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The [Bulgarian] Government presented official condolences to the United States Government on the assassination of President KENNEDY. The Minister of Foreign Affairs visited the United States Minister for the same purpose.

The people received the news with surprise and regret. The local television station repeated via Moscow the burial services in the United States. The press of this country eulogized the personality of the late President as a supporter of peace, attributing his death to an ultrarightist group.

All the diplomatic missions flew their flags at half-mast -- the Soviets with black crape -- with the exception of Communist China. Religious services held in Sofia were attended by representatives of all the diplomatic missions.

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