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Joseph Luns, in one of his expansive moods, this morning, quoted Talleyrand talking to his staff members on successive occasions as they returned to him with their version of the appropriate response to his request.

The first time they came back he said, "It is not that."

The second time, "It is not yet that."

The third time, "It is nearly that."

The fourth time, "C'est ça -- it is that."

Talleyrand was a wise man.

