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Immediately after the requiem at Arlington Cemetery, I and other foreign representatives who attended Kennedy's funeral went to the White House, where the late president's widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, had arranged a reception. The guests were greeted by members of the Kennedy family, but Jacqueline herself did not show up until the end of the reception. Those in attendance filed by the late president's spouse and shook her hand. It struck us that Jacqueline Kennedy, who exchanged only two or three words with the persons introduced to her, looked very calm and even appeared to be smiling. However, when we were presented to her and when we conveyed our heartfelt condolences to her on behalf of Nina Petrovna, N.S. Khrushchev, and Rada and Alyosha Adzhubey, as well as on behalf of the Soviet government, the Soviet people and myself, Jacqueline Kennedy said, with great emotion and nearly sobbing: "I am sure that Chairman Khrushchev and my husband could have been successful in the search for peace, and

they were really striving for that. Now you must continue this endeavor and bring it to completion.”

We replied that we fully shared her opinion and agreed that both sides should continue striving to develop friendly relations between our countries for the benefit of peace throughout the world. We emphasized our sorrow over the misfortune that had befallen her.

In conclusion, Jacqueline Kennedy expressed her sincere gratitude to N.S. Khrushchev and us for our sympathy and for the special trip we had made to the United States to attend her husband's funeral.

She said all this with inspiration and deep emotion. During the entire conversation she clasped my hand with her two hands, trying to convey as convincingly as possible her feelings and thoughts regarding the cause of peace, to which her husband had devoted his efforts, and her own desire that our countries complete this endeavor.

Her fortitude is most impressive.

A. Mikoyan

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