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**Cable from Dutch Foreign Minister Joseph Luns, The Hague, to Dutch Embassy, Havana (Boissevain), 9 July 1963**

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**Summary:**

Dutch Foreign Minister Joseph Luns responds to Boissevain's two cables regarding Castro's proposal for an agreement with the United States. Luns is wary of Castro's request to use the Boissevain as the mediator, and urges caution and reserve. He asks Boissevain to keep him updated of any future developments, should Castro make a future proposal.

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TO: Havana

FROM: NERECODI [Dutch Government Code Service, The Hague]

TOP SECRET

Have read Your 33 and 34 with interest.

As statements by Castro related by You give insufficient grounds for determining status and significance thereof [I] share Your judgment that You should by no means take initiative: utmost reserve is called for. Should Castro approach You directly with [a] similar proposal I should like to be informed.

On our part the US Embassy here will be most confidentially informed of Your telegrams and the above.

Luns 25.