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For Osaqyefo from RIBEIRIO, Repeat to BOTSIO.

Representatives from all states to President KENNEDY's funeral, scheduled for Monday noon, include Heads of State, Prime Ministers or Foreign Ministers. In view of this and protocol involved, I consider Ghana's delegation inadequate and would humbly advise that considering your own personal friendship with the KENNEDY's, that you send the Foreign Minister or Speaker of the National Assembly or Minister BENSAH, Chief of Protocol, to give prestige and political importance to your representation. President KENNEDY's interest in Ghana and his personal regard for you was such that I feel sure a ministerial representation at his burial would be greatly appreciated by Mrs. KENNEDY and the administration and further strengthen good relations between Ghana and the United States.

I should be most relieved if you would graciously and favorably consider my suggestion. Representatives should catch Sunday's Pan American flight due here same night.

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