TELECON
General Scowcroft/Secretary Kissinger
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K: Did you see the New York Times article about the NSC meeting?

S: I am just reading it. Absolutely unbelievable. Somebody has gone back and debriefed that meeting.

K: That is right.

S: It is just...

K: And did you see Shever(sp?) on CBS -- (Reads article) Kissinger was furious with those reports that the President wasn't backing him and today the White House says it considers it imperative for Congress to back it's Vietnam aid program.

The original guy went back and...

S: And said I have been told to fall in line because of...

K: Because of Kissinger, that is right.

S: You know we just don't have a government.

K: So it comes back to me again.

S: When there is such a total lack of honor and discretion the only thing I can say is the President has to understand what is going on.

K: But almost every day I am in there crying.

S: Maybe I ought to raise it tomorrow morning at the Intelligence Board?

K: Why don't you do it, seriously. Raise it tomorrow.

S: I think that is a good idea.

K: Just tell him the erosion is too great.

S: I will do it on both of them.

K: You know what happened at lunch today was characteristic of what happens in this town. The Case reply to Callaghan.
S: What was that?

K: When Callaghan said I was such an asset and they shouldn't. and Case said did he put you up to this. It was half a joke but they didn't want to hear it.

S: I don't know if Case has sense enough to take it seriously. Callaghan was speaking only from his own part.

K: He told me that privately. He told me he was going to say it to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today and Howard Lever said it too. But if they go through with this Vietnam thing I can't put up with it.

Do you have a new list?

S: I am going to bring it over in a few minutes.

K: Ok.