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HAK/Julie Eisenhower

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K: Hello.

J: Hi, this is Julie. How are you.

K: Fine. I was very moved by your letter, which I got yesterday. And I want you to know that this story came out on the day I left for China, and I called your father immediately and it is an absolutely outrageous story. The whole conversation was in the context of my explaining to that lady who was the Speaker of the Parliament that I consider your father.....the whole conversation started when she asked me to list the outstanding President's of the post-war period..... and I said Truman and your father. And she listed a whole lot of criticisms and said how can he be an outstanding President? That's when this other quote came. I said, even if all of this is true, and he was all these things..... Then I did say to her that you have to understand what a tremendous effort of discipline this man made ---- who was not a natural politician -- who was really quite shy, and extremely sensitive -- to make himself a politician.

J: Right.

K: So, I wanted you to know that I called the newspapers and tried to get this story killed. I never made these statements. This was answering questions -- and they just took isolated sentences.....and strung them all together into one coherent speech...and there was absolutely nothing I could do about it. If you read carefully, you will see that I said, for example, Kennedy was a bastard.....they could have put that on the headline.

J: Oh, I know, well. You know it must be Tricia who wrote you, I didn't write.

K: Oh, was it Tricia?

J: It must have been Tricia. But I think you are so nice to call and I'll call Tricia this afternoon, and

K: Well, I'll call her myself. Where is she?

J: She lives in New York. The WH Opr. has the number.

K: Well, I want you to know that I was deeply touched by it.

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J: It was nice of you to call Daddy...

K: I want you to know.....well, I called him as soon the story appeared.

J: Yes, he told me that.

K: And I want you to know that I have never forgotten who appointed me as Assistant, and who made me Secretary of State.

J: Well, I know that.

K: And, you know I've called your father every two weeks or so since he has been in San Clemente.

J: That's great. That's means a lot. It really does, because he is isolated. It is so very nice of you to call, and I really appreciate it.

K: Well, I'll call Tricia myself. You can call her too, but I'll give her a call.

J: Well, that's really kind. And please say hello to David and Elizabeth.

K: Thank you, I will.