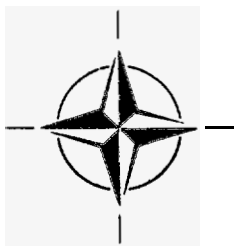


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DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

The Secretary General has today despatched the
attached telegram to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

(Signed) COLERIDGE

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TELEGRAM

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

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 has 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.

(Signed) DIRK STIKKER
Secretary General
North Atlantic Treaty Organization