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Cable from Washington (Schiff) via The Hague
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Summary:

The Hague receives a cable from Washington reporting on the developing crisis in Cuba. There is talk of a "New Foreign Policy Move" by the government, though the British and French Embassies do not have any idea what is happening. The cable closes with a report that Kennedy has convened a special session of the National Security Council and cabinet, and is expected to make a statement later that day.

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On 22 October under 899 Schiff sent a cable from Washington "In response to press reports regarding intensive internal deliberations at the highest level with regard to [a] 'New US Foreign Policy Move' [in] relation to which highest government officials [have been] confined to Washington and president this morning summoned key leaders of Congress to Washington, regarding which it should [be noted] that secrecy is of a level rarely observed here. Attempts made at important departments [of] State to acquire at least an indication of the issue at stake, Berlin, Cuba [Cuba is underlined with pen - trans.] or India so far have been unsuccessful. On inquiry it became clear that neither British nor French embassy has any idea what is going on. Kennedy has convened both National Security Council and cabinet this afternoon and will make a statement at 19.00 hours."

CELER [on behalf of the minister]