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To Comrades Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Podgorny, Gromyko, Stepanov, Georgadze, Mikoyan

Excerpt from Protocol no. 125 of the meeting of the Presidium of the CC CPSU held on November 23, 1963

On Measures [to be Taken] in Connection with the Murder of U.S. President J.F. Kennedy

1. Approve the text of the telegram from Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR N.S. Khrushchev to U.S. President L.B. Johnson (appendix 1).

2. Approve the text of the telegram from Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR L.I. Brezhnev to U.S. President L.B. Johnson (appendix 2).

3. Approve the text of the telegram from Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR N.S. Khrushchev to Kennedy's wife, Jacqueline Kennedy (appendix 3).

4. Approve the text of the telegram from N.P. Khrushcheva to Jacqueline Kennedy (appendix 4).

5. Approve the text of the telegram from Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR A.A. Gromyko to U.S. Secretary of State D. Rusk (appendix 5).

6. The telegrams mentioned in paragraphs 1-5 are to be published in the press.
7. Instruct Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR A.A. Gromyko to visit the U.S. ambassador in Moscow, F. Kohler, and convey to him the deep condolences of the Soviet government in connection with the heinous assassination of U.S. President J.F. Kennedy.

A report of this is to be published in the press.

SECRETARY OF THE CC
On Measures [to be Taken] in Connection with the Funeral of U.S. President J.F. Kennedy

1. Send First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, comrade A.I. Mikoyan, to Washington to take part in the funeral of U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

2. Together with A.I. Mikoyan, send to Washington comrades M.N. Smirnovskiy, V.V. Smolyanichenko, V.M. Sukhodrev, and three escorts.

3. Instruct the Main Directorate of Civil Aviation of the Council of Ministers of the USSR (comrade Loginov) to assign a special aircraft to fly comrades A.I. Mikoyan and the persons accompanying him to Washington and back.

4. The expenses for the travel of comrade A.I. Mikoyan and the persons accompanying him are to be charged to the reserve fund of the Council of Ministers of the USSR.
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Appendix 1

To U.S. President Lydon B. Johnson

Washington,
The White House

I was deeply saddened by the news of the tragic death of the eminent statesman, the President of the United States of America, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

John F. Kennedy's death is a serious blow to all people who cherish the cause of peace and Soviet-American cooperation.

The heinous assassination of the U.S. president at a time when, through the efforts of peace-loving peoples, there were visible signs of reduced international tension and new prospects for improved relations between the USSR and the U.S., evokes the indignation of the Soviet people towards the perpetrators of this vile crime.

My personal meetings with President Kennedy have left me with a memory of him as a broad-minded statesman who took a realistic view of the situation and who strove to find ways to resolve through negotiations the international problems that presently divide the world.

The Soviet government and the Soviet people share the grief of the American people over this great loss and express the hope that the search to resolve issues in dispute—to which President Kennedy contributed a great deal—will be continued in the interest of peace and for the good of all humanity.
Please accept, Mr. President, my personal condolences.

N. Khrushchev
Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR

Moscow, the Kremlin
November____, 1963

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Appendix 2

To U.S. President Lydon B. Johnson

Washington,
The White House

I have just learned of the heinous assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. I am deeply saddened by this news. The Soviet people share the grief of the American people in connection with the serious loss that has befallen them—the tragic death of an eminent statesman in the prime of life.

Please accept my most sincere condolences.

L. Brezhnev
Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR
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Appendix 3

To Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy

Washington,
The White House

It was with a feeling of deep personal sorrow that I learned of the tragic death of your husband, President of the United States John F. Kennedy.

He was greatly respected by all those who knew him, and I shall always remember my meetings with him.

Please accept my most sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy in the grief that has befallen you.

N. Khrushchev
To Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy

Washington,
The White House

I am shaken by the tragic death of your husband, President of the United States John F. Kennedy. At this sad time, please accept my sincere condolences and sympathy for you and your entire family.

Nina Petrovna Khrushcheva