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Telegrammes sent by Mr. Dirk U. Stikker
Secretary General of NATO, on November 23rd, 1963

PRESIDENT Lyndon B. JOHNSON,
The White House,
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

"I am deeply distressed at the tragedy which has struck the people of the United States and of the entire world. My colleagues of the North Atlantic Council and I are joined in our expression of the most profound sorrow at the senseless act which deprived the United States and the Alliance of such a wise and determined leader. May God grant you wisdom and courage as you assume the heavy burden and solemn responsibilities which fall on that office to which the hearts of free men everywhere are turned for inspiration."

Mrs. John F. KENNEDY,
The White House,
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

"It is impossible for me to express adequately the immense grief with which I received the stunning news of this unbelievable tragedy. To the realization of an incalculable loss to the leadership of the free world is joined my profound personal sorrow at the meaningless act which has deprived me of a friend whose many kind personal acts have touched me deeply. My wife joins me in the hope that God may grant you and your children the courage to face the difficult days ahead, and may you find solace in the knowledge that the memory of your husband and his great leadership will not fade from the minds and hearts of free men."