

PRESIDENT KENNEDY HALLS VICTORY FOR FREEDOM IN ALGERIA

The American people welcome the independence of Algeria as a victory for the "cause of freedom of choice," President Kennedy declared in a special message to the Algerian people and their leaders, recorded at the White House in Washington shortly after France proclaimed the independence of the North African nation. Mr. Kennedy called the moment of national independence for the Algerian people "a solemn occasion and one of great joy. The entire world shares in this important step toward fuller realization of the dignity of man." He added that the American people want to "strengthen and multiply" their bonds of friendship with the government and people of Algeria "in the coming days," and concluded: "We look forward to working together with you in the cause of freedom, peace and human welfare." (62-3780)