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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM KOMER

Mrs. Kennedy had originally expected to put out news quietly here that she had politely declined King's offer of house in Marrakech.

While still anxious that this be put on public record, she now prefers that it be done from Moroccan end. So hope you can suggest it come from Moroccans themselves. If this can't be arranged, we'd appreciate it if you could background press in low key yourself.

Mrs. Kennedy asks that we express her apologies about putting you to all this bother.

Theme of any release might be simply that Mrs. Keenedy most grateful for King's gift. She has written King personally expressing this but regretfully declining for personal reasons, particularly that educating and raising her children in US will leave her all too little time make proper use of such a house in Marrakech.