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1. As the funeral rites for the late President KENNEDY were being conducted, every radio broadcasting station in Korea praised the achievements of President KENNEDY on every program and broadcast a special program of prayers for the repose of his soul.

2. This morning, beginning with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, all public offices lowered the flag to half-mast and some private families also displayed the flag at half-mast.

3. On 25 November, a requiem mass was read for the late President KENNEDY in the Post Gymnasium at the Eighth Army Compound in Yongsan. Attending this mass on the Korean side were Defense Minister KIM, general staff officers from each armed service, and former Central Intelligence Agency Director KIM CHONG P'IL.

4. A special service for the late President KENNEDY will be conducted in Myong-tong Catholic Cathedral from 1000 hours on 26 November, and, beginning with all cabinet ministers, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps are expected to attend.

5. The morning of 26 November on which the General Election will take place was cold and clear, and the lowest temperature at dawn was three degrees below zero [Centigrade].

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6. The Central Election Management Committee announced that the total number of voters has been ascertained to be 13,344,119 (Total population: 26,278,025). It was assumed that the results of the election would be known by the afternoon of 27 November.

7. Greeting the 26 November voting day, both government and opposition parties declared their hope that a fair election would result, and the opposition parties asked voters not to heed any illegal interference or pressure. [Individual statements omitted. Available if required.]

8. Takeoff of the special DC-4 Korean Air Lines plane which had been planned for [EXEMPT] departure from Hawaii at 1000 hours on 26 November was postponed after his

[EXEMPT] on the morning of 25 November stating that [EXEMPT]  
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