

talking in terms of the perfection you need from a military weapon before it is really a weapon.

Q. Brandt, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Russians apparently have a better launching device than we have. They have put their missile in the air, and they claim it is 25 percent stronger than the launching device for the ICBM. Now, my question is: Are we making any plans or going to spend any more money for -- on our rocket program? In other words, has Mr. Holaday received new instructions?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Mr. Holaday couldn't receive new instructions from me, for the simple reason that if he doesn't know more about it than I do, I am very foolish to have him there.

Now, I have provided to the limit of my ability the money that they asked for, and that is all I can do.

Q. Elizabeth Carpenter, Arkansas Gazette. Mr. President, from all the reports and information which has come to you during this little Rock school crisis, is it your feeling that Central High School could have been peacefully integrated if Governor Faubus had not called out the Guard in the first place?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you are asking me to speculate on history after history has become such, but I would say this --

Q. (Carpenter) But you do have FBI reports before you?

THE PRESIDENT: --- you do have this: At other points in Arkansas, integration took place, beginnings at integration particularly took place, without any disturbance whatsoever. I don't know of any particular reason why this one should have been different.

Q. Bailey, Minneapolis Star and Tribune. Sir, can you tell us, sir, whether you had any advance information that a Russian satellite launching was imminent?

THE PRESIDENT: Not imminent. For a number of months different scientists have told me, or different people -- I don't know whether it was ever told to me officially -- that they were working on it, they were doing something about it, but again no one ever suggested to me as anything of a race except, of course, time -- more than once we would say, well, there is going to be a great psychological advantage in world politics to putting the thing up, but that didn't seem to be a reason, in view of the real scientific character of our development, there didn't seem to be a reason for just trying to grow hysterical about it.

