I was unable to reply sooner to your Mun 94 of 17 October 1962 re Buffalo Pulaski Parade. I think that the coverage given by Munich and N Y York Desk was adequate. It consisted of:

The full text of President Kennedy speech on Monday 15th i.e. immediately after the Sunday 14th ceremony.

A commentary from N Y York in Facts and Views on Tuesday which you described as excellent,

A reportage contained in "Polonia" program for Sunday 21st which vividly describes the enthusiastic welcome of the President in Buffalo.

We have lately had almost too many parades, namely a Panorama program on the N Y York Pulaski Parade which was TDr'ed by us on October 8th a Special Columbus Day Parade in N Y York Panorama /With President Kennedy present/ which we TDr-Ed 5 days later on October 13th and this was followed on October 14th by a Special 15 Min. "Polonia" program entirely devoted to the N Y York Pulaski Day Parade.

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Nothing was lost of the content of the Kennedy speech and nothing of the warm welcome since we had all the elements our reporter would have had on the spot /sounds, reports, texts, descriptions/.

There was no advance information that President Kennedy was to speak on Pulaski in Buffalo although we knew he was going to this city and a dozen others on an electoral tour. He also came to New York and watched the Columbus Day parade 2 days before going to Buffalo but did not deliver any speech on Columbus nor on Italian problems, although this was the New York parade of Italian-Americans. Our reports can neither follow the President in his pre-electoral travels which is done by the big newspapers and radio networks nor can we cover all Pulaski parades in the U.S. which took place in a score of places.

As I already reported Mr. Wantula was /and still is/ sick and the only person we could have sent to Buffalo was Mr. Martí. Incidentally - he was very anxious to go but does not operate recording machine. When we learned on Saturday the President was speaking the following day this 1,000 km. round trip could not be arranged because of week-end and cash problems etc. We ordered text of speech.

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From UPI, report from Polish daily correspondent and production secured tapes from CBS.

I think such unexpected happenings have to take place from time to time and we cannot foresee or be always warned beforehand. The most important thing is that the coverage of Buffalo Pulaski Day was a good as if we had a reporter on the spot.

End msg.