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Roger Donaldson's *Thirteen Days* to be presented at Berlinale 2001

On the eve of finalizing the main program for the 51st Berlinale, Moritz de Hadeln, executive director of the Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin, announced that *Thirteen Days* by Roger Donaldson, starring Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood, Steven Culp and Dylan Baker will be presented out of competition.

"This film is especially important for Berlin, because the Cuba Crisis was closely linked to the fate of West Berlin. *Thirteen Days* is a very interesting historical reconstruction, based on the "Kennedy tapes'," festival head de Hadeln noted.

Due to ongoing litigation between Intertainment, Munich and Franchise Pictures, Los Angeles, *The Pledge* by Sean Penn cannot be shown in the competition. Sean Penn told de Hadeln that he felt the Berlinale would have been an appropriate platform for his film, but unfortunately, the final decision did not lie in his hands. Moritz de Hadeln regrets not being able to present *The Pledge* at the Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin.

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