

Note on Kennedy 2/25/65 Reply to U Thant. It is involved  
in what any impartial person would regard as a serious & propa-  
ganda campaign - The US is all right, the USSR all wrong &  
by implication, U Thant doesn't understand. By the  
last Thant's reply is reasonable & to the point: He  
accepts U Thant's offer (see April 166-7) It may be  
presumed ICh. knew & planned R would not, but if  
he did, ICh. had nothing to lose & all to gain

The administration (of ICh.) regarded this as  
"keeping the press out in" - but ~~was~~ whom? Was not  
R. getting so firmly committed to no other sol-  
ution than withdrawal of the missiles that he  
left himself no alternative other than nuclear  
war. When the humanity of this turned upon  
him he had no choice but to accept any  
reasonable proposition from ICh.