FIRST CONVERSATION WITH CHIANG THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE USEFUL MORAL, SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VEHICLE IN SUPPORT OF HIS VISIT HERE AND PREPARED DRAFT USING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S LETTER TO CHIANG AS GUIDELINE. MUCH OF POST-DINNER CONVERSATION WAS CONCERNED WITH TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH CHIANG ACCEPTED WITH OBVIOUS ENTHUSIASM AND WITH ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIVE ADDITION AND A FEW MINOR CHANGES. AFTER TEXT WAS AGREED CHIANG REMARKED COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE WELCOMED BY CHINESE EVERYWHERE AS STRONG EVIDENCE OF FIRM US SUPPORT OF FREEDOM AND BACKING OF GRC.

A NOTABLE FEATURE OF JOHNSON VISIT WAS JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE FOR AMERICAN NEWSMEN HELD AT PRESIDENTIAL MANSION. PRESIDENT AND MADAME CHIANG SPOKE IN TURN ON THEIR HOPES AND CONVICTIONS AND OF PROGRESS MADE ON TAIWAN AND PRESIDENT CHIANG ANSWERED SEVERAL QUESTIONS PUT BY CORRESPONDENTS. VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON DESCRIBED TO CORRESPONDENTS ONE AFTER ANOTHER CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGISTERED ON TAIWAN AND DESIRABILITY AND NEED OF AMERICAN PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND FACTS OF ADVANCES MADE HERE.

JOHNSON AND SMITH VISIT CAME PRECISELY AT TIME WHEN CHINESE AND OTHER ASIAN EXPECTATIONS IN US FIRMNESS AND CAPABILITY TO

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HALT COMMUNIST ONRUSH HAD UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE EROSION IN VIEW OF LAOS AND VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS AND SUSPICIONS HERE OF TREND IN US TOWARD TWO CHINAS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SECOND LETTER TO CHIANG AND JOHNSON'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND HIS PRIVATE TALKS WITH CHIANG, COUPLED WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE, SHOULD GO CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TOWARD DISSIPATING THIS UNHEALTHY TREND. IF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ASIA IS FOLLOWED BY FIRM AND COMPREHENSIVE ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF FREE CHINA AGAINST COMMUNIST ENCROACHMENT, A NEW ERA OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO EMERGE, EVEN THOUGH LAOS MAY BE BEYOND SALVAGE.

FACT THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SENT SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW HELP WAS NOTED WITH UTMOST APPRECIATION AND IS TAKEN AS SIGN PRESIDENT IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN DESTINY OF GRC.

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PRESS REACTION TO TAIWAN VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON ALMOST ENTIRELY ONE OF SATISFACTION AND RELIEF. FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL CHINESE PRESS REFLECTED WIDESPREAD FEARS THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO BRING BAD NEWS ABOUT CHANGE IN US CHINA POLICY OR TO BRING CONCESSIONS FROM GRC. TYPICAL EXAMPLE WAS INDEPENDENT LIEN HO PAO OF MAY 8 WHICH PREDICTED THAT JOHNSON CHIANG TALKS SURE TO TOUCH ON PROBLEMS OF OUTER MONGOLIA AND UN CHINA REPRESENTATION AND WONDERED IF VICE PRESIDENT INTENDED URGE GRC ACCEPT SOME FORM OF "TWO-CHINAS". PAPER SAID SUCH ATTEMPTS WOULD MAKE THE TRIP "FRUITLESS." TA HUA WAN PAO OF MAY 7 ALSO INTERPRETED TRIP AS MEANS OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON OUTER MONGOLIA AND UN AND CONCLUDED THAT US POLICY NOT YET FIXED ON THESE POINTS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS OF MAY 29TH DIFFERED FROM CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS, SUGGESTING THAT "THE TEXAN STATESMAN IS COMING OUT TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD TO REASSURE SOME US ALLIES OF ITS STAND VIS-A-VIS COMMUNIST AGGRESSION DESPITE ALL THE MISTAKES WASHINGTON HAS MADE IN LAOS" AND CONCLUDED "MISSION THUS BOILS DOWN TO ONE OF LISTENING".

BEFORE ARRIVAL OF VP ALL PAPERS TOOK OCCASION TO STATE THEIR VIEWS OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND STEPS US SHOULD TAKE. MOST PAPERS SAW US STILL ADHERING TO "EUROPE FIRST" POLICY AND DEPLORED THIS WHEN ASIA THE CHIEF SCENE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND CHINESE COMMUNISTS THE CHIEF INSTIGATORS OF PRESENT TROUBLES. HSIEN SHENG PAO OF MAY

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ENCOURAGEMENT TO US." MAY 15 MIN TSU WAN PAO SAID AIRPORT STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR US WILL NOT CHANGE POLICY TOWARD CHINA AND THAT "IN A CERTAIN SENSE" FREE CHINA WELCOMED THIS STATEMENT, THOUGH IT HOPED THAT UNITED STATES WOULD "ALTER PRESENT POLICY OF RESTRAINING US FROM LAUNCHING MAINLAND COUNTERATTACK AND GIVE US ACTIVE MORAL SUPPORT AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE." MAY 16 HSIN SHENG PAO ALSO REITERATED NEED FOR MORE POSITIVE US POLICY. TZU LI WAN PAO OF MAY 15 REMARKED THAT VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT INSPECT ANY MILITARY BASES DURING VISIT, THAT FEW MILITARY OFFICERS PRESENT AT DINNER HE ATTENDED, NOTED WARMTH OF SPEECH TO STUDENTS, AND INTERPRETED THESE AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL HINTS THAT "ANTI-COMMUNISM DOES NOT RELY WHOLLY ON MILITARY FORCE AND THAT ROAD OF POLITICS LIES IN GETTING ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE." TA HUA WAN PAO OF MAY 15 CONTRASTED DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT OF VICE PRESIDENT WITH ALERTNESS OF CHINESE OFFICIALS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS OF MAY 16 SAID "BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF TRIP" REMINISCENT OF EISENHOWER VISIT OF LAST YEAR. "MR. JOHNSON'S VISIT HAS HELPED CLEAR THE HORIZON AND LIFT THE VEIL IN WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST MENACE IN ASIA. WE KNOW AT LEAST WHERE THE AMERICANS STAND IN THIS GLOBAL FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM."

COMMENTS INDIVIDUAL CHINESE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS ALL SHOW HIGHLY FAVORABLE REACTION. PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS WAS HIGH PRAISE FOR DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDE OF VICE PRESIDENT IN LEAVING CAR TO SHAKE HANDS, WALKING UNGUARDED AMONG CROWDS AND TALKING WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. VICE PRESIDENT'S COMPARISON OF PER CAPITA INCOME IN TAIWAN WITH THAT IN RURAL TEXAS IN HIS YOUTH, NOTING THAT WITH HARD WORK LATTER HAD BEEN INCREASED TEN TIMES, REPORTEDLY HAD PARTICULARLY GREAT IMPACT ON STUDENTS.

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON VISIT SUCCESSFUL BOTH AS PUBLICITY AND GOODWILL EFFORT, AND AS GESTURE OF REASSURANCE TO PHILS THAT THE US WAS NOT BACKING AWAY FROM ITS ASIAN COMMITMENTS. PRESS, WITH EXCEPTION OF CHRONICLE, AND INDIVIDUAL REACTIONS, LAUDATORY OF JOHNSON AND WHAT HE SAID WITH RESERVATION THAT WORDS WERE FINE, BUT DEEDS BETTER. THIS FEELING APPLIED PARTICULARLY TO LAOS AND SEATO. EDITORIAL AND COLUMNAR COMMENT VARIED WITH HERALD POINTING OUT NOTHING NEW ABOUT THE PROMISES MADE BUT "THEY WERE PRECISELY THE SORT OF ASSURANCES THAT THE FREE PEOPLES IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD WANTED TO HEAR AT THIS TIME FROM THEIR GREAT ALLY, THE UNITED STATES. THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, OF COURSE LOOK EXPECTANTLY TO THE FUTURE ACTS AND DECISIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR CONFIRMATION OF MR. JOHNSON'S PLEDGES AND ASSURANCES."

THE TIMES SAW IN THE TRIP A LONGER RANGE PURPOSE THAN SIMPLY REASSURANCE; IN SUM, THAT US WOULD PRESS STRONGMAN REGIMES TO INITIATE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS. "MOST OF THE OLD STYLE STRONGMEN UPON WHOSE REGIMES US POLICY IN SEA HAD BEEN OFTEN BASED ARE STILL IN POWER AND MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE EXTENT OF US DETERMINATION TO GET REFORMS GOING IN ITS SEA CLIENT STATES, AND HOW WISELY IT USES THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SANCTIONS IT HOLDS OVER THE STRONGMEN-REGIMES IT BACKS." THE EVENEWS FOUND THE VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS SIGNIFICANT, BUT SAID THAT THE WORDS, IF THEY ARE TO HAVE ANY EFFECT, MUST BE BOLSTERED BY ACTION "CONCRETE AND POSITIVE."

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TIMES COLUMNIST JOSE GUEVARA WAS MOST SANGUINE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SPEECH TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS: "JOHNSON MADE A BIG HIT WITH PHILIPPINE LAWMAKERS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. WITHIN THE FEW HOURS WHICH HE HAS BEEN HERE, HE HAS ERASED A FEW OF THE GRAVE DOUBTS ASSAILING THE MINDS OF THE FILIPINOS REGARDING THE US'S INTENTIONS IN SEA IN GENERAL AND IN THE PHILIPPINES IN PARTICULAR.

CHRONICLE'S GRANADA TERMED WITH VISIT A DISAPPOINTMENT AND ASKED "DIDN'T HE SIMPLY WASTE SHOELEATHER?" DEL ROSARIO CALLED JOHNSON'S PROMISES A POLITICIAN'S PROMISES AND DECLARED THAT AMERICA WOULD FIGHT TO CONTAIN COMMUNISM ONLY WHEN THE CASUS BELLI IS DIRECTLY AMERICAN.

SOLIVEN, PUBLISHER AND COLUMNIST OF THE EVENEWS FOUND THE JOHNSON PRESS CONFERENCE A FLOP; AND OF JOHNSON'S REFERENCE TO KENNEDY'S STATEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SAID THAT THE NEWSMEN SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME AND WATCHED KENNEDY ON TELEVISION TO GET THE ANSWERS. SOLIVEN ALSO NOTED THAT MACAPAGAL HAD BEEN PUSHED INTO THE BACKGROUND AT THE AIRPORT RECEPTION, AND WONDERED AT THE WIERD PROTOCOL WHICH PUT THE PHIL VICE PRESIDENT IN THE SECOND ROW WHILE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY SERRANO DELIVERED THE WELCOME ORATION.

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IN GENERAL TERMS OF STATED OBJECTIVES OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, I.E. CREATION OF GOODWILL AND PROVISION OF HIGH LEVEL PERSONAL REASSURANCES OF US INTENTIONS TO STAND BEHIND REGIONAL COMMITMENTS, MANILA STOP CAN BE RECORDED AS "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED", VP'S IMPACT ON OFFICIALS WAS FOR MOST PART FAVORABLE WITH GARCIA REPORTEDLY PLEASED WITH SUBSTANCE OF SPEECH TO CONGRESS. VP'S PERSONALITY ALSO MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON MOST INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS. HIS FACULTY FOR MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT AND PRACTICE OF HANDSHAKING VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH PHIL CUSTOMS AND VIEWED WITH WARM APPROVAL. MRS. JOHNSON AND MR. AND MRS. SMITH MADE A FINE IMPRESSION AND HAD EXCELLENT PRESS TREATMENT.

POPULAR REACTION TO VISIT WAS GOOD, IF ONLY MODERATELY ENTHUSIASTIC, OBSERVERS AND EDITORIALS ALIKE AGREED THAT REASURANCES WHICH JOHNSON SUPPLIED WERE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE BY PUBLIC. ALTHOUGH PROBABLE THAT OFFICIALS RECEIVED STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AID WITHOUT RESERVATION, STATEMENTS DEFINING US INTENTIONS IN MILITARY FIELD WERE SWALLOWED WITH LIBERAL PORTION OF SALT. SOME SENATORS AT POST JOINT-SESSION RECEPTION RAISED QUESTION WHETHER AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD REALLY BACK UP VP'S ASSURANCES.

CAS REPORTS FONSEC SERRANO MADE ACID OFF-RECORD COMMENTS WHAT HE CALLED "EMPTY AND WORTHLESS TRIP". FONSEC CLAIMED HIS REACTION STEMMED FROM INABILITY TO EXTRACT FROM VP SPECIFICS ON US POSITION ON LAOS, FOURTEEN NATION CONF, OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND CHIREP ISSUE. SERRANO SAID HE THUS LED BELIEVE US WRITING

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LAOS OFF. EMB BELIEVES FONSEC DISAPPOINTMENT PROBABLY RESULTED, IN PART, FROM PIQUE OVER FACT PRES GARCIA EXCLUDED SERRANO FROM HIS SUBSTANTIVE TALK WITH VP.

SOMEWHAT JAUNDICED VIEW TAKEN BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF PRESS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW PRE-VISIT EXPECTATIONS VP WOULD DISCUSS LAOS AND HIS SUBSEQUENT UNWILLINGNESS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON LAOS AT PRESS CONF.

A READING OF SENTIMENT OF LABOR LEADERS GATHERED FOR SUFFRAGE SHOWED THEY WELCOMED VISIT AND WERE GLAD TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS.

THE VICE PRES'S DECISION TO ACCEPT HOSPITALITY AT PALACE WAS WISE AND INFORMALITY OF STAY AT MALACANANG PLEASED HOUSEHOLD. IT OBVIOUS THAT PRESIDENT AND STAFF, AND FILIPINOS GENERALLY, WOULD HAVE BEEN DEEPLY OFFENDED HAD VICE PRESIDENT DECLINED OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY.

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE TRIP NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IF VICE PRES'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE TO BE SEEN IN CORRECT PROPORTIONS. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, AND THEIR IMPACT ON PHIL, MADE TIMING OF TRIP AS FAR AS PHILS CONCERNED, UNFORTUNATE TO SAY THE LEAST. LACK OF LEAD TIME MADE EFFECTIVE BUILD-UP IMPOSSIBLE AND CORRESPONDINGLY LIMITED EXTENT OF COMMUNITY CONTACT. BREVITY OF VISIT PLACED SHARP LIMITATIONS ON EXTENT AND DEPTH OF IMPACT ACHIEVED. UNSEASONABLY BAD WEATHER AND VP LATE ARRIVAL (ONE HOUR BEHIND SCHEDULE) CUT WELCOMING CROWD BETWEEN MALACANANG AND AIRPORT. TIGHT SCHEDULE WAS ALSO A DRAWBACK, WITNESS ENFORCED USE OF HELICOPTER TO UNIV OF PHILS AND CONSEQUENT DISAPPOINTMENT OF MANY PEOPLE ALONG LAND ROUTE.

EMB CONSIDERS VISIT WAS PRODUCTIVE, DESPITE TRYING CONDITIONS WHICH IMPOSED SEVERE RESTRICTIONS. CHARACTER OF FILIPINO IS SUCH HE INSTINCTIVELY EXTENDS WARM WELCOME TO ANY VIP ESPECIALLY AMERICAN. IN SUM, VISIT RESULTED IN PLUS FOR US-PHIL RELATIONS; AND GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCOMPLISHED AS MUCH AS COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED.

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Interim assessment of visit.

Vice President Johnson's visit to Vietnam had two purposes as we understand it: (1) To reassure Diem we are standing behind him; and (2) to reassure Vietnamese people that despite Laos and Cuba US will continue to stand firmly with them in crisis with Communist world. Second purpose is perhaps even more important than first since Diem as profoundly and irrevocably committed anti-Communist has no place else to go except to stick with US but Vietnamese people could conceivably trim their sails toward neutralism if they began to feel US abandoning Southeast Asia. We believe, however, both purposes of Vice President's visit have been excellently served and results are all that could have been hoped for.

Diem's reaction.

We are convinced Diem's confidence in US has been greatly increased by visit. That he was most highly pleased with unfolding and outcome of visit is shown by general atmosphere surrounding his contacts with Vice President Johnson, warmth of GVN press release on visit, ready GVN agreement to joint communique and despatch of his brother Nhu to airport to say farewell to Vice President Johnson, /though

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Though Vice President avoided any commitments beyond those in President Kennedy's letter to Diem and repeatedly stressed necessity of having adequate evidence to convince Congress it should vote additional aid funds especially in economic field, we believe general expectation left with Diem is that additional aid will be forthcoming. We believe also that he probably has general feeling that his words on what is needed to defeat Communists in Vietnam will be given greater weight in US decisions than heretofore. Despite Vice President's stress on economic and social measures to accompany military action, we think Diem will be inclined to put main stress on military side. (In discussing paragraph 4 of President Kennedy's letter to Diem dated May 8, particularly sentence "Parallel political and economic action is of equal importance", Diem stated that he could accept this provided it was understood to be "in context of a country under attack and underdeveloped." In negotiating joint communique, he insisted on watering down language which called for more rapid social, political, and economic-liberalization measures.) Diem will probably also be insistent upon governing in his own manner despite criticism from members of government (including VP Tho), army and many other influential Vietnamese of his methods of organization and operation.

Popular reaction.

Reaction of influential Vietnamese to Vice President's speech to National Assembly (sent to Department via USIS signals) has been widely enthusiastic. This was true both initially and after passage of three days. Cabinet Ministers, generals, members National Assembly, press, businessmen and diplomats have unanimously told us about deep impression speech made on them. As on VN Presse reporter commented to Embassy officer, speech contained "every assurance possible" that US will stick by Vietnam and all influential circles are interpreting speech in that manner. Prominent Vietnamese businessman told Embassy officer speech removed doubts about US intentions which had recently arisen in Vietnamese minds and had restored confidence

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in both political and economic fields. Speech thus highly successful in achieving its objective.

Conclusion.

In general popular atmosphere created by visit and speech to National Assembly, Laos situation was pushed aside in popular thinking but it was by no means forgotten by Diem as shown by his talk with Vice President on Laos (our 1743). With Geneva conference on Laos now in session it is important that US handle itself at conference on such issues as international control system and coalition government in manner which will maintain confidence in US generated by Vice President's visit. Otherwise, impact of Vice President's visit to Vietnam will inevitably be lessened.

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PRESS COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT SO FAR GENERALLY
FAVORABLE, NOTING APPROVINGLY INFORMALITY AND EAGERNESS TO
TALK WITH MAN-ON-THE-STREET. THIS NEW EXPERIENCE FOR THAI.
(SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON THIS SUBJECT.)

ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE RELATED TO VICE PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF LAO
ISSUE. PRESS CALLED VICE PRESIDENT "VAGUE" ON LAO ISSUE,
SPECIFICALLY FOR NOT PROVIDING GUARANTEE THAT LAOS WOULD NOT BE
PARTITIONED, OR THAT COALITION GOVERNMENT INCLUDING COMMUNISTS WOULD
NOT BE ACCEPTED. VICE PRESIDENT QUOTED AS FOLLOWS ON THIS ISSUE:
"THERE IS CONFERENCE GOING ON IN GENEVA. I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOOD
IT WILL DO AT GENEVA FOR ISSUES TO BE DECIDED IN ADVANCE. I SHALL
NOT ATTEMPT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AND WON'T ATTEMPT
TO DIRECT THE CONFERENCE FROM THIS FARAWAY POINT."

PRIMIN REPORTED IN THAI-LANGUAGE PRESS AS HAVING SAID DISCUSSIONS
WITH VICE PRESIDENT ON SOME MATTERS SATISFACTORY, BUT OTHER MATTERS
WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POST UNDER
HEADLINE "JOHNSON TALKS 'PARTLY SATISFY' THAI" QUOTED PRIMIN
AS SAYING "US GIVES US FULL GUARANTEES. IT IS LIKE THIS: WE
ARE A VIRGIN, NOBODY IS TO TOUCH US; BUT WE WISH HAVE GUARANTEES
EXTENDED TO LAOS, WHICH BORDERS THAILAND." ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
WORLD CARRIED SIMILAR QUOTE FROM PRIMIN OVER HEADLINE "NO U.S."

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GUARANTEE OF UNDIVIDED LAOS GIVEN BY JOHNSON;" SUBHEADING "BUT
THAILAND'S INTEGRITY TO BE ASSURED BY US."

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I BELIEVE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TIMELY AND GALLANT ENTERPRISE OF PURPOSE ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSIONS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED IN WASHINGTON. HE REACHED THE POLITICOS, THE ADMINISTRATORS, AND THE PEOPLE. SAIGON, MANILA, TAIPEI, AND BANGKOK WILL NEVER BE QUITE THE SAME AGAIN, FOR A NEW CHAPTER HAS OPENED IN US RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE FRIENDLINESS AND SINCERITY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON WERE FELT AND RETURNED. THEY CAME, SAW, AND WON OVER. WE MUST NOW WORK TO SUSTAIN THIS WAVE OF GOOD FEELING AND NOT LET IT RECEDE.

A SOUND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HAS BEGUN WITH DIEM, CHIANG AND SARIT. THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND EARNESTNESS OF DISCUSSION ESTABLISHED THAT PERSONAL BOND BETWEEN MEN OF POWER AND AUTHORITY SO ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE DEALING WITH ASIAN LEADERS. AS EARNEST OF COOPERATION SARIT HAS AGREED TO INCREASE THAI DEFENSE BUDGET BY TEN PERCENT OF OUR CONTRIBUTION, WHICH EMBASSY CONSIDERS SYMBOLICALLY SIGNIFICANT. MEANWHILE DIEM ISSUED HIS OWN COMMUNIQUE AND DIRECTED QUICK PREPARATION OF POSITIVE REPLY TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S LETTER, WHICH IS PROMISING. I FEEL GREATLY HEARTENED THAT WE HAVE AT LAST OPENED A TWO-WAY CHANNEL OF CONFIDENCE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH THESE THREE MEN. LATER MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE.

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THE "VEEP TO THE PEOPLE PROGRAM" ALSO WENT OVER, NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESERVE AND SCEPTICISM OF THE ORTHODOX AND THE OLD TIMERS ASIANS AND AMERICANS. WHAT IMPRESSED ME IN ALL FOUR CAPITALS WAS THE EAGERNESS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION, PARTICULARLY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO REACH HIM. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN BANGKOK. YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED EVERYWHERE TO GREET AN AMERICAN LEADER AND SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRESIDENT WHOSE NAME WAS OFTEN SOUNDED BY VOICES AMONG THE CORWDS. THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW AND THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE WERE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. HE REACHED THEM IN A NEW KIND OF DIALOGUE DESPITE THE RESERVE OF THE RECEDING GENERATION. THE VICE PRESIDENT DRAMATICALLY CARRIED THE PEDESTAL OF POWER TO THE OPEN PLACES OF THE PEOPLE FAR BETTER THAN COULD LONG LECTURES OR DIPLOMATIC NOTES. WITNESSING AN AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT MIXING WITH THE CROWDS AND TALKING WITH THEM MAY SERVE TO HUMANIZE POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS IN ASIA. IT MAY JOSTLE POLITICAL LEADERS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATORS OUT OF THEIR OFFICE SANCTUARIES, EVEN IF THEY ARE NETTLED BY THIS TYPICALLY AMERICAN APPROACH. SOME OFFICIALS FELT CHALLENGED TO GO AND DO LIKEWISE; OTHERS BETRAYED THEIR UNEASINESS OVER THIS INTRUSION INTO THEIR SUPPOSEDLY WELL ORDERED AND OLD-FASHIONED SYSTEM OF ARISTOCRATIC ALOOFNESS.

THIS ENTERPRISE ALSO SUCCEEDED PSYCHOLOGICALLY. IT BOOSTED THE BADLY-SAGGING MORALE OF ASIANS AND AMERICANS OUT HERE. HE PICTURED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION FOR SOUTHEAST ASIANS. IT FILLED THE NEWSPAPERS AND TV OF AMERICA WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA. WHERE OUR IMAGE HAS BEN BLURRED, THE MISSION SHARPENED THE FOCUS. WHERE OUR DIALOGUE HAD BEEN GARBLED, THE MISSION HAS CORRECTED THE PITCH AND SPOKEN CLEARLY AS WELL AS ELOQUENTLY. HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT NOW JUST BASK IN THE AFTERGLOW. THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE MUST BE FOLLOWED BY ACTS OF SUPPORT. SHREWD, TOUGH LEADERS LIKE DIEM, CHIANG, AND PARTICULARLY SARIT, ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THE US FOLLOWS THROUGH QUICKLY AND VIGOROUSLY WITH CONCRETE ACTIONS. OWING TO HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER LAOS AND THE VULNERABILITY OF HIS LONG FRONTIER, PRIME MINISTER SARIT IS WAITING TO SEE WHAT MATERIAL STEPS WE NOW TAKE IN

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TAKE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NEITHER HE NOR THAI PUBLIC OPINION WERE PLEASED THAT THE US COULD GIVE NO SPECIFIC ASSURANCES ON LAOS. THE VISIT EXPOSED BUT COULD NOT FILL OUR GAPING SILENCE ON LAOS FOR UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS. IF THE VISITS TO BANGKOK AND SAIGON DO NOT RESULT IN MORE REAL SUPPORT, WE WILL LOOK TERRIBLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NEUTRALISM WILL SPREAD; GENEVA MIGHT THEN TURN INTO A COMMUNIST VICTORY CELEBRATION. THE FOLLOW-UP OF THIS VISIT IS THE HEART OF THE MATTER NOW. SAIRT, FOR EXAMPLE, WANTS SOME MATERIAL BENEFIT FROM THE US ALLIANCE TO SHOW HIS OFFICERS AND PEOPLE. IN VIETNAM WILL THE GOVERNMENT WITH OUR MASSIVE SUPPORT TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE A POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY? IN THAILAND CAN WE STIMULATE A POLITICAL MOTIVATION AMONG THE ARMED FORCES AND RURAL PEOPLE TO SUPPORT A DEFENSE PLAN TO SECURE THE MEKONG VALLEY?

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IN CONCLUSION, THE NEXT STEP IS TO CAPITALIZE THE ASSETS OF THIS VISIT AND DISREGARD SOME OF THE MINOR LIABILITIES OR IRRITANTS THAT INEVITABLY FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF SUCH AN AMBITIOUS ENTERPRISE: 1) FIRST WE MUST GO ALL OUT TO STAMP OUT THE VIET CONG IN THE DELTA AREA OF VIETNAM. TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICO-MILITARY PROGRAM THE PRESIDENT AND HIS BROTHER PROMISED ME THAT THEY WOULD REPLY POSITIVELY AND IN DETAIL TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S LETTER AS THE VICE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED. I URGED SECRETARY THUAN CARRY THE LETTER TO WASHINGTON BUT I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE WERE KEPT IN SAIGON WHERE HE IS SO NEEDED. 2) WE MUST DRAFT A SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY PROGRAM FOR THAILAND AND REVERSE THE CUTBACK FOR FY 1962 USOM PROGRAM WHICH SEEMS TO CONTRADICT REALITY OUT HERE (A REALLY GOOD TEAM OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE SENT TO HELP ON FISCAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT). 3) WE NEED TO CLARIFY OUR CONTINGENCY THINKING ON LAOS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DIEM AND SARIT. 4) WE MUST USE THE OPPORTUNITIES THE VISIT GAVE US TO MOUNT MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REINFORCEMENT OF THAILAND, VIETNAM AND AS MUCH OF LAOS AS POSSIBLE TO STRENGTHEN OUR HAND AT GENEVA. 5) IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE VALUE OF THIS TRIP I WOULD URGE USIS TO COMPILE A BOOKLET OF THE SPEECHES, COMMUNIQUE, PICTURES AND SCHEDULES

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OF THIS VISIT FOR CIRCULATION IN THIS AREA TO PLAY UP ITS
PROGRESSIVE GAINS.

THIS ENTERPRISING VISIT DID NOT HELP OUR ADVERSARIES.
IT WILL HURT THEM IN THIS AREA IF WE FOLLOW THROUGH QUICKLY.
WE SHOULD BE READY FOR THEIR COUNTER ACTIONS AT LEAST IN
PROPAGANDA AND POLITICAL ACTION SOMEWHERE.

SO, TRIP'S RESULTS ARE SUMMED UP IN COMMENT VOLUNTEERED
BY BANGKOK TAXI DRIVER -- "YOUR VICE PRESIDENT HE GOOD MAN.
HE TALK PEOPLE."

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Johnson trip here promises to be first rate success. Arrived somewhat late at airport yesterday to meet good assembly of Indian leaders and the Prime Minister who made an unexpected trip to airport to welcome the Vice President. Vice President's airport speech extremely well received. Afternoon conversations between Nehru and Johnson with MEA officials and the Ambassador, Crockett, Rowan, Smith present. Stressed role of economic aid, importance of land reform, education and making aid effective for lowest income sectors of the population of underdeveloped countries. The conversations formal but friendly and marked by exceptionally long statement by Nehru on Indian five-year plan, problems to be faced in the field of education, village development and the like. In the evening small party including Johnsons, Smiths, Galbraiths with Desai-R. K. Nehru on Indian side gathered for informal dinner at Prime Minister's house. This was an excellent evening and following dinner Vice President and Prime Minister had a long exceedingly informal talk which was clearly much appreciated and enjoyed on both sides. It covered Indian support on Laos, our offer of large participation in space program, Congressional problems in voting aid legislation, our common interest in preventing Communist subversion in South Asia among other topics. Leaders were not separated despite efforts until unprecedented hour of 11:00 p.m.. At conclusion, they agreed on a communique covering common interest in economic development, India's appreciation of America's efforts, Indian support for neutral and independent Laos, Peace Corps and other topics. Text now being discussed for release late today. In later afternoon trip through Old Delhi, Johnson made highly agreeable impressions with informal speeches

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stressing common interest in bread and peace. Crowd response very warm and friendly. All newspapers this morning gave favorable frontpage play to visit. Mrs. Smith believed also to have made exceptionally favorable impression on Prime Minister's two tiger cubs.

Foregoing read by Vice President.

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Vice President Johnson and party left this morning for Karachi at 9:30. Yesterday's visit to Agra in hundred degree plus heat included look at developed and underdeveloped villages, laying of cornerstone at new engineering institute, investigation of well, ride on Bullock cart and great amount of friendly hand shaking. Vice President in very good form, made excellent and well received speech at cornerstone laying and has very good press this morning. Feeling is that he carries all precincts visited and would run well nationwide.

Prior to departure Vice President and Ambassador visited Prime Minister at breakfast and gave him suggested text of communique. This substantially accepted by GOI and is prominently featured in press this morning. Text transmitted through USIS. Yesterday afternoon Vice President had pleasant but general talk with Desai, Finance Minister, visited Vice President, met large number of Indian officials informally at Ambassador's residence where he also announced forthcoming Vienna meetings with short speech. In evening he was guest of VP at large state dinner.

I think Vice President has markedly strengthened Indian picture of new administration as liberal and compassionate and much interested in Indian problems. Also was able to give very useful caution on problem of getting aid legislation through Congress. Vice President also made clear his view that problem of stabilizing Southeast Asia was meeting hopes for economic and social advance and elimination internal tensions, and while steps might be needed to protect internal security.

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security the problems do not yield to any simple military calculation. This view well received. I think Vice President in turn got good view of both Indian needs and progress.

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Vice President left Karachi today after active and colorful 24-hour program upon which great attention focused by Pakistan press and public. Visit received heavy press treatment and full pictorial coverage with emphasis on Johnson's "mission of confidence and good will" treatment so far mainly confined straight news stories with no editorial comment. His unique direct contacts with Karachi public through unscheduled stops to meet and talk with poorer classes treated wide-spread favorable comment from general public. Reaction of common people whom he has seen uniformly good. Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Smith's separate visits including hospital made very good impression.

Full report on press coverage and editorial reaction must wait Monday papers treatment of communique issued by Vice President and President Ayub and their press conference. As expected, Kashmir dominant feature both discussions and in press reports. Government has made no secret of fact this from their viewpoint most important part of GOP discussions with Vice President and spokesmen for citizen public reception; no doubt with government approval made this issue principal theme of speech. Press has purposefully played up messages to Vice President from Kashmir groups. However, this treatment of Kashmir issue appears not to have diminished seriously impact of Vice

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President's visiting creating good will for US and building confidence in US interest in and support for Pakistan.

On substantive side, Vice President and President Ayub had extremely friendly, interesting, and far-reaching talks, in the course of which Vice President set forth views of US administration on many matters of common interest. He emphasized US appreciation friendship and alliance with Pakistan, and desire of US leaders work closely with GOP, not only in our bilateral relationship, but in connection with various international issues. He left no doubt that US maintains distinction between close friends allies and neutrals. He discussed at length US interest in economic development in Pakistan not only in general terms but with respect to specific aspects of Pakistans development problems. Joint communique reflects hope covered.

Ayub spoke with complete candor and frankness. His remarks, some critical of US policies were in context very close friend whose interests identical with our own. He said positive views on almost all subjects raised by Vice President, and seemed greatly to appreciate opportunity discuss them with US leader. Ayub spoke strongly and forcefully about US relations with India, and urged that US use the influence and bargaining power it had with Nehru to get progress on Kashmir, settlement of which vital to cooperation with India for security of area.

had Vice President was obviously highly favorably impressed by Ayub whom he characterized privately to me as most impressive leader he had met during current tour. I believe Vice President views Ayub as outstanding spokesman free world position, who potentially can be of even far greater value to free world in dealing with problems of Asia.

Ayub, Burki, and other Pakistan leaders have expressed to me sincere appreciation for Vice President's visit.

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Full reports of substantive discussions will of course be made by delegation which has for approval my draft memo of formal talks. Abdullah message will contain fuller reports on press and public reaction...

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MONDAY MORNING MAY 22 KARACHI PRESS CONTINUES GIVE HEAVY PUBLICITY VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT WITH JOHNSON-AYUB PRESS CONFERENCE DRAWING HEADLINES ALL PAPERS. DAWN, COUNTRY'S LEADING ENGLISH DAILY, CARRIED SEVERAL FRONT PAGE ARTICLES INCLUDING ONE "JOHNSON MUM ON KASHMIR" WHICH BY IMPLICATION CRITICAL OF JOHNSON STATEMENT HE "NOT AUTHORIZED DISPOSE OF MATTER" AND FACT HE "DECLINED ANSWER QUESTION WHETHER HE SATISFIED THAT IMMEDIATE KASHMIR SOLUTION VITAL FOR PEACE IN THIS AREA." DAWN, MORNING NEWS AND VERNACULAR PAPERS HEADLINE JOHNSON-AYUB COMMUNIQUE PROPOSAL FOR ASIAN HEADS OF GOVT MEETING. MORNING NEWS AND JANG HIGHLIGHTED JOHNSON PROMISE CONVEY TO KENNEDY PAKISTAN VIEWS ON KASHMIR AS EXPRESSED BY AYUB.

PRESS CONTINUES HIGHLIGHT JOHNSON'S INFORMALITY, "SHIR SLEEVE DIPLOMACY" AND HIS "PLEASANT CONDUCT AND INTIMATE CONTACT WITH CITIZENS OF KARACHI" (JANG). DAWN NOTED HE MADE "GREAT HIT" WITH RESIDENTS OF KORANGI PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN VISIT JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS. DAWN'S REPORTER NOTED THAT JOHNSON'S STYLE "TOOK EVERYONE BY SURPRISE... THE PEOPLE, NOT HABITUATED TO THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR BY DIGNITARIES, WERE DAZED FOR A FEW MINUTES.. BUT THEN BEGAN THE ENTHUSIASTIC UPSURGE AND WARM RESPONSE." MORNING NEWS COVERAGE THIS ASPECT OF VISIT APPEARED MORE CRITICAL, STARTING ITS FIRST DAY'S COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WITH "AMERICA'S MOST UNUSUAL AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL, VP LYNDON JOHNSON, HANDSHOOK HIS WAY. YESTER-

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DAY INTO THE HEARTS OF MANY PEOPLE- AND ACHIEVED WHAT ELSE?"

PRESS ALSO WIDELY NOTES JOHNSON'S HUMANITARIAN GESTURE CONTRIBUTING DOLS 500 FROM SELF AND MEMBERS HIS PARTY TO KARACHI CIVIL HOSPITAL FOR PAKISTANI YOUTH IN MEMORY SON OF ACCOMPANYING AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHO KILLED IN AMERICA MAY 20.

TONE OF EDITORIAL DISCUSSION OF VISIT SET BEFORE JOHNSON ARRIVED IN LONG DAWN EDITORIAL MAY 20 CALLED "FROM FRIEND TO FRIEND". EDITORIAL EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON FAMILIAR DAWN THESIS THAT RECENT US POLICY TOWARD INDIA AND PAKISTAN NOT CONSISTENT WITH US ALLIANCE WITH PAKISTAN. PAPER ASKED "WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING AMERICA'S ALLY AND NOT BEING ONE?"

DAWN ANSWER IS THAT ON ALL COUNTS INDIA, NOT PAKISTAN, IS BENEFITING FROM THE ADVANTAGES THAT SHOULD COME ONLY FROM AN ALLIANCE AND THAT THE "BIGGEST AND MOST SHAMEFUL LETDOWN.. HAS BEEN ON KASHMIR... WE SAY TO OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR THAT KASHMIR IS AMERICA'S TEST CASE".

THIS THEME, WHICH ALSO PREDOMINANT IN WELCOME SPEECH AT OFFICIAL CITIZENS' RECEPTION, CENTRAL ONE ALSO IN VERNACULAR PRESS EDITORIALS. ANJAM SAID THAT "TO GIVE PREFERENCES TO OTHER'S PLEASURES OVER LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF FRIENDS IS ... A BASIC FLAW IN THE POLICY OF OUR ESTEEMED ALLY." IMROZE LAMENTED AMERICA'S ENTANGELMENT IN A "MESH OF EXPEDIENCE" AND SAID THAT SO LONG AS KASHMIR REMAINS UNSETTLED THE AMERICANS WISH TO STRENGTHEN PEACE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD CANNOT BE FULFILLED". NAI RAUSHNI SAID "IF THE PRESENT AMERICAN REGIME DOES NOT MAKE ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ITS FRIENDS AND WHICH ARE NEUTRALS IT WILL BE FOLLY TO EXPECT GOOD RESULTS."

ONLY EDITORIAL TO APPEAR MAY 22 AFTER COMPLETION VISIT IS IN JANG, COUNTRY'S LARGEST URDU PAPER. IT STATES THAT JOHNSON ASSURANCE THAT US VALUES PAKISTAN'S FRIENDSHIP IS MUTUAL FEELING BUT THAT PAKISTAN EXPECTS MORE EVIDENCE OF FRIENDSHIP THAN SHOWN TO DATE. EVEN JOHNSON DID NOT APPRECIATE POINT THAT US COOPERATION IS
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NEEDED ON KASHMIR - A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR PAKISTAN." PAPER
CONCLUDES THAT IF AMERICAN LEADERS GO ON TURNING " COLD SHOULDER"
TO PAKISTAN, THEY WILL FAIL OBTAIN PAK COOPERATION IN PLACES LIKE
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URDU DAILY ANJMA SAID IT OBVIOUS THAT JOHNSON WORDS "SATURATED WITH SINCERITY AND TRUTHFULNESS" INSTEAD OF BEING USUAL DIPLOMATIC CLICHES. PAPER AGREES WITH JOHNSON'S REMARKS IN CITIZENS RECEPTION SPEECH THAT SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES THREATENED BY SUBVERSION, SABOTAGE AND TERRORISM AND SAYS "THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF FACING THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION THAN BY ABSOLUTE UNITY AMONG COUNTRIES WHICH BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE". PAPER ADDS THAT THIS UNITY REQUIRES SINCERITY WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY "THAT WE TELL OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS THAT AMERICAN DEEDS HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF SHOCK TO HER FRIENDS" (THE "DEEDS" BEING US SUPPORT FOR INDIA AND FAILURE SUPPORT KASHMIRI LIBERATION). "WE WONDER SO OFTEN THAT OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS SOMETIMES CONTRADICT THEIR PROFFESSED HIGH IDEOLOGIES BY THEIR ACTIONS...WHICH IS SAD INDEED"

SINDHI LANGUAGE DAILY NAWA-INDIA-SIND COMMENTS THAT JOHNSON SPEECH REFERRED TO ABOVE SHOWS THAT AMERICA TRUSTS PAKISTAN AND ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PAKISTAN IN SE ASIA. THIS PAPER FOUND JOHNSON TO BE A "HIGHLY INTERESTING MAN...BY NATURE INFORMAL AND OPEN-HEARTED...A MIGHTY JOLLY FELLOW, FOND OF MIXING WITH THE PEOPLE FREELY AND ENJOYING THEIR COMPANY". COUNTRY'S LARGEST URDU DAILY JANG OBSERVED THAT "FOR

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THAT "FOR THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN THIS WAS THE FIRST PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE LINKING OF COMMON MEN ON THE PART OF THE NEW US REGIME".

MOHAMMED ASHIR, NEWS EDITOR OF DAWN, LARGEST ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY IN PAKISTAN, TOLD USIS OFFICER VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MAN IN KARACHI STREET A VERY EFFECTIVE DEVICE BOUND TO SPREAD WORD-OF-MOUTH FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD US AMONG POORER CLASSES. ASHIR SAID PSUEDO INTELLIGENSIA UNIMPRESSED BECAUSE THEY FEEL SUCH CONTACT WITH POORER CLASSES BELOW DIGNITY OF NATIONAL LEADER. HE SAID VICE PRESIDENT PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WILL HAVE GOOD IMPACT AND LONG-LASTING EFFECT.

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ALL WEST BERLIN MORNING PAPERS AUG 19 HEADLINE TODAY'S VISIT
VICE PRES, EMPHASIZE HE BRINGS PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRES-
IDENT AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY GEN CLAY. VISIT HAS PUSHED
BUNDESTAG BERLIN DEBATE INTO SECOND PLACE (EXCEPT IN DIE WELT),
BUT PAPERS CARRY LENGTHY REPORTS LATTER AND ALL EDITORIALS
COMMENT ON DEBATE.

TAGESSPIEGEL (IND) EDITORIAL SAID STATEMENTS ADENAUER
AND BRANDT CHARACTERIZED BY "STATESMANLIKE RESPONSIBILITY"
IMPORTANT RESULT WAS THAT BOTH HAD SAME INTERPRETATION,
SHOWED SAME WILL. EDITORIAL ENDORSED CHANCELLOR'S
DECLARATION THAT CUTTING OFF EAST BERLIN FIRST STEP IN
ATTACH ON FREE WESTERN PART CITY, AND NOTED THAT EVEN IF
BRANDT EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT (I.E., WITH LACK OF
WESTERN COUNTERACTION) MORE CLEARLY THAN ADENAUER, THIS
MIGHT STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT POSITION IN TALKS WITH "OUR
FRIENDS." MORGENPOST (IND) COMMENTED MOST REGRETTABLE THAT
NO DEMONSTRATION UNITY BY ALL PARTIES, ATTRIBUTED THIS TO
SUSPICIOUS AROUSED ELECTION CAMPAIGN; PAPER ALSO SAID
NOTHING COULD BE WORSE THAN IRRESPONSIBLE CRITICISM OF
POWERS WHO ENSURE WEST BERLIN'S FREEDOM.

DER TAG (PRO-CDU) ENDORSED STATEMENT BY CDU LEADER
KRONE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT FEDREP WOULD CONTINUE POLICY
CLOSEST ALLIANCE WITH WEST, CRITICIZED BRANDT FOR BITTERLY

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DEMANDING COUNTERMEASURES BY WEST. DIE WELT (IND) ATTACHED SPD PROPOSAL REFER BERLIN QUESTION TO UN, SAID THIS WOULD UNDERMINE FOUR-POWER RESPONSIBILITY, AND ADDED BRANDT SUGGESTION GIVE UP FOUR-POWER STATUS BERLIN DANGEROUS.

TELEGRAF (SPD) EDITOR SCHOLZ REGRETTED NO COMMENT DECLARATION MADE END OF SESSION, BLAMED THIS ON GOVTS ELECTION STRATEGY.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S DRIVE THROUGH STREETS LINED WITH CROWDS OF WAVING BERLINERS WHO HAD BEEN WAITING IN DRIZZLE FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS WAS TRIUMPH. PEOPLE GREETING MOTORCADE WERE SHOUTING WORDS OF WELCOME, MANY OF THEM WEEPING WITH JOY. VP AND BRANDT WERE MOBBED AS THEY STEPPED OUT OF CAR AND WALKED PART OF WAY.

CROWD THAT WAS ASSEMBLED IN CITY HALL SQUARE AND STREETS LEADING TO IT AS LARGE AS FOR AUG 16 PROTEST RALLY (BERLIN'S 197 BONN, 224 SECSTATE). CROWD NOTABLE FOR PATIENCE WITH WHICH IT AWAITED ARRIVAL OF MOTORCADE. SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT PROGRESS OF VISITORS FROM AIRPORT TO CITY HALL PRODUCED RIPPLES OF REACTION, APPARENT APPROVAL THAT PARTY WAS DRIVING TO POTSDAMER PLATZ TO LOOK AT SECTOR BARRIERS, AND SATISFACTION THAT PROGRESS OF CARS DELAYED BY POPULAR GREETINGS. LARGE NUMBER OF POSTERS ON DISPLAY, ALMOST HALF OF WHICH IN ENGLISH. SEVERAL RATHER CHIDINGLY CALLED FOR ACTION: "WESTERN POWERS, DO YOUR DUTY-INTERVENE;" "MORE COURAGE FOR FREEDOM;" "DONT PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE YESTERDAY." OTHERS SAID, "DONT LET US DOWN;" "WE TRUST OUR PROTECTING POWERS" "WASHINGTON IS NEARER THAN BONN;" "THANK YOU FOR COMING, MR JOHNSON."

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S BERLIN VISIT DOMINATED ALL WEST
BERLIN PAPERS, WITH TAGESPIEGEL (INDEP) GIVING MOST OF
FIRST FOUR PAGES TO STORY. HEADLINES FEATURED FIRMNESS
AND DECIVENESS OF VP'S STATEMENTS AND ROYAL WELCOME GIVEN
HIM BY POPULACE. ALL PAPERS RAN EITHER ENTIRE TEXT OR
EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM VP'S ADDRESS TO BERLIN
HOUSE OF REPS. BONN AND BERLIN ARRIVAL STATEMENTS WERE
ALSO CARRIED, AS WERE EXCERPTS FROM BRANDT GREETING
SPEECH AND GOVERNING MAYOR'S AND FONMIN VON BRENTANO'S
SPEECHES IN HOUSE. PRESS CARRIED LENGTHY DESCRIPTIONS
OF VP'S TRIUMPHAL MOTORCADE FROM AIRPORT TO RATHAUS,
EMPHASIZING STORMY GREETING GIVEN BY HUGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC
CROWDS. GENERAL CLAY'S NAME FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN ALL
STORIES, AND SEVERAL PAPERS RAN SPECULATIVE DPA STORY
FROM BERLIN REPORTING THAT CLAY MIGHT TAKE OVER MILITARY
ASSIGNMENT IN BERLIN.

HIGHLIGHTED WERE VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS THAT COMMUNIST
MOVES HAD UNITED WESTERN ALLIES MORE FIRMLY THAN EVER,
THAT AMERICA'S GUARANTEES OF WEST BERLIN FREEDOM AND
WESTERN ACCESS RIGHTS TO BERLIN WERE FIRM, AND THAT COMMUNISTS
WERE CONGRATULATING SELVES TOO SOON. VICE PRESIDENT'S
WORDS OF SYMPATHY FOR BERLINERS' "BROTHERS IN THE EAST"
WERE WELL PLAYED, AS WAS HIS STATEMENT, "TYRANNY'S DAYS
ARE NUMBERED."

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TELEGRAF (PRO SPD) CARRIED DPA/AP STORY FROM BONN TO EFFECT THAT AMERICAN SIDE HAD "POLITELY BUT FIRMLY" TURNED DOWN REQUEST BY CHANCELLOR ADENAUER TO ACCOMPANY PARTY TO BERLIN ON GROUND OF DESIRE TO AVOID INJECTION OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INTO VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. DER TAG (PRO CDU) CARRIED SEVERAL COLUMNS OF BIOGRAPHY OF VICE PRESIDENT.

EDITORIALLY, ALL WEST BERLIN PAPERS EXPRESSED DEEP SATISFACTION WITH VP'S VISIT, WHICH ALONG WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPENDING ARRIVAL US TROOP REINFORCEMENTS, WAS SEEN AS EVIDENCE AMERICANS WOULD STAND FAST IN WEST BERLIN. WITH REGARD PRESENT BERLIN SITUATION, COOLER HEADS WERE BEGINNING PREVAIL AS COMMENTATORS POINTED OUT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS REQUIRE PATIENT, LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS AND THAT NO DRASTIC, AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY WEST WAS INDICATED/ TELEGRAF CHIEF EDITOR SCHOLZ SAID "JOHNSON WAS A GOOD AMBASSADOR OF HIS PEOPLE AND PRESIDENT. HIS WORDS WERE SIMPLE, UNPATHETIC AND FOR THAT VERY REASON HAD A BELIEVABLE RING. BERLINERS UNDERSTOOD HIM AND WENT BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN GOOD SPIRITS AND WILL GO BACK TO WORK ON MONDAY WITH NEW STRENGTH... IN BERLIN THERE HAS BEEN SHOWN AGAIN IN THESE DAYS WHAT WAS HEARD IN MANY SPEECHES; BERLINERS DO NOT WANT TO LET THEMSELVES BE DIVIDED AND THEY WOULD WELCOME ANY STEP CALCULATED TO TEAR DOWN THE WALLS THAT STAND TODAY AT POTSDAMER PLATZ AND THE BRANDENBURG GATE. THEY ARE CLEAR THAT AN OPEN CONFLICT OFFERS NO CHANCE BUT RATHER DESTROYS EVERYTHING AGAIN, INCLUDING THE GIGANTIC RECONSTRUCTION JOB THAT BERLINERS THEMSELVES HAVE ACHIEVED."

DER TAG BRIEFLY REVIEWED LAST WEEK'S CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN BERLIN, WHICH PAPER SAW OVERCOME BY VP'S VISIT. VISIT HAD FOCUSED WORLD ATTENTION ON FACT THAT "UNITED STATES, AS LEADING POWER OF BELEAGURED WEST, FULLY ACCEPTS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES." PAPER CRITICIZED THAT "IN SUCH AN HOUR OF CONFUSION THERE SHOULD BE A CALL TO CONVERT FOUR-POWER STATUS OF BERLIN INTO THREE-POWER STATUS."

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CHIEF EDITOR SILEX, IN TAGESPIEGEL, SAW IN VP'S VISIT THE REACTION THAT HAD BEEN MISSING AND WHOSE ABSENCE HAD INEVITABLY CREATED WAVE OF DISAPPOINTMENT. SILEX COMPLIMENTED BRANDT FOR HAVING TAKEN INITIATIVE IN WRITING LETTER TO KENNEDY AND CRITICIZED FEDGOV FOR ITS LASSITUDE. REST OF EDITORIAL WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF "RIGHTS". SILEX REGRETTED WEST'S TENDENCY TO CONCENTRATE ON TECHNICAL LEGALITIES IN FACE OF AGGRESSIVE MOVES BY OTHER SIDE. SILEX SAID UNDER SECRETARY BOWLES, IN DISCUSSIONS OF BERLIN DURING RECENT AFRICA-ASIA TRIP, HAD FOUND LACK OF RESPONSE TO EXPLANATIONS OF LEGAL RIGHTS BUT HAD GAINED SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING WHEN HE RESTED CASE ON AMERICAN ROLE AS PROTECTOR OF FREEDOM, SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. THIS WAS SEEN AS FAVORABLE SIGN FOR FORTHCOMING BELGRADE CONFERENCE OF NEUTRALS. WITH REGARD TO WHAT SILEX SAW AS A SHRINKAGE OF WESTERN RESPONSIBILITY SINCE NOV 1958 FROM ALL BERLIN TO WEST BERLIN, HE SAID THIS HAD GOAL OF PREPARING POPULATION IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES MORE EFFECTIVELY BY SETTING MOST SPECIFIC BOUNDARIES ON COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. SILEX REGRETTED THAT WESTERN PROTEST NOTES OVER EVENTS OF AUGUST 13 WERE SENT ONLY TO MOSCOW, BELIEVED PROTEST SHOULD HAVE GONE TO ALL WARSAW PACT STATES, SINCE ALL PARTICIPATED IN UNLEASHING CRISIS.

EAST BERLIN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, AUG 20 CARRIED FOUR SHORT

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SATIRIC ITEMS RE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IN BERLIN. TONE OF ARTICLES WAS SET BY EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "CORSET SUPPORT" (KORSSETTSTUETZE), WHICH ACCOMPANIED CARTOON SHOWING US TANK ARRIVING IN BERLIN WITH LARGE IRON CORSET HANGING FROM CANNON. TWO CIVILIAN BERLINERS, WITH SARDONIC EXPRESSIONS ON FACES, COMMENT THAT "AMIS HAVE BROUGHT BRANDT CORSET SO THAT HE DOESN'T FALL COMPLETELY APART". EDITORIAL ACCOMPANYING CARTOON SAID: "AS REPORTED, BRANDT ASKED AMERICAN PRESIDENT BY LETTER FOR CORSET SUPPORT. SINCE HE GUARANTEED AT SAME TIME TO PAY FOR IT FROM TAXES OF WEST BERLINERS, CORSET SUPPORT, 'MADE IN USA', ARRIVED PROMPTLY. IT IS MISTER VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON WITH MILITARY ESCORT.

"ON ARRIVING, MR JOHNSON SAID: 'NOW I CAN EXAMINE WITH OWN EYES CONSEQUENCES THIS TRAGIC SITUATION...'

"DO EXACTLY THAT, MISTER, SINCE YOU HAVE GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH TRAGIC SITUATIONS. FIRST LAOS, THEN CUBA. WAS IT NOT YOU WHO VISITED ALSO MR DIEM IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND MR CHANG KAI SHEK IN TAIWAN? IN THIS CASE, IT WAS QUITE APPROPRIATE THAT PRECISELY YOU SHOULD COME TO MR BRANDT. AS COLLECTOR OF FORLORN US CREATURES, DONT FLY NEXT TO HELGOLAND, BUT RATHER TO COMMANDER OF BIZERTE.

"DID YOU SAY THAT 'BORDER OF FREEDOM NOW RUNS THROUGH BERLIN'? WHOSE FREEDOM DID YOU MEAN? THAT OF THE MILLIONS OR THAT OF MILLIONAIRES, SUPPORTERS OF PEACE OR AGENTS OF NATO? LIBERTY OF PEOPLE RULES IN CAPITAL CITY OF GDR.

"BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO TAKE YOUR MILITARY ESCORT WITH YOU RIGHT AWAY? THEN LATER, MISTER, AT TIME OF PEACE TREATY. YOU ARE EXPERIENCED IN SUCH THINGS..."

ADN EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY IN REPLY TO SFB AND RIAS REPORTS RE RUMORS OF CHANGE IN CURRENCY CARRIED ITEM STATING FINANCE MINISTRY KNOW OF NO SUCH PLANS

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PLEASE TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT I CONSIDER VICE PRESIDENT'S BERLIN VISIT TO HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS IN RESTORING BERLIN MORALE AND DISPELLING MOOD OF DESPAIR PREVALENT IN EARLIER PART OF WEEK. IN BRIEF, IT WAS MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN BERLIN HISTORY SINCE LIFTING OF BLOCKADE.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT CITY HALL SQUARE AND IN STREETS YESTERDAY ESTIMATED AT RECORD-BREAKING ONE MILLION. VICE PRESIDENT RECEIVED EVEN HEARTIER WELCOME ON EXTENSIVE CITY TOUR THIS MORNING, FAVORED BY GOOD WEATHER, THAN ON ARRIVAL IN DRIZZLE YESTERDAY. HE WAS WIDELY CHEERED WHEREVER HE WENT AND CRUSHED BY CROWDS WHENEVER HE GO OUT OF CAR. HIS AFFIRMATION OF FREEDOM DREW ROARS OF APPLAUSE DURING EACH OF HIS SPEECHES. TREMENDOUS EMOTIONAL RESPONSE OF POPULATION INDICATIVE OF PEOPLE'S HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF AMERICA'S GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AS REPRESENTED BY VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL CLAY, WITH CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN BERLIN.

PRESENCE OF GENERAL CLAY TO ACCOMPANY VICE PRESIDENT WAS PROFOUNDLY GRATIFYING TO BERLINERS. BOTH MAYOR BRANDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER VON BRENTANO REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED TREMENDOUS IMPACT OF VISIT IN BOOSTING SPIRITS NOT ONLY OF BERLINERS BUT ALSO OF GERMANS IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC

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FIRST UNIT OF AMERICAN BATTLE GROUP ORDERED INTO BERLIN WAS MET BY VICE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNING MAYOR AT WEST BERLIN BORDERS WITH HUGE, CHEERING CROWDS IN ATTENDANCE. ARRIVAL OF BATTLE GROUP AND SWIFTNESS OF THEIR MOVE TO BERLIN CONTRIBUTED FURTHER TO MAKING THIS MOST EVENTFUL DAY. BATTLE GROUP COMMANDER SAID ONLY COMPARABLE WELCOME "WAS WHEN WE LIBERATED FRANCE."

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Hammaraskjöld Funeral: Visit of Vice President

The funeral of the late Secretary General HAMMARSKJÖLD on September 29 was the occasion for the gathering in Sweden of probably the largest assembly of high representatives of foreign governments in the country's history. The presence of the United States delegation, headed by Vice President JOHNSON, representing the President, received marked attention from the Swedish Government, public, and news media. The Vice President was the third ranking foreign dignitary at the funeral, and the highest ranking representative of any nation; he was placed immediately after Mongi SLIM of Tunisia, who was present in the capacity of President of the UN General Assembly, and Nathan HARNES of Liberia in the capacity of President of the Security Council.

The Vice President, accompanied by Ambassador STEVENSON, Senator KUCHEL, Mr. LABOUISSSE, Assistant Secretary CROCKETT, and other US and UN officials, arrived by special mission aircraft at Arlanda Airport at 12:30 p.m. on September 29 (Ambassador JARRING was also on the plane at the Vice President's invitation). Mr. Johnson was greeted by Prime Minister ERLANDER, Foreign Minister UNDÉN, myself, and other officials. Both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister had left a meeting of the Foreign Relations Council in Stockholm in the presence of the King in order to be present. On his arrival, the Vice President made a statement paying tribute to Mr. Hammaraskjöld and talked briefly to the press. He also made a statement at the airport on his departure. Mr. Johnson's statements, copies of which are attached as enclosures, were printed in the Stockholm USIS News Bulletin and were widely reported in the Swedish press. Also attached are copies of the program arranged for the Vice President, and other briefing material prepared by the Embassy for Mr. Johnson and his party.

In view of the short time between the Vice President's arrival and the funeral at 3:00 p.m., and the fact that Arlanda Airport is almost one hour's drive from Stockholm, it was not possible for the Vice President to proceed to Stockholm for luncheon, as had been originally planned in light of earlier

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Information that the Vice President might arrive on the evening of September 28. Accordingly, the Embassy had arranged for the party to go immediately to the Stadshotellet at Sigtuna, almost en route from Arlanda to Uppsala, where luncheon was served and the Vice President and other members of the party had an opportunity to rest briefly. The group then proceeded directly to Uppsala.

The funeral service at Uppsala Cathedral, attended by the King and Queen of Sweden, numerous foreign dignitaries, the diplomatic corps, and prominent Swedes, was a moving occasion, presided over by the 81-year-old retired Archbishop EIDEM, who some years ago had performed the last rites at the death of Mr. Hammarskjöld's father, Prime Minister of Sweden during World War I. After the service, the Vice President and other US representatives joined in the funeral procession to the Hammarskjöld family grave at Uppsala cemetery, where the interment took place. The funeral and interment ceremonies lasted almost two hours.

The group then moved to Uppsala Castle, where an informal reception was given by the Government. The reception gave me the opportunity to introduce numerous Swedes and representatives of other nations to the Vice President, Ambassador Stevenson and the other US visitors.

After the reception, I accompanied the Vice President, Senator Kuchel and others of the group, including some UN officials, to Arlanda, where the Vice President and his party took off for Paris at 6:15 p.m. Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. Labouisse proceeded directly with my wife to the official Embassy residence, where I joined them later and accompanied them to the dinner given by the Government in the Foreign Ministry at 8:30 p.m. for the foreign dignitaries. Prime Minister Erlander was host at the dinner, which was of an informal nature and provided further opportunity for conversations. After staying overnight at the residence, Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. Labouisse left by air at noon on September 30 for Copenhagen. Ambassador Stevenson gave a brief interview to representatives of Swedish television at the airport on his departure, which will be included in the telecast "Panorama" on October 9.

September 28, the day before the funeral, was marked by the arrival at Bromma airport of the remains of Mr. Hammarskjöld and others, including three Americans (Messrs. RANALLO, WIESCHOFF and JULIEN), who had lost their lives in the disaster. The impressive two-hour long ceremony included placing of wreaths on Mr. Hammarskjöld's casket by the Prime Minister and members of the Hammarskjöld family, and of wreaths in my name on the caskets of the three Americans.

The same evening a mass open-air ceremony of commemoration was held at Gärdet, close to the Embassy, attended by some 100,000 to 150,000 people, who had marched to the scene in four columns from different assembly points, carrying flaming torches. The leading speaker was Foreign Minister Undén, who paid tribute to Mr. Hammarskjöld and was extremely critical of foreign mercenaries in the Congo (Embassy Airgram 164, September 29). The extraordinary attendance and profound silence of the crowd was a moving tribute to the man who is now ranked as the greatest Swede of this time and an indication of the depth of unease which the crisis for the UN has caused at a particularly grave juncture of events in Europe and the world.

The visit of the Vice President, Ambassador Stevenson and other US

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Dignitaries received considerable attention and extensive photographic coverage in the Swedish press. The wreaths ordered by the Embassy to be sent to the funeral in the name of the President and the Vice President were described in detail in the press and were individually photographed. The King of Sweden had indicated willingness and even eagerness to grant an audience to the Vice President (the initiative from the Palace was taken before the Embassy had been authorized by the Department to request an audience; in view of the shortness of the Vice President's visit an audience did not in fact prove practicable, although the King and the Vice President did of course see each other from a distance at the funeral.)

Other US visitors for the funeral included Senator KEATING of New York, as Governor ROCKEFELLER's representative, and Mrs. Charlotte SHEDD of Wilmington, Delaware, as the representative of Governor CARVEL. The Embassy provided appropriate assistance to them, arranging for their seating in the cathedral, their admission to the Government reception, and transportation to and from Uppsala, by car in the case of Senator Keating and by accommodation in the special train in the case of Mrs. Shedd. Former Governor NOE of Louisiana, a friend of Senator KLIENER and Congressman PASSMAN (Deptel 174 of September 22) and his wife were provided by the Embassy with tickets to the funeral at extremely short notice, on the day of the funeral.

The death of Hammarskjöld in such tragic circumstances has naturally had a considerable impact upon the Swedish people. His grave was visited by some 10,000 to 15,000 persons each day on the weekend following the funeral.

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- 1. Texts of Vice President's statements.
- 2. Outline of Vice President's Program and other briefing material prepared by Embassy (3 copies).

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Vice President Johnson's Arrival Statement, September 29

The people of Sweden have both special pride and special grief in the life and death of the late Dag Hammarskjöld. He was a distinguished citizen of your country and his career was the source of great honor to Sweden.

But he is mourned so widely today because he was also a citizen of the world and a servant of mankind. His devotion was to principles that are universal -- and to a moral law which is indestructible. His service to these causes through the United Nations is proof that mortal man can owe his ultimate loyalty to deathless ideals.

I am here as the personal representative of the President of the United States who has asked me to convey his profound sense of personal loss. On this somber occasion I also represent the people of the United States as a whole -- who share your grief in Mr. Hammarskjöld's tragic death -- who join with you in a deep sense of pride at his accomplishments -- and who pray with you that the nations of the world will persevere in the cause in which he died.

The name of Dag Hammarskjöld has entered history -- and history confers its highest honors for heroes of peace.

Vice President Johnson's Departure Statement, September 29

This brief trip to Sweden has been to represent the United States at the funeral which has made this a day of mourning throughout most of the world.

Dag Hammarskjöld has been eulogized by the leaders of many nations. There is nothing I can add to their words. I can only say that the world will miss his counsel and we are all the poorer for his passing. Our task now is to honor his name in the way that would please him most -- by strengthening the United Nations to which he contributed so much until freedom from war can be guaranteed to all peoples and disputes are settled by peaceful means.

In the course of this sad occasion, I have had enough quick glimpses of your lovely country -- and enough brief contacts with your wonderful people -- to resolve to return to Sweden under happier circumstances.

In the name of President Kennedy, may I thank you for your many courtesies to me.

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Outline of Program, Friday, September 29

1. After arrival at Arlanda airport at 12:00 noon, the Vice President and his party, accompanied by the Ambassador, Embassy officers and Mr. Fredrik Bergenstråhle (Foreign Ministry officer detailed to the Vice President's party), will proceed by car to the Stadshotellet, Sigtuna, for luncheon. The hotel is about 15 minutes drive from the airport. A suite is set aside for the Vice President. Other rooms are also available.
2. After the luncheon, the party will leave the hotel shortly before 2:00 p.m. and will go directly by car to Uppsala Cathedral. The drive will take about 25 minutes.
3. The funeral service in Uppsala Cathedral will begin at 3:00 p.m. (guests are asked to be in their seats by 2:45 p.m.) and is expected to last less than one hour. Dress is morning coat with black four in hand necktie and silk hat.
4. When the service ends, the funeral procession (including the Vice President and his party) will move from the Cathedral and remain outside the main entrance until the procession is ready to proceed to the graveside. The procession on foot to the grave will take about 15 to 17 minutes.
5. The service at the graveside is expected to take about 20 minutes.
6. Thereafter, the group will proceed by car or on foot (5 to 6 minutes walk) to the Palace for the reception to be given by the Government, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. The reception will be of a simple nature, with tea, coffee, sherry and sandwiches being served.
7. After spending an appropriate time at the reception, the Vice President and his party will depart by car for Arlanda airport for the takeoff at 6:00 p.m.
8. Ambassador Stevenson, accompanied by ~~the Ambassador and~~ Mrs. Parsons and those members of the group who plan to remain overnight in Stockholm, will then proceed by car to the Embassy residence, a drive of about one hour.
9. Ambassador Stevenson and the other invited guests will accompany the Ambassador to the dinner to be given by the Prime Minister at the Foreign Ministry at 8:30 p.m. Dress is dark suit with black four in hand necktie.

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Provisional Program for the Funeral in Uppsala Cathedral

Hymns are sung by:

Uppsala Cathedral Boy Choir, led by Birger Oldemark, and
Uppsala Cathedral Choir and orchestra led by Henry Weman.

Fantasy C Minor, by J. S. Bach.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi

Miserere nobis. (A. Gabrieli)

Opening psalm.

At the end of the opening psalm, Archbishop Eidem steps up to his place at the coffin.

Oration.

Prayers.

The congregation stands up while the Archbishop performs the ashes ritual.

The congregation sits down.

Prayer read by Archbishop Eidem.

Psalm

The Lord's Prayer.

When the last psalm is being sung, Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren and Dean Olle Herrlin step up to the altar.

Liturgy.

The congregation sings: Amen.

Archbishop Hultgren reads the blessing.

Concluding psalm.

Opera singer Elisabeth Söderström sings from the gallery a part of Händel's Messiah Oratorium, accompanied by a violin orchestra led by Henry Weman.

The Cathedral Choir sings.

The procession leaves the Cathedral, to organ music by Bach.

City of Uppsala

The city was founded in the 13th Century. Its population is 76,000.

The city has been the seat of the Archbishops of Sweden since 1302.

The Cathedral (largest in Scandinavia) was consecrated in 1435 but construction began at the end of the 13th Century.

Kings of Sweden have been crowned in Uppsala since the 15th Century (although modern Swedish Kings have abstained from coronation ceremonies).

Uppsala Castle* (built from 1540-1614), is now the residence of the Governor of the Province of Uppsala. Dag Hammarskjöld's father, Hjalmar Hammarskjöld, was Governor there 1907-1930, and the Castle thus was Mr. Hammarskjöld's home during his boyhood and student years.

Uppsala University, Sweden's oldest, was founded in 1477. It has five faculties (theology, law, medicine, arts, and technology), 450 professors and 8,000 students.

* Also referred to as Uppsala Palace.

The Swedish Royal Family

The following members of the Swedish Royal Family plan to attend the funeral:

King Gustaf VI Adolf (78)

Queen Louise (72), British-born, the sister of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.
The King and Queen were married in 1923 and have no children.

Crown Prince Carl Gustaf (15), the King's grandson, and son of the King's eldest son, the late Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf, born 1906, who was killed in an air crash in 1947.

Prince Bertil (49), the King's third son by his earlier marriage to Margaret, a British Princess, who died in 1920. The King's first son was killed (as noted above) while the second and fourth married commoners.

Prince Wilhelm (77), the King's brother.

Princess Margaretha (27)

Princess Desirée (23)

Princess Christina (18)

} Granddaughters of the King and
sisters of the Crown Prince.

Princess Sibylla, German-born mother of the Crown Prince and the three Princesses, has not been listed among the members of the Royal family attending the funeral, nor has Princess Birgitta, her other daughter, who married a German Prince last May. They will probably be in Germany at the time of the funeral.

Biography of Secretary General Hammarskjöld

Dag Hammarskjöld was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, in 1953 to succeed Trygve Lie of Norway. He made the high UN office a position of international executive authority.

A quiet, unemotional bachelor, he had successfully handled a succession of crises during his career at the United Nations with patience, perseverance, calmness and objectivity.

Believing that a peaceful, unified Congo was necessary to insure world stability, he had organized the UN force in that area to help accomplish those aims.

His ill-fated journey to Katanga was the last of his numerous peace-making projects which started in 1955 with a journey to Peiping to undertake the liberation of eleven US airmen seized during the Korean War.

Shortly thereafter he had to face two international crises--the Soviet smashing of the Hungarian uprising and the Suez problem. Then followed the revolt in Iraq, which resulted in US Marines being sent to Lebanon and British troops to Jordan to preserve order in that part of the world.

In recent months he had been under Soviet attacks because of his peace-making efforts in the Congo where Soviet infiltration efforts were hampered by UN operations.

In face of demands by Premier Khrushchev for his resignation he vowed last fall to resist pressures and to remain in office to protect the small nations which consider the United Nations their haven.

Mr. Hammarskjöld was born on July 29, 1905 in Jönköping, a member of a distinguished family which for generations had provided Sweden with statesmen and military leaders since the first Hammarskjöld was knighted in 1610 for valor in battle. Hjalmar Hammarskjöld, Mr. Hammarskjöld's father, was Conservative Prime Minister during World War I.

Mr. Hammarskjöld grew up in Uppsala, the seat of the family home. He received his liberal arts degree from Uppsala University in 1925, his law degree in 1930, and his doctor's degree in economics from the University of Stockholm in 1934.

In 1936, at the age of 31, Mr. Hammarskjöld was appointed Under Secretary of Finance, in which position he served for ten years. He also had responsibilities as a member of the Economic Research Institute (1937-48), as a member of the Foreign Exchange Board (1940-48), President of the Board of Governors of the Bank of Sweden (1941-48) and as financial adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1946-48). After World War II, Mr. Hammarskjöld was Sweden's representative at the original Marshall Plan meetings in Paris, and subsequently devoted considerable time to OEEC matters.

Mr. Hammarskjöld became one of the eighteen members of the Swedish

Academy in 1951, when he succeeded his father as the holder of the position traditionally held by a prominent statesman. His deep insight into modern literature and poetry made him an asset to the Academy in deciding the annual award of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

In 1949, Mr. Hammarskjöld was appointed Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry (equivalent to Deputy Foreign Minister) and two years later was made Minister Without Portfolio in the Cabinet, in which capacity he dealt primarily with economic foreign policy matters. In the fall of 1952 Mr. Hammarskjöld came to New York City as vice chairman of the Swedish delegation to the UN General Assembly, becoming head of the delegation early in 1953. He continued in that position until April 1, 1953, when the General Assembly selected him as UN Secretary General. His five-year term of office was subsequently extended for another five years, from 1958, and was cut short by his tragic death at the age of 56.

Mr. Hammarskjöld's Relatives

Mr. Hammarskjöld is survived by two brothers, retired Provincial Governor Bo Hammarskjöld (70), who was head of the Food Rationing Administration during World War II, and Sten Hammarskjöld (61), a Bureau Secretary in the National Board of Agriculture. A third brother, Åke Hammarskjöld, who died in 1937, was a career diplomat who became a Secretary General and Justice of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. His widow is still living. They had three sons (nephews of the late Secretary General) of whom Knut (39) is now EFTA's Deputy Secretary General in Geneva, and Feder (38) is First Secretary in the Foreign Ministry. The third son Michael (29), is understood to be studying law.

Members of the Swedish Cabinet

(All are Social Democrats)

Prime Minister Tage ERLANDER, who is head of the Social Democratic Party, has held his post for fifteen years. He and Mrs. Erlander visited the US last spring, met the President, and visited a number of states in the East, the Mid West and the Far West. The Prime Minister is 60.

Foreign Minister Usten UNDEN has held that post for sixteen years, was also Foreign Minister in 1924-26, and first joined the Cabinet as Minister Without Portfolio in 1917. He plans to leave for New York early in October to head the Swedish delegation to the UN General Assembly, as he has done in the past. He is 75.

Minister of Commerce Gunnar LANGE has held that post for the past six years after having served earlier as Under Secretary of Agriculture (1946-50) and Under Secretary of Finance (1950-54). He lived in the US from 1940-43, as a student of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin and as assistant professor of political economy at the University of North Carolina. He is 52.

Minister of Social Welfare Torsten NILSSON previously served as Minister of Defense and Minister of Communications, and as Secretary of the Social Democratic Party. He is 56.

Minister of Finance Gunnar STRAND has held his present post for six years and has also been Social Welfare Minister, Minister Without Portfolio, Minister of Supply, and Minister of Agriculture. He is 55.

Minister of Defense Sven ANDERSSON has also served as Minister of Communications and Secretary of the Social Democratic Party. He is 50.

Minister of Agriculture Gösta NETZIN has held that post for four years and was previously editor of a large Social Democratic newspaper in Malmö.

Minister of the Interior Rune JOHANSSON specialized both in the Parliament (Riksdag) and earlier in Provincial Assembly work on hospital and health questions before joining the Cabinet in 1957. He is 46.

Minister of Education and Ecclesiastical Affairs Ragnar EDENMAN has held that post since 1957, after first having been Minister Without Portfolio. He was previously Under Secretary of that Ministry for six years. He is a Doctor of Philosophy and is 47.

Minister of Communications Gösta SKOGLUND has held that office for the past four years. He was previously a public school teacher, is honorary Doctor of Dental Surgery, and has been a member of the Riksdag for 21 years. He is 58.

Minister of Justice Herman KLING served previously as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Under Secretary of the Civil Service Ministry, Paymaster-General, President of the Board of Governors of the National Debt Office, and Minister Without Portfolio (1957-59). He is 48.

Minister of the Civil Service Sigurd LINDBLOM has held that post for six years. Originally an iron worker, he has been a member of the Riksdag since 1937 and was a member of the Board of Governors of the National Debt Office from 1951-55. He is 57.

Minister Without Portfolio Mrs. Ulla LINDBLOM is the only woman member of the Cabinet. She handles subjects which require coordination between two or more Ministries, including foreign aid and technical assistance and certain health and social welfare activities. She has been in office for the past seven years, and has been a member of many Swedish UNGA delegations. She is 52.

Minister Without Portfolio Sven AP OBERJERSTAN, in office since 1953, is one of the two Cabinet Ministers who is required to have legal and administrative training and to be consulted on the constitutional validity of Government actions and decrees. He was previously Under Secretary of the Interior (1953-38) after having had a career in the law courts. He is 48.

Minister Without Portfolio Rune HERMANSSON, the Cabinet's second "legal consultant", was appointed in 1960. He was previously Justice of one of the country's six Courts of Appeal. He is 44.

Protocol Notes

The following protocol notes with respect to the usual procedure followed at Swedish dinners may be of interest.

1. On entering the dining room, the host leads the way, with the lady guest of honor on his right. The other guests follow, with each gentleman escorting a lady on his right.

The hostess is the last to enter the dining room, with the male guest of honor to her left.

2. At the table, the lady guest of honor is seated to the right of the host, but the male guest of honor is seated to the left of the hostess.

3. When the first wine is served, the host will tap his glass and make a short speech of welcome, after which he raises his glass to his lips and proposes a "skål" (skool), whereupon each guest takes his glass and the assembled company sips the wine, raising the glass slightly to the host and hostess just before and just after sipping the wine.

4. During the course of the dinner the host may skål gentlemen and lady guests individually, the guests responding to the host as indicated above. The gentlemen guests may skål each other in turn, a skål being returned within a few minutes, with the exception that the host's individual skål is not returned. If ladies are skåled, they respond but do not return the toast later. The hostess may not be skåled for obvious reasons.

5. At the end of the meal, after the dessert has been passed for the second time (or for the only time, if it becomes clear that there will be no second serving), it is customary for the guest of honor to tap his glass and to make a short speech of thanks to the host and hostess on behalf of himself and the other guests.

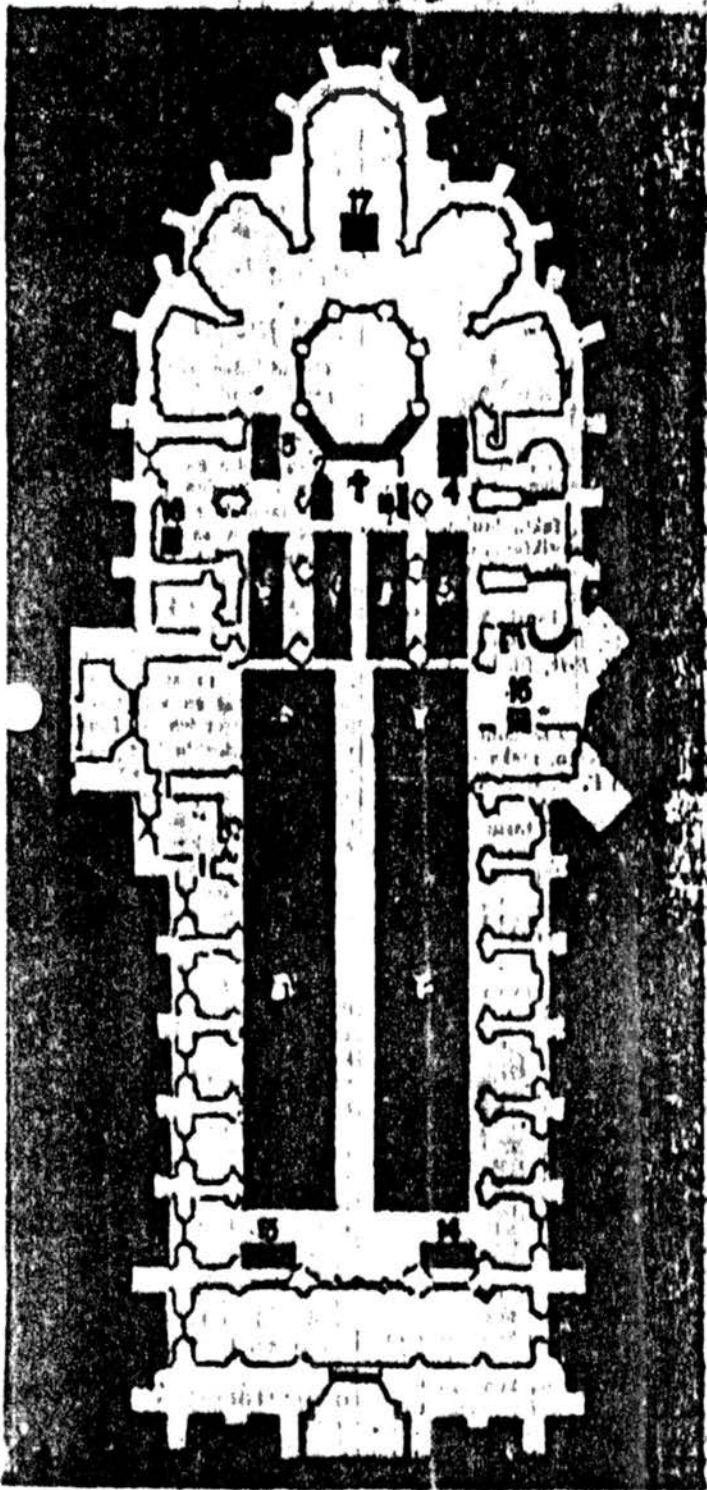
6. On leaving the dining room, the hostess leaves first, with the gentleman guest of honor on her left. The other guests follow, with the host and the lady guest of honor bringing up the rear, the host being on the left.

7. Each couple may then shake hands, thanking each other for pleasant company.

8. The host and hostess stand in the center of the room to which the group has moved, and the guests then approach them and shake hands for the dinner, following which coffee and liquors are served.

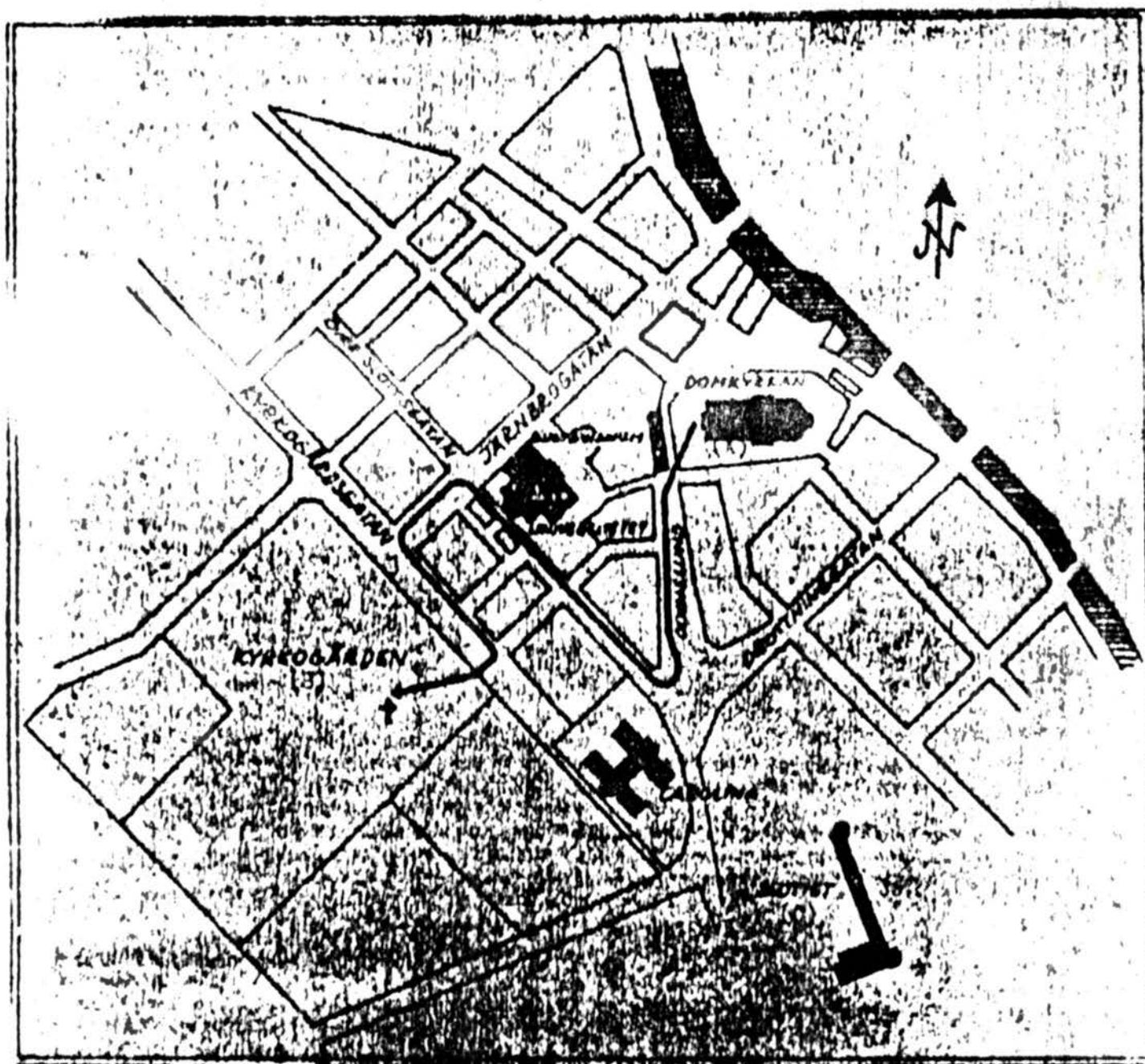
The procedure as outlined above is in practice less complicated than it appears to be; in present day usage the formerly rather rigid rules of skåling have been considerably relaxed, and foreign guests find it easy to proceed by following the example of the host and their Swedish dinner companions.

Seating in the Cathedral



1. Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Crown Prince, Prince Wilhelm, Prince Bertil, and Princesses Margareta, Desirée and Christina.
2. Chief mourners.
3. Other members of the Hassarvikjöld family.
4. Royal attendants.
5. Representatives of the press.
6. Diplomatic Corps.
7. Swedish Government, representatives of the United Nations and representatives of foreign governments and heads of state.
8. Representatives of the press.
- 9 & 10. Representatives of local authorities, the clergy, etc.
- 11 & 12. Approximately 1250 seats reserved for representatives of national organizations and for the public.
- 13 & 14. Student ushers.
15. Commentary for the radio by Sven Jerring.
16. TT (Swedish News Agency) personnel.
17. For translators of inscriptions on wreaths.

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- (B) Kyrkogården--Graveyard
- (C) Slottet--Palace

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Vice President Johnson's visit to Jamaica August 5-8

I. Summary

Vice President's visit to Jamaican independence celebrations involved unremitting schedule (1) official functions, (2) unofficial visits to key areas of interest in and outside of Kingston, (3) honors by HMG and GOM officials, (4) direct contacts with ordinary people as well as top leaders government, industry, agriculture, (5) speeches emphasizing US friendship, obligations of independence, role of Jamaica in western hemisphere. Program moved smoothly with every indication VP made powerful positive impact on both Jamaican Government and people. Contribution to festivities by US Navy, Air Force, Marines had significant bonus effect and added further to pride of resident American community in both extent and levels of US presence.

II. Program

A. VP, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Doherty attended following official functions: Flag raising ceremony, reception of delegates by HRH Princess Margaret, Prime Minister's reception, State Ball, opening of Parliament, State banquet. They were also principal guests at small private luncheon given by Princess Margaret in Governor General's residence.

B. Unofficial visits

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B. Unofficial visits to points of interest included (1) parade through Kingston with Prime Minister Bustamante, (2) tour of Kingston industrial estate with Minister Trade Industry Lightbourne, (3) tour of West Kingston slum areas with Minister Housing Tavares, (4) visit by helicopter to Innswood sugar estate accompanied by Minister Without Portfolio Shearer who principal labor leader in sugar industry and Minister Agriculture Cyles, (5) trips by helicopter to Peace Corps projects at Chestervale and Cobbla accompanied by Minister Development and Welfare Seaga, (6) greeted by officials on arrival Montego Bay airport, motorcade into town and civic reception Charles Square.

C. VP accorded following honors by HMG representatives not extended other delegates: (1) Met airport by Governor Blackburne as well as Prime Minister other Cabinet members, (2) honor guard at airport, (3) received privately by HRH Princess Margaret in residence, (4) seat in Royal box at flag raising. Also in highest ranking seat at State banquet after Prime Minister who immediately to right of Princess Margaret.

D. VP host at following: (1) Dinner at which main guests were Prime Minister, leading Cabinet officials, leader opposition Manley, Jamaican Ambassador-designate to Washington Ashenheim, (2) reception for leading government officials, representatives industry, education, press, radio, American community, international delegates to independence celebrations.

uwi E. Mrs. Johnson's schedule also included: (1) Visit to see native arts and crafts, (2) visits to USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN while ship entertaining local children, (3) guest of honor at luncheon where principal guests were Jamaican women outstanding in government, arts, and social work.

F. Mr. Doherty's visit also included meetings with leaders in trade union movement.

G. Contact with HMG and Jamaican officials and Jamaican public. VP had opportunity establish warm, friendly, personal relationships with Princess

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with Princess Margaret during private meeting in residence and again at her luncheon, with Prime Minister and leading Cabinet officials at his dinner where he met with them privately, during tours (see B above), and at his reception where he also spoke privately with Minister Finance Sangster. His public appearances brought out crowds of 10 to 15,000 in Kingston's Victoria Square, 6 to 10,000 at Montego Bay's Charles Square, and 4,000 at Innswood.

H. Main themes of (#) for Jamaica, (2) independence affords opportunity for Jamaica play role in defense democracy free world, (3) desirability diversification of agriculture, (4) need to encourage tourism especially for average income American, (5) Jamaica making commendable progress in resolving racial problems, (6) independence means entire community must work harder for general welfare, (7) US will assist Jamaica's development if Jamaica augments efforts in own behalf, (8) although largely a congressional matter, US immigration legislation will be reviewed in light Jamaican independence.

III. Comment: Jamaican-US relations probably at all-time high. Jamaicans tremendously flattered by level of US representation and delighted that representatives augmented official schedule to see people and rural areas in course short visit. They also drew great comfort from presence US military elements which actively added to brilliance of festivities and passively may have contributed to outstanding record of long holiday by incident or disorder. Finally, it should be appreciated that if all the foregoing has produced loud and general pronouncements about Jamaica's friendships for the American people, it has also heightened expectations of American assistance in trying days ahead.

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with Princess Margaret during private meeting in residence and again at her luncheon, with Prime Minister and leading Cabinet officials at his dinner where he met with them privately, during tours (see B above), and at his reception where he also spoke privately with Minister Finance Sangster. His public appearances brought out crowds of 10 to 15,000 in Kingston's Victoria Square, 6 to 10,000 at Montego Bay's Charles Square, and 4,000 at Innswood.

H. Main themes of VPS speeches were (1) friendship of US for Jamaica (2) independence affords opportunity for Jamaica play role in defense democracy free world, (3) desirability diversification of agriculture, (4) need to encourage tourism especially for average income American, (5) Jamaica making commendable progress in resolving racial problems, (6) independence means entire community must work harder for general welfare, (7) US will assist Jamaica's development if Jamaica augments efforts in own behalf, (8) although largely a congressional matter, US immigration legislation will be reviewed in light Jamaican independence.

III. Comment: Jamaican-US relations probably at all-time high. Jamaicans tremendously flattered by level of US representation and delighted that representatives augmented official schedule to see people and rural areas in course short visit. They also drew great comfort from presence US military elements which actively added to brilliance of festivities and passively may have contributed to outstanding record of long holiday by incident or disorder. Finally, it should be appreciated that if all the foregoing has produced loud and general pronouncements about Jamaica's friendships for the American people, it has also heightened expectations of American assistance in trying days ahead.

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FROM : Amembassy KINGSTON

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SUBJECT: Report on Vice President Johnson's Visit to Jamaica
for Independence Celebrations (August 5-8, 1962)

REF : -

There is attached a report summarizing and analyzing the Vice President's recent visit to Jamaica August 5-8, on the occasion of its independence celebrations. This report has been prepared by M. Gordon Knox, Principal Officer, U. S. Consulate General, Kingston, and approved by Robert Skiff, Foreign Policy Aide to the Vice President, and by me.

It is requested that a copy be forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for use as background material in preparation of the Vice President's report to the President concerning his visit to Jamaica.

The Embassy is preparing, and will shortly send, a press analysis of the Vice President's visit, together with a scrap book of pertinent clippings.

The undoubted success of this visit was much increased by the support given to it by the U. S. Navy which sent an aircraft carrier, several destroyers and other ships on good-will visits to Kingston and other Jamaican ports on this occasion. Another notable contributor was the U. S. Marine Corps which, together with the U. S. Navy, gave helicopter support to the Vice President. In addition, the U. S. Air

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sent one of its major bands to conduct concerts in Montego Bay and in Kingston and these concerts were very popular. It is hoped that reference to this valuable assistance will be sent to the appropriate officials concerned.

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Report on Vice President
Johnson's Visit to Jamaica

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Jamaica for Independence Celebrations
(August 5-8, 1962)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS

Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, accompanied by Miss Lynda B. Johnson, visited Jamaica for the independence celebrations. The Vice President presented letters of credence naming him the personal representative of the President of the United States for the duration of this visit. The second American Government delegate, with the personal rank of Ambassador, was Mr. William Charles Doherty, Vice President of the AFL/CIO. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Peggy Doherty.

The Vice President spent a busy three days.

Sunday, August 5, at 3:00 p.m. he arrived at the Kingston airport, was greeted by His Excellency, Sir Kenneth Blackburne, Royal Governor of Jamaica, and reviewed an honor guard. He made a formal call on Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, who was staying at the Governor's mansion as representative of her sister, Queen Elizabeth II. The Vice President then called on the Premier, Sir Alexander Bustamante, and rode with him in an open car through some crowded streets of Kingston culminating in the major city square, Victoria Park, where an enthusiastic crowd of about 10,000 listened to a brief talk by the Vice President, the Premier and others. That evening, Mr. Johnson entertained the 30 most important political leaders of Jamaica, including the Premier and his three major Cabinet officers, together with cultural figures, such as the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and prominent visiting Americans, such as Ralph Bunche of the United Nations. Immediately after dinner, he joined Premier Bustamante, Minister of

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Finance Sangster, Minister of Trade Lightbourne, and Minister of Development & Welfare Seaga in a brief private discussion of Jamaica's future economic and political problems. Thereafter, the Vice President and the Premier rode together in a car to the National Stadium where both sat in the Royal Box with Princess Margaret and Sir Kenneth Blackburne to observe the raising of the Jamaican flag and the attendant fireworks connected with the moment of independence which occurred at midnight between August 5 and August 6.

Monday, August 6. The following morning the Vice President made a tour of the industrial and harbor areas of Kingston accompanied by the Jamaican Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Robert Lightbourne. On his return, he attended a reception for distinguished national delegates given by the Royal Governor in honor of HRH Princess Margaret. This in turn was followed by an intimate luncheon for the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Doherty where the Princess was the guest of honor. In a quick shift of scene after lunch, Mr. Johnson toured some of the slum areas of Kingston, walked through muddy alleys lined with dismal shacks, and reviewed the model housing development being built with equally Jamaican and United States (AID) money. Here he was able to meet and speak with many of the poorest citizens of the city, as well as with some of the more fortunate families which have obtained model housing. Shortly after, on his return to the hotel, the Vice President went to Vale Royal, the official residence of the new Prime Minister of Jamaica, Sir Alexander Bustamante, who on the preceding midnight had doffed his former dependent title of Premier. There he attended a reception graced by HRH Princess Margaret and many thousands of distinguished guests from all parts of the island.

(The schedule concluded with attendance at a State Ball this evening).

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Tuesday, August 7. This day found the Vice President so busy but so determined to see more of the ordinary citizens and not just the notables of Kingston that helicopters were used to allow him to keep up with a tight and heavy schedule. The Vice Presidential party attended the opening of Parliament in the morning and promptly thereafter the Vice President returned to the hotel where, on an empty adjacent square, four U. S. Marine helicopters had been stationed. He and his party, and a group of international journalists, flew to Innswood, a center of sugar cane farming, where they descended on a cricket field containing a crowd estimated at 4,000 cane workers and their families. The Vice President spoke largely extemporaneously. His speech touched on the bonds of sympathy between Jamaica and the United States, alluded to the challenge as well as the opportunity afforded by independence, and the need for diligence, application and hard work. It promised American sympathy and support for those who seek along democratic paths a better life for themselves and their children, and concluded with a frank reference to the equality of man regardless of race or color and the need to maintain individual freedom against all encroachments. His talk evoked a wild, enthusiastic response, completely overshadowing the skillful talks of the Jamaican Cabinet officer and trade union leader, Hugh Shearer, or the Chairman of the Sugar Manufacturers Association, both of whom shared the rostrum with the Vice President. This speech proved to be the most effective contact between Mr. Johnson and the people of Jamaica, although it was rivalled by his address of Wednesday, August 8, in the main square of Jamaica's second city, Montego Bay.

The Vice President dramatically left the Innswood mass meeting by helicopter to visit two boys' vocational camps where a considerable part of the faculty consisted of U. S. Peace Corps members. These Youth Camps were located at Chestervale and Cobbla. At both places the

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Vice President gave brief talks and presented a sizeable number of paper-back books for the boys' libraries, the books concentrating on American history and on basic vocational skills. He also toured briefly some of the dormitories and work shops, accompanied at one camp by Mrs. Johnson and at both by his daughter, Miss Lynda Johnson, who gave a brief and effective talk at Cobbla.

On his return by helicopter to Kingston the Vice President attended a reception for some 500 members of the Jamaican-American community, including prominent members of the business and commercial world, trade union leaders and government officials. The reception, originally intended as a garden party, was interfered with by rain and the press of people anxious to meet the Vice President may have proved an excessive burden after so busy a day. Nevertheless, Mr. Johnson rose to the occasion, delivered gifts from the President of the United States to Prime Minister Bustamante, announced the award of \$75,000 in scholarships for young Jamaicans to be educated in the United States, and shook hands and spoke to guests from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He then retired to dress for the State Banquet. The reception, however, continued until almost 9:00 p.m. The guests were entertained by parts of the U. S. Air Force Headquarters Command Band and regaled by a unit of U. S. Marines and a contingent of officers and men from the U. S. aircraft carrier, Lake Champlain, anchored for the independence celebrations in Kingston Harbor.

Wednesday, August 8. Jamaican authorities had pressed the Vice President to visit the island's second city, Montego Bay, however briefly, because the North Shore population was feeling slighted by the emphasis accorded Kingston during the independence celebrations. This suggestion had been endorsed by the U. S. Consul General and fitted in with the Vice President's desire to see the people of Jamaica and not restrict himself merely to ceremonial and official events. Accordingly,

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on Wednesday morning Mr. Johnson left Kingston and flew to Montego Bay where he addressed a crowd estimated at 6,000 in Charles Square, the center of the small city. The Vice President spoke from a prepared text but he left the script repeatedly and quickly established a sense of identification between himself and his audience. In his talk he emphasized the need for cooperation within the hemisphere to maintain the security of our way of life. His recognition of those aspects of a common destiny which link the United States and Jamaica aroused a strong response in the audience which, like most of Jamaica, has felt psychologically lonely and exposed with the departure of the British and the presence of Cuba only some 90 miles away. The Vice President's speech also served most constructively to turn the Jamaican mind from absorption with its internal social and economic problems to some consideration of the role Jamaica must now play on the world stage, in the region of the Caribbean, in the Organization of American States, in the Western Hemisphere, and, through the United Nations, in the world at large.

This event marked the end of the official independence celebrations which the Vice President attended or in which he participated actively. Early the next morning he departed Jamaica from Montego Bay airport and flew direct to the United States.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Lynda Johnson, and Mr. Doherty, the second U. S. Government delegate to the independence celebrations, had been busy either accompanying the Vice President or carrying out activities of their own. Mrs. Johnson, for instance, was guest of honor at a ladies' luncheon given by Mrs. Irving Cheslaw, wife of the U. S. Embassy Chargé, for some 35 Jamaican women prominent in the fields of business, politics, education, civic reform, arts and letters. Accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Johnson also visited the U. S. aircraft carrier, Lake Champlain, where Admiral Christensen

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entertained Jamaican children and their parents with a tour of the ship and light refreshments. Mr. Doherty attended a special reception given in his honor by trade union leaders on the island and, in addition, participated in all the official events of the celebration.

COMMENT

The Vice President's attendance at the Jamaican Independence Celebrations was intended to accomplish three objectives: (a) to afford the Jamaican political leaders an opportunity to meet him, to apprise him of their national problems associated with independence, and to learn from him in a frank and friendly way U. S. views regarding the future of their country; (b) to give the Vice President an opportunity to make his personality known in as direct a way as possible to the Jamaican people as a whole; (c) to establish an acquaintanceship, a mutual respect, and perhaps a liking between two key personalities affecting Anglo-American relations, namely himself and Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret.

With regard to the first objective, much was accomplished, admitting the shortage of time since the Vice President was in Jamaica only a trifle longer than three days and many hours were taken up by official and formal functions. The Vice President had several serious talks with Prime Minister Bustamante, at the latter's home on August 5, after dinner on that same day, and at the Vice President's reception on August 7. In addition, Mr. Johnson had almost an hour with Mr. Lightbourne, Minister of Trade and Industry. He took the opportunity to talk with Minister Seaga (Public Welfare) while inspecting the Peace Corps units; he withdrew for a quarter-hour at his reception to speak privately with Donald Sangster, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. The points that he chose to stress included the following:

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1. Support for Jamaican desire to become a member of the Organization of American States.

2. The need for diversification of agriculture with less dependence on the export of sugar and greater attention to the cattle-raising industry.

3. Recognition that political federation of the West Indies has been voted down, but, nevertheless, the need for greater regionalization and cooperation in such areas as higher education, cultural exchanges, tourism, trade, commerce and shipping.

4. Agreement that United States policy regarding immigration into the United States by Jamaicans should be reviewed in the light of the changed status of Jamaica from a British colony to an independent state.

5. The affinity that exists between Jamaica and the United States based on the long history of their friendly relations, and the United States' intention to help fellow American states provided they continue to demonstrate their determination to be diligent in helping themselves.

6. Support for Jamaican efforts to maintain its own democratic way of life despite communist attempts at subversion.

The contacts which the Vice President formed with the ordinary citizens of Jamaica can only be described as remarkable. He repeated to large crowds Sir Alexander Bustamante's statement that he was pro-American and responded with the remark that, "I like Jamaicans". This call evoked a deep response on the part of the crowds he addressed, meeting as it did the psychological need of many Jamaicans who see themselves cutting the bond with Great Britain and requiring friends and

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sympathy as by their own efforts they launch their ship of state on what may be troubled international waters.

Relations between the Vice President and Princess Margaret are more difficult to describe since most of their meetings were informal and private. The Vice President has indicated that he was favorably impressed by her personality and charm and by her approach to questions of public welfare both in Britain and abroad. For her part, the Princess devoted more attention to the Vice President than to any other distinguished guest at the Independence Celebrations. The Princess received the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson for a private talk on the evening of his arrival in Kingston. He sat in her Royal Box at the Independence Celebration at the National Stadium. The following day she entertained him and Mrs. Johnson at a small luncheon in the house of the Governor General where she was residing. They met again and were photographed together at the Prime Minister's reception. Their tables were adjoining at the State Ball, and the following evening, August 7, at the State Banquet, the Vice President at the High Table was only two removed from the Princess, she being flanked on her left by the Governor General, Sir Kenneth Blackburne, and on her right by the Prime Minister, Sir Alexander Bustamante.

In general, the basic result of the Vice President's visit has been to produce a warmth of feeling for the United States on the part of Jamaican officials and people which can only be described as euphoric. It will be impossible to maintain this enthusiasm in the months and years to come, and it may not be desirable to do so. Nevertheless, Jamaica has become an independent state in an atmosphere of deep appreciation and liking for the American Government and people and with a readiness to trust and support the basic essentials of American foreign policy.

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SUBJECT: Press Coverage of Vice President Johnson's Visit
to Jamaica Independence Celebrations

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Any analysis of press coverage of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's Visit to Jamaica's Independence Celebrations must begin with the observation that there is only one reputable daily newspaper in Jamaica--The Daily Gleaner (The Star is a typical crime-ridden tabloid put out by the Gleaner Company)--and owing to the public holiday this paper did not appear during the two main days of the Vice President's visit. Another factor somewhat unprecedented in the history of Vice-Presidential trips was the presence of Princess Margaret who, as the representative of Jamaica's Queen Elizabeth II, inevitably rated top priority in the competition for coverage within Jamaica. In spite of these limitations, the Vice President received considerable space in the daily press, and the appreciation of Jamaicans for his visit was epitomized in the Opposition's editorial "Welcome" and in the Government Party's Post-celebration editorial "Thank You, Mr. Johnson".

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II. COVERAGE

With the announcement that Vice President Johnson and Mr. William C. Doherty were President Kennedy's representatives to the Jamaica Independence Celebrations, scarcely a day passed without some press coverage on their forthcoming visit. The Gleaner covered the advance visits of State Department officials, Mr. Henry H. Ford, Mr. M. Gordon Knox, and Mr. Robert Skiff, USIS representatives, Brian Bell and Mr. Richard Phillips, Military Aide to the Vice President, Colonel William F. Jackson, and it described in words and photos the activities of Major Willie Nelson, Commander of the United States Marine Helicopter Squadron 262, who came to Jamaica to make test "chopper" landings for proposed trips to Youth Camps, sugar estates, bauxite areas. The press and radio build-up also included stories and pictures of the six United States warships which came to Jamaica to participate in the celebrations, as well as the arrival and program of the United States Air Force Headquarters Command Band which was flown from Washington to add color and gaiety to the festivities.

The actual arrival of foreign dignitaries for the celebrations was greeted with considerable attention by the press and radio, and highlighted by the arrivals of Princess Margaret and Vice President Johnson. Prevailing sentiment was summarized by the editorial in the Opposition Party's (PNP) weekly on August 4:

"WELCOME

"Jamaica is happy today to welcome again to its shores the Princess Margaret who comes to represent Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom....

"To Lord Snowden...we extend an initial welcome....

"Our celebrations are to be graced by a glittering array of national and international figures..All are warmly welcome, from the representatives of our cousins in the several territories of this sun-drenched Caribbean

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Sea to the official delegate of the most powerful state in our Hemisphere, the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Lyndon Johnson, whose presence with us on this glad occasion both honors the event and marks Jamaica's strategic importance in the preservation and development of democracy in the Western World...."

and again in the lead editorial of the Daily Gleaner on August 5:

"OUR GUESTS

"There is something about joy which demands expansion... Thus, when someone celebrates a joyous occasion, his own heart is more filled with joy as he is able to share it with others.

"It is with much realization that Jamaica welcomes the many guests who have come to share its joys during the celebration of independence. And it is safe to say that never in the history of the island has there been a more distinguished group of guests gathered here together, than there is now with us during these days.

"Her Majesty the Queen has sent her own sister, Princess Margaret, along with the Earl of Snowdon, to represent her. The presence of this Princess alone would have sufficed to pay the island abundant honor. But we have further been graced with the attendance of Vice President Lyndon Johnson of the United States, a token of the esteem our great northern neighbor holds for us...."

The Vice President arrived Sunday afternoon, too late for coverage in the Sunday Gleaner, and during the Monday-Tuesday holiday no papers were printed. The next issue of the Gleaner appeared Wednesday, August 8, and it had to draw from a three-day backlog of news and photos of the most historic and glamorous event in Jamaica's history. That issue inevitably focused on

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"members of the family" and individual Independence ceremonies: the Flag Raising at the Stadium, the Queen's Message to Jamaica, Princess Margaret's speech at the State Opening of Parliament, Sir Kenneth Blackburne's elevation to Governor General, as well as the remarks of Prime Minister Sir Alexander Bustamante and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Norman Manley.

The following issues of The Gleaner (August 9 and 10) shifted their attention to Vice President Johnson with stories about every phase of his active schedule. They described the welcoming ceremony at the airport, his motocade with Sir Alexander Bustamante through Kingston, and the reception by "a tremendous crowd" at South Parade, his visit to the Trench Town Impact Housing Project, his tour of the Peace Camps, the United States Scholarships presented to the Government of Jamaica by Mr. Johnson, and his civic reception at Montego Bay.

Many of these activities were reviewed also in the weekly news columns of Public Opinion (August 11), Jamaica Times (August 11).

Most of this coverage was purely reportorial, and in the excitement no one had much time to think. Gradually, however, when the festivities were over, the impact of the visit began to register and the interest in Jamaica and Jamaicans displayed by the Vice President struck home. This was best expressed in the columns of Bustamante's JLP weekly, The Voice (August 12):

"THANK YOU MR. JOHNSON

"The importance of the visit of Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States, and the personal representative of the United States Government and people should not be minimized.

"In the case of Mr. Johnson's visit more than a call of courtesy and congratulation were involved....

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"Unlike the other delegates to the celebrations Mr. Johnson went right off the beaten track. Not content with the strenuous round of official functions prescribed for his visit, Mr. Johnson went literally into the highways and byways of our country and saw for himself the life of the little man in the country who make up the bulk of our populations. He saw how they lived and worked; he spoke with them; heard from their own lips of their peculiar problems, and observed at first hand how the assistance which his country is giving to our country is being administered.

"All this is going to stand us in good stead in the future. It has been, with a large degree of truth, urged in the United States that aid given to many countries in the Western Hemisphere, never percolates to the man at the bottom....

"Jamaica was able to refute this argument in its own case by pointing out its sugar welfare program and the trade unions' successes in getting some of the increases in sugar prices passed onto our sugar workers.

"Mr. Johnson was able to see the truth of this argument for himself....

"When he reports his findings to the President, we are confident they will eventually redound to the benefit of the country, and we can even confidently say an anticipatory "thank you" to Mr. Johnson for his report."

III. CONCLUSION

As stated earlier, because of the limited press in Jamaica, the coverage does not adequately reflect the impact of the Vice President's visit. Nevertheless, no national representative other than HRH Princess Margaret received comparable attention.

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This would probably have been the case even if Mr. Johnson's schedule did not take him into the "highways and byways" of Jamaica, because the Jamaicans have such a longstanding feeling of kinship for the United States. But the fact remains that he did undertake this wide program, and by doing so brought the Kingston Independence Celebrations to thousands of Jamaicans who would otherwise have had little more than their village celebrations, and good press coverage carried his image into even more remote corners of the island. The impact had a wider interpretation, however, for it made Jamaicans feel that they have friends in high as well as in low places in the United States. For this reason they feel somewhat less uncertain about their newly Independent future in an uncertain world.



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VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BEIRUT AUGUST 23 BEGAN WITH WARM WELCOME AT BEIRUT AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER TAKLA, GOL OFFICIALS AND LARGE CROWD SPECTATORS. AIRPORT CORDIALITY SET THE TONE FOR THE ENTIRE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. VICE PRESIDENT'S EVIDENT FRIENDSHIP FOR AND INTEREST IN LEBANESE, DEMONSTRATED BY HIS FREQUENT STOPS TO MINGLE WITH PEOPLE AND SHAKE HANDS, DREW ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE THROUGHOUT DAY. VICE PRESIDENT WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY MANNER IN WHICH FRIENDLY GROUPS OF WAVING AND APPLAUDING PEOPLE CONGREGATED AT CORNERS AND ALONG ROADSIDE, NEEDLESS TO SAY, IN THIS ATMOSPHERE THERE WERE NO UNTOWARD EVENTS AND TONE OF DAY WAS ONE OF ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS OF LEBANESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

FOLLOWING BRIEF AFTERNOON RESPITE AT HOTEL VICE PRESIDENT DEPARTED AS SCHEDULED AT 5 PM FOR VISIT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY INSTITUTE, A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH CENTER WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY GOL MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NAJJA AND LARGE GATHERING OF EMPLOYEES. AFTER VIEWING DEMONSTRATION OF MACHINES, VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED TO JOUNIEH SUPERHIGHWAY PROJECT WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS PIERRE GEMAYEL AND LARGE CROWD OF WORKERS. VICE PRESIDENT'S KEEN INTEREST IN MACHINES AND KNOWLEDGE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK DREW ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WHICH WAS HEIGHTENED WHEN VICE PRESIDENT TOLD CROWD OF HIS EMPLOYMENT IN ROAD

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BUILDING FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL. FOLLOWING JOUNIEH HIGHWAY PROJECT VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED MAKE INFORMAL CALLS ON PRESIDENT CHEHAB AND PRIME MINISTER KARAME, WHICH REPORTED SEPARATELY. ALL ALONG THE WAY, LEBANESE OFFICIALS TIME AND AGAIN REPEATED WISH VICE PRESIDENT'S STAY COULD HAVE BEEN LONGER AND EXPRESSED HOPE HE WOULD COME AGAIN FOR MORE EXTENDED SOJURN.

DURING EARLY AFTERNOON, MRS. JOHNSON, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MEYER, MADE TRIP TO HISTORIC RUINS OF BAALBECK.

COMMENT: WARMTH OF RECEPTION ACCORDED VICE PRESIDENT IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO ATTITUDES WHICH HAVE PREVAILED AT CERTAIN MOMENTS IN PAST, NOTABLY BOMBING OF EMBASSY IN 1947 AND STREET DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH OCCURRED DURING SECRETARY DULLES' VISIT TO BEIRUT IN 1953. SEEN FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, VISIT APPEARS BE STRIKING DEMONSTRATION EXTENT TO WHICH THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN REGARD IN WHICH UNITED STATES IS HELD IN MIDDLE EAST. VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO STRENGTHENING OF THIS TREND.

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TO ASSURE GOI AND IRANIAN PEOPLE OF ENDURING FRIENDSHIP
AND SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES AND COMPASSIONATE CONCERN
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MAN IN THIS UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY.

VICE PRESIDENT IMPRESSED UPON SHAH AND GOI THAT U.S. HAS
BOTH GREAT STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION TO USE IT IF NECESSARY.
HE ALSO MADE CLEAR TO LEADERS AND TO SHAH HIMSELF CRITERIA
OF U.S. AID POLICIES. HE IMPRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN NEED FOR
GOOD PLANNING ON PART OF IRANIANS. IN TALKS WITH GOI HE
FOCUS OF CONVERSATIONS ON ECONOMIC RATHER THAN MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AND MADE PLAIN THAT OUR RESOURCES FOR THESE
PURPOSES WERE NOT UNLIMITED. ON OTHER HAND HE EXPRESSED GENERAL
RECOGNITION -- SAYING HE WAS NOT MILITARY MAN-- REQUIREMENT
FOR BALANCE BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH. VICE
PRESIDENT INCLUDED FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT:
"NOR DO WE INTEND TO NEGLECT IRAN'S LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS."

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-2- 296, AUGUST 27, 6 PM; FROM TEHRAN

OUR NEW COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MILITARY AID PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT SHORTLY". THE VICE PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF THIS SUBJECT WAS SUCH AS TO PRESAGE A GOOD BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SHAH ON MILITARY AID AND THE SIZE OF HIS ARMED FORCES.

GOI WAS OBVIOUSLY COMFORTED BY REASSURANCE OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO IRAN'S DEFENSE PERSONIFIED BY VICE PRESIDENT'S COMING TO THIS COUNTRY. THEY GOT THE UNMISTAKABLE MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT OUR COMMON PLANNING FOR IRAN'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENT MUST HENCE FORTH BE CARRIED OUT IN A MORE BUSINESS LIKE MANNER; GOI COULD NOT ESCAPE FACT THAT IRANIANS HAD MUCH WORK TO DO TO HOLD UP THEIR SIDE OF TASK.

VICE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC APPEARANCES, ESPECIALLY HIS MINGLING WITH MAN ON STREET, SHOWED TO THROGS OF TEHRAN CITIZENS AND OUTLYING VILLAGES A MAN WHO LIKES PEOPLE, WHO IS DEMOCRATIC, AND WHO HAS A DEEPLY FELT CONVICTION THAT HOPES AND FEARS OF UNDERPRIVILEGED MILLIONS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS WHO WITNESSED ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF THE POPULATION APPEARED TO BE AT FIRST STARTLED AND THEN CAME TO BE IMPRESSED BY VICE PRESIDENT'S MAN-TO-MAN TECHNIQUES IN MEETING POPULATION, SOMEWHAT AWED AND, LET US HOPE, EQUALLY INSPIRED BY IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A TECHNIQUE. THE LASTING EFFECT ON THESE LEADERS CAN ONLY BE JUDGED BY FUTURE EVENTS. THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TO ENJOY HIS DAY WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE IN COMPANY OF VICE PRESIDENT AS THEY RUBBED SHOULDERS WITH COUNTLESS THOUSANDS. HIS MOTIVES JOINING VICE PRESIDENT WERE PROBABLY A MIXTURE OF COURTESY AND HOPE SOME OF CROWD'S ENTHUSIASM WOULD RUB OFF ON HIM.

ALAM KEPT HIS HEAD IN AN UNFAMILIAR SITUATION AND IMPROVISED RESPONSES TO SPONTANEOUS PETITIONS AND APPROACHES, WHICH MIGHT EASILY HAVE UNNERVED MANY OF HIS GOI COLLEAGUES.

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INITIAL REACTION OF TEHRAN "ELITE" AT THIS POINT SEEMS TO BE ONE OF UNEASY BEMUSEMENT AT VICE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE TECHNIQUES. LOWER CLASSES ON THE OTHER HAND HAVE EXPERIENCED REAL EXHILARATION AT ATTENTION PAID TO THEM BY SUCH A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

FINALLY, I SHOULD ADD THAT VISIT WAS TIMELY IN SQUELCHING RUMORS, ORIGINALLY STARTED BY AMINI'S RESIGNATION-DAY STATEMENT TO EFFECT U.S. HAD SUDDENLY CUT OFF AID TO IRAN. PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN SHAH, THAT BOTH HAD EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE OVER "WONDERFUL" VISIT, AND THAT THEY HOPED VICE PRESIDENT WAS EQUALLY PLEASED.

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