

No great man could be a great war leader in his own generation and in his own class without the support of an energetic press...

Kennedy, a master of the art of and the press, understood that his great war leadership was always structured in service, not in opposition to, the press. He relied on the press and trusted its judgment. And he expected the press to do the same in return.

The Kennedy Tapes - [Mikoyan, Sergo] - 2014

The Kennedy Tapes: Tapes recorded during the Cuban Missile Crisis reveal the work of President Kennedy and the National Security Council to come up with an effective response. Reprint.


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