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I NOTED IN DAVID BINDER'S ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES OF 25 OCTOBER THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM DONALD WILSON, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION AGENCY, REFERRING TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S 22 OCTOBER SPEECH: "WE RECEIVED THE TEXT SEVERAL HOURS IN ADVANCE, SO WHEN HE SPOKE WE WERE READY TO GO WITH THE SPANISH VERSION".

IF WE COULD HAVE HAD THE TEXT EVEN AN HOUR AHEAD WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE TRANSLATIONS AND GAIN A REAL SCOOP ON REGIME MEDIA BY PRESENTING FULL TEXT IN SATELLITE LANGUAGES EVEN AS PRESIDENT WAS SPEAKING.

THIS IS NOT SAID TO REPROACH FOR PAST, BUT TO EMPHASIZE FOR FUTURE THAT WE CAN BE SO MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE CAN GET A BREAK BY RECEIVING TEXT IN ADVANCE.

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