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Dobrynin/Kissinger

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K: Hello.

D: Hello, Henry, how are you?

K: OK, Anatol.

D: Yes, I just receive information from Moscow that there was a meeting of the Politburo to discuss news about your nomination. And they make a decision first

K: To appoint me to the Politburo.

D: Almost. (Laughs) You probably know all our secrets. Secondly, they would like you to get a permanent visa to go to Moscow and just to call you "Excellency" when you come. Putting jokes aside, I receive a telegram from Mr. Brezhnev and Gromyko and they ask me to give congratulations to you on your nomination to the post of Secretary of State. Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Gromyko appreciate confidential and fruitful contact established with you and hope that you will continue to pay necessary attention to the development and strengthening of American relations in the future. Gromyko hope to see you during the General Assembly session and he will then congratulate you personally.

K: Well, I will send them a formal reply but you can tell them now that the relationship that's been established will only be deepened. It will certainly never been neglected.

D: I understand. And I will mention that to them.

K: You know I hope you and I will continue our weekly luncheons. Well, everything will remain unchanged as far as you and I are concerned except that we can give direct orders now so the double bookkeeping can stop.

D: This is important really. And Henry, do you expect to go to the General Assembly.

K: Yes, I expect to be confirmed by then.

D: By this time. You will be returning on the 4th.

K: That's what it looks like, yeh.

- D: It looks like to best of my knowledge. When do you expect to be over all these decisions? I know that you don't know exactly but by 20th it will be?
- K: I would think so. It depends how much trouble the Senate might want to make, but it doesn't look as if
- D: No, it doesn't look - I think the reaction was really very good and my impression here in the town when I spoke today on several occasions from State Department people and so on was really, I should say a very good response. Quite frankly. So once again I would like to congratulate you on my own once again.
- K: Well, Anatol, you know I consider you not just a colleague but a personal friend.
- D: You are staying there the whole week or you are coming back?
- K: I'll probably stay the whole week. Can I call you Monday morning - maybe you would like to come out.
- D: OK. Monday morning you will call?
- K: Yeh.
- D: I think it's a nice idea. I think you will have rush on Tuesday.
- K: Wednesday.
- D: Wednesday, so it's nothing to do with me. I'm joking of course. Because today at a reception there was a talk about this thing. So on Monday you will let me know whether it is possible for you. I think one day a little bit later to think it over about General Haig.
- K: Exactly. Why don't you count on Thursday. Friday I have something, so why don't we aim for Thursday.
- D: Thursday. So it will be this way - Thursday I will arrive and then I can stay over night and then I can go to San Francisco to our place.
- K: Right. Good. Or arrive Wednesday night, I think it's better.
- D: So Wednesday night it will be and then staying Thursday and then on Friday I can go to San Francisco to the Counsel General. OK?
- K: Absolutely.

- D: But I have to check with you once again Monday.
- K: Yeh, let me just confirm it on Monday in case some unexpected thing comes up.
- D: All right, then I will expect a call from you on Monday incase anything comes up, OK.
- K: Right.
- D: Well, once again best wishes Henry. Oh, by the way I receive - you remember you raised about this publication of this Khrushchev - they say they don't like this idea, quite frankly.
- K: All right. I don't want it to happen and now that I'm at State I just think it's a bad idea.
- D: This why he asked me to discuss with you, but
- K: Look, Anatol, I can't be eager to have it published.
- D: Another story it was our communications with you it will be published (?) (Laughs) You understand?
- K: I know.
- D: I'm joking. They really feel it's too early and though it really was published some of them, but it make an undesireable precedent.
- K: I agree with you.
- D: The departure would do serious damage to the confidentiality in our relations.
- K: I agree.
- D: OK, Henry, thank you very much. So on Monday I will await your call.
- K: I'll see you soon. Bye.