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U.S. EXEMPT PRESIDENT JOHNSON REPLIES TO

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MESSAGE

OF CONDOLENCE

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25 Nov 63

[2-part message complete]

A. The message of condolence which EXEMPT the President was kind enough to send to the new President was received with obvious appreciation in the official circles.

B. The senior officials in the State Department expressed this to me; they also stated that the reply of the new President to the message had been sent to their Ambassador EXEMPT

I also learned that Ambassador EXEMPT had been instructed to communicate an oral message from the new President to the high officials. It contained the assurances of President JOHNSON [Part 2] that he would continue his predecessor's policy of cooperation with us. It also contained some of his thoughts vis-a-vis EXEMPT

I will meet with EXEMPT the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, on Friday, in accordance with his invitation, for a general review of the situation in (B val the light of) the recent events in their country.

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