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We have taken the following steps regarding the death of President KENNEDY.

1. We are sending messages of condolence, in the name of the Chairman and the Prime Minister, to President JOHNSON and Mrs. KENNEDY.

2. The Chairman and the Vice Minister have issued statements expressing their profound sorrow on the sudden death of President KENNEDY.

3. The temporary Cabinet decided upon the following steps:

a. All Government agencies will express their condolences by flying their flags at half-mast until the day of the funeral.

b. We would like to express appropriate condolences to the general public.

c. We would like the people of our country to fly their flags at half-mast until the day of the funeral.

(The above were announcements by the Minister of Public Information.)

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4. *Following [redacted] on his return from [redacted] the Prime Minister, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Committee, and I are scheduled to call on the American Embassy and express our condolences around 1600 hours.

5. The final decision on sending a delegation to the funeral will be reported later.

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