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Hi Folks, The following item appears in this morning's Daily Telegraph (Friday15th August 1997) - one of our leading UK national newspapers. Since thereport mentions that this material was released for the first time yesterday(in France!) I wondered if you are aware of it. *****************KENNEDY ALMOST LOST CUBA WAR OF WORDS by Susannah Herbert in Paris Transcripts of White House meetings at the time of the Cuba missilecrisis in 1962 were published for the first time by "Le Monde" yesterday. The newspaper says that they show President Kennedy moved far more rapidly than has previously been thought after the installation of Sovietmissiles in Cuba. They also show that after the American blockade of Cuba began on Oct 22and the United States and the Soviet Union were locked into a war of nerves, President Kennedy almost "blinked fitrst". He was so keen to avoid a war that he even suggested turning a blindeye if a Soviet ship was caught trying to break the blockade, a responsethat would have sent a clear signal of weakness to the Soviets. In theevent, the challenge never came and Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, backed off before putting Kennedy to the test. The President decided onlytwo days after being alerted on Oct 16 to the missiles' presence on Cubathat a blockade of the island was the most feasible solution. In reaching this conclusion, he had to face down near-unanimousopposition within his emergency cabinet, who wanted a pre-emptive US strike, to the idea. "In the teeth of opposition from most of his advisors, Kennedy rapidlytook a moderate line; he decided on the 18th in favour of a blockade, thoughit was thought until now that he waited until the 21st," said Vincent Touze, the French academic who transcribed the tapes of the Cuba crisis meetings. "His contribution to a peaceful resolution of the crisis seems decisive." The tapes were declassified last October, but have only just beentranscribed. _/ _/ _/ _/ _/ _/ _/ _/ JFK Lancer Productions & Publications"Serving the research community, educating a new generation."Please visit our web site http://snni.com/~jfklancr/Updated regularlyJoin us at the 1997 November In Dallas Conference http://snni.com/~jfklancr/Dallas97.html

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