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Dutch Prime Minister Jan E. de Quay, 23-26 October 1962

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23 October 1962

Will it be war? I cannot believe it, that would mean destruction; yet a precarious matter (...) if the West never says 'Halt', communism will always carry on.

24 October 1962

He [minister for Foreign Affairs Joseph Luns] totally disagrees with the American step and does not want a communiqué.

25 October 1962

[concerning a cabinet meeting:] The attitude is kind of indifferent. I think [US President John F.] Kennedy's act is good. I would like to support him more strongly.

26 October 1962

This morning [Foreign Minister Joseph] Luns came to visit me, returned from vacation. He looked well, listened and was much calmer. At last he agreed with the support for the US.