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Prof. Galbraith/Mr. Kissinger

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PG: Henry, how are you?

HK: Stan, how are you.

PG: Are you stablized and home and so forth?

HK: I'm home and stablized within the limits of my nervous capability.

PG: I'm down looking after all of your friends.

HK: Well, I see you in the morning with great admiration is a mismatch. I notice you have a point you keep making on occasions.

PG: I hope you noticed yesterday morning the strong plea I made for Kissinger foreign policy and the fact that it should be more fully discussed here among the Republicans --(laughing)

HK: Where are you staying?

PG: Fontainbleau?

HK: Because I am coming down with the President--maybe I can get--

PG: Oh, that would be great, as a matter of fact, I was just going to call you, I'm going to China a week from Monday, thanks to you, indirectly

HK: Marvelous.

PG: Just calling up to say that I was--

HK: Do you want to come by before you go?

PG: I can't come to Washington, Henry?

HK: Will you be on the West Coast--I'll be on the West Coast actually--will anything be bringing you through there?

PG: Ahhh, maybe--when are you going out -- after the convention?

HK: Yeh.

PG: Look, maybe I could see you down here.

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HK: Let me try that, also I will be glad to ~~let~~ the Chinese know you are a special friend of mine.

PG: That would be very, very nice.

HK: And in fact, you can be sure I will do this. When are you going to get there?

PG: I'm going to be there--I'm leaving actually Monday--Labor Day, and arriving on Friday in China--

HK: You can be sure that by the time you arrive they will have been told that by your McGovern associations, you are really a special friend.

PG: That's incredibly nice, Henry.

HK: No, not at all. Ken, let me raise one point with you that I called you about. I have been noticing that the McGovern people keep zeroing in more and more on me. And while I don't mind this and while it even helps me in my position you know in the WH, and Braden has a column today claiming that McGovern considers me his mortal enemy and I consider him my mortal enemy --not first of all I do not consider him my mortal enemy, in fact, I greatly respect him. I saw a hell of a lot ~~has~~ of him before when there was nothing in it for anybody to see when he had 2%, because I disagree with but respect moral position. And indeed --when Haldeman took a crack at him in February & went on the record to defend him. But the reason I am concerned about it is first, I can assure that what I am doing now is genuine effort to get the war settled and of course if it has any political--you know obviously it will help the President if it succeeds,

PG: This is the kind of help that--

HK: I give you my word Ken that there is no stunt involved and that this is the most serious negotiation that's been going on. Secondly, I feel that I'm trying to stay out of the campaign --I haven't made any public statements and if I'm forced into it, I won't. Thirdly, I believe that after November 7 this government has to go on, if we win, I'm going to do my damnest to leave the bridges open to the liberal community as I have done before and it isn't going to help me very much if I become the chief villan of the. . . . . I the guy who has been the only one who has had intellectuals and liberals in here,