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MILTON F. GREGG, CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

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Mr. President:

On behalf of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly,

I express the sorrow and deep sympathy of the members of that Committee to the American people and to the family of the late President of the United States.

It is a sad reflection on mankind that prejudice, ignorance and fear can play such devastating roles in the history of our world. But almost always tragedy has brought out the best there is in man, and has inspired new dedication to ideals which for the moment had been overshadowed by the forces of evil.

The preservation of peace is an unending task. It demands unselfishness, insight, patience and courage, such as the man we mourn has demonstrated. We must keep his memory bright that it may inspire us today - and again and again in the future - in the task always before us.

At this point may I be permitted to quote the words used by Lester B. Pearson last Friday.

" The world can ill afford at this time in our history to lose a man of his courage - a courage which he displayed both in war and in peace. It can ill afford to lose a man of his wisdom, his determination to advance the cause of freedom in his own country and in the world."

Mr. President, inspired by the courage and zeal of President John Kennedy in the struggle against hatred and violence in the world, let us renew our efforts to translate the ideals and principles of our Charter into a greater living reality.