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FR Brussels: SPAAK   23 Nov 63
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    Reference my telegram Nr. 274((A)). I also answered the following question:

    Question: Mr. Minister, might I also ask you a question? You have met Mr. LYNDON JOHNSON several times. May we ask you, on the basis of the conversations which you had with him in Brussels, what your impressions of the new President of the United States are?

    Answer: Well. It is true that I had the good fortune to have talks with the new President of the United States, scarcely two weeks ago, and these talks inspired my confidence. I had the feeling that the Vice President completely shared President KENNEDY's political ideas. I believe that he is a very experienced man and that there is no reason to doubt his wish to follow President KENNEDY's policy. Therefore it is necessary to have confidence and to work with him with the same desire for co-operation as that which we showed to President KENNEDY.

((A)) Available if required. [The Foreign Ministry transmits to Embassy Washington the text of Mr. SPAAK's statement by radio on 23 November on the death of President KENNEDY.]

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